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The Rector's letter

28 October 2021

The Rectory 45 Lime Tree Avenue

Dear friends,

As the nights darken, and our minds turn to the things of winter, I have been reflecting on the theme of remembrance and thanksgiving. You may remember that, as we commemorated the centenary of the WW1, we had the "there but not there" figures at points about the Church and town. The point of these Perspex shadowy figures – that could not always be seen – was to help us reflect on those who lost their lives during war. Over recent days, I have thought again about these figures, and their new significance as we have returned to church. We return to a church that is not quite the same, with only the memory of those who have not returned with us.

November is the month in which we hold in remembrance those who have died. Some who have died through the action of war; and those whom we ourselves have lost and hold in loving remembrance. We give thanks for them and their presence on this earth, honouring them as those who were loved and who loved in return. Worshipping in our beautiful old churches, we are surrounded by the shadows of those who have gone before us. We give thanks for them and, as we join our voices in praise and worship with them, we honour their legacy.

As those who live by faith and in the resurrection hope, we know that they now stand on a nearer shore where they worship God face to face. As we hold them in remembrance, we give thanks for all who are 'there but not there' in our own lives. We recognise their shadows and influence in so much of our lives; and yet we let them go to the place prepared for them. During this season, look into your lives and around your churches: hold in remembrance those who have journeyed before us, and commend them once again to God's mercy. Pray for his mercy upon us; and walk as those who have faith that they are loved and honoured in this world and the next.

Every blessing

Rachel



Services in Uppingham Parish Church November 2021

	Mondays	9am	Morning Prayer
	Tuesdays	9am	Morning Prayer
		7pm	Choir practice
	Wednesdays	10.30am	Prayer group
		1.20pm	Lunchtime concert
		6.30pm	At Your Pace Space
	Saturdays	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
7 th	Advent -3	8am 10.45am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist (CW)
9 th	(Tuesday)	10am	MU Holy Communion & meeting
14 th	Remembrance Sunday	8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Service for Remembrance Sunday, & Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
20 th	(Saturday)	4pm	COME, REJOICE!
21 st	Christ the King	8am 10.45am 5pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist (CW) <i>Saints and Angels</i> choir concert
28 th	Advent Sunday	8am 10.45am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>SUNDAY REJOICE!</i> Candlelit Advent Procession & Carols

You are welcome to join us online for our monthly Service of the Word (check the website for details) or listen to the service by phoning 01572 497004

www.uppinghamchurch.co.uk

Housegroups

New Housegroups are getting underway and meeting at different times during the week. An opportunity to meet with others and to share together in faith and fellowship, questions and learning. All groups are beginning by looking together at Mark's Gospel. If you are interested in joining a group, don't hesitate to contact a member of our ministry team, or fill in the paper at the back of church.

> Tuesday mornings Wednesday evenings Thursday afternoons Online – Thursday evenings

AT YOUR PACE SPACE

Uppingham Parish Church Every Wednesday 6.30pm

Our church is open every day for people to find a space to pray and reflect. However, sometimes it is good to know there is a time in the week that we can come together and meet with others to share together in our thoughts and queries. Our curate, Debbie will be present each week to share with you – wherever you are on the journey.

Quartet in 2021 & 2022



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This autumn, in the rundown of paper issues of *Quartet*, we are dispensing with our pages of adverts. From January 2022, *Quartet* will just be available online, but copies may still be printed off at home. We are actively considering different ways to keep in touch with people who have no internet connection.

A feast of music for you on the weekend of St Cecilia...

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A walk in Hadrian's country

...with Richard Cole

The northern boundary of the Roman Empire has intrigued many, as it is etched into British history. A UNESCO heritage site, we are fortunate that any of it still stands today, after successive generations used it as a source of stone, and agriculture has taken its toll. What little of it that does remain is mainly thanks to its restoration in the 19th and early 20th century. Recent restrictions on foreign travel have made it a popular destination.

I had intended to walk the Wall the year I left school but my friend at the time chose to spend his train fare on the latest Led Zeppelin album instead ... I have felt guilty ever since. For the past few years Nick Clarke and I have been walking the pilgrim trails of Northern Spain but, as circumstances in 2020-21 forced two postponements, Hadrian's Wall became an attractive option.

Steve Rozak, Uppingham's Mayor, walked the Wall in the summer and on his way met the former Mayor of Oakham, Adam Lowe; both did the whole coast to coast journey from Bowness to Wallsend. Walkers are advised to walk from west to east so that the prevailing wind is at your back. We chose to follow other advice and went east to west doing "the best bits" in the middle from Corbridge to Gilsland.

There are many helpful and reasonably-priced companies who will arrange accommodation around your itinerary; but a key planning element is where to leave your car – and how to get back to it.

We were fortunate to stay at some very comfortable B&Bs on our journey, they seemed to get better as each day passed and their warm welcomes raised our morale at the end of long days on the hills. Hearty breakfasts and packed lunches started our days off with a recharged spring in our steps. It was great to find them all reassuringly busy, although British walkers have replaced their usual customer base of Americans and Europeans for the time being.

Late September is towards the end of the season, but we met many fellow walkers along the way, all keen to stop and chat about their reasons for doing it, recommend the must-sees and don't misses, all with a cheery "see you later". The weather was as we should have expected for the time of year, our first day and a half was bright, clear and sunny but days 2 and 3 were cold, wet and windy. The section of Hadrian's Wall that we chose proved a fantastic route with many restored sections, mile forts and settlements complemented with challenging and

rugged terrain that rewards you with spectacular views on all sides (even through the rain).

Hexham Abbey was an interesting stop-off before beginning the walk; Vindolanda with its amazing collection of artifacts a worthwhile detour ... the extra couple of miles walking made the warm shower all-the-



more welcome. Whilst the stargazing experience at Twice Brewed was not running the day we visited, a glance up into the dark skies was nonetheless wonderful.

The Wall is well served with public transport and a bus is never much over a mile away. Sadly the weather on our final day sapped our enthusiasm with unrelentingly cold wind and rain, driving us off the hills to catch an early bus back to our car for the journey home. These rewarding few days rekindled our appetite to get back to the Camino early next year – but when that journey of pilgrimage is complete, another to Holy Island may beckon.

October churchyard tidy

My thanks to everyone who helped with the churchyard tidying in preparation for Remembrance Sunday. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.





The Crystal Ball

Music for November 2021

ur programme this month departs from the usual pattern in some ways: our Advent Carol Service replaces Evensong, and a Service of the Word at 10 am on Remembrance Sunday (14 November) displaces Sung Eucharist; but the biggest difference is that on 21 November at 5 pm we offer you the chance to listen to us in a concert – more of this below.

We begin on 7 November, however, with something plain and easy, the familiar setting by S. S. Wesley of words from Ps 5, *Lead me, Lord*. A simple and satisfying binary structure has each half of the text sung first by a solo, followed by the same melody harmonised more elaborately for the four parts.

On Remembrance Sunday, we are in a different world: Edgar Bainton's *And I saw a new heaven* sets a powerful and consolatory text from Revelation, describing the new Jerusalem, where 'God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes'; to which the composer responds with music of great force and beauty in a rich Romantic idiom. We shall also have a brief but intense setting of the familiar words from Binyon's *For the Fallen*, specially written for us by our director of music.

There will be a second chance to hear Bainton's piece in the concert the following Sunday; but first, in the morning, we shall mark the approach of Advent with another familiar, but anonymous, anthem, the delightful sixteenth-century setting of *Rejoice in the Lord alway*. And then we come to the concert, which will include one completely new piece (Charles Wood's *Hail, gladdening light*, a double-choir classic), two other anthems only recently added to our repertoire (Stanford's *How beauteous are their feet* and *Beati quorum via*), another one making a comeback (the Bainton) and several great anthems which will be more familiar (Victoria, *O quam gloriosum* and Bruckner, *Locus iste*, to name only two) but we hope no less welcome. There will also be vocal and instrumental solo items, including Vierne's exciting *Carillon de Westminster* for organ, played by Peter Clements.

The morning of 28 November will be devoted to 'Sunday Rejoice!' in accordance with our new pattern of services; but the day will close with our traditional candle-lit Advent Procession and Carols, no doubt including familiar and well-loved material as well as the odd surprise.

Succentor

The Crossing of the Red Sea ...?

I think that we can be sure that it did not happen. It was too far away from the Nile and the centre of things to make it probable. BUT the crossing of the Reed Sea is a very different matter.

During the time of Seti I and Rameses II the Hittites were a constant threat. They were a very warlike people emanating from their grim fortress city of Hattusa. During the reigns of Seti and Rameses the Hittites were spreading south and Rameses had at least one major battle with them. The Hittites were lost to history until the last century when Hattusa was discovered in the region of northern Syria and adjoining countries.

Most important to our story is that Rameses built chariot cities on the northern borders of Egypt and Israel.

The Nile Delta was constantly changing its water courses and more than one city was left high and dry or else overtaken in the change. This resulted in the Reed Sea, where safe pathways through would have been known to the Israelites as that was the area that Joseph had given them.

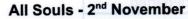
When Moses led them out of Egypt it is easy to see that the Israelites would walk easily through their secret trackways whilst the iron chariots from the nearby fortress town would not stand a chance. Part of the Reed Sea still exists near Ismailia, by the Suez Canal.

The killing of the firstborn of the Egyptians was possibly explained by a programme I heard. I do not know whether I believe or disbelieve it, make up your own mind.

It was suggested that following the nine plagues (most of which are sequential) there was a lack of grain. The Egyptians, living closer to the Nile than the Hebrews, would be anxious to give their eldest sons the best grain possible. The Hebrews would be given the inferior grain. It was speculated that after all the traumas of the plague the best grain developed the ergot fungus which has often caused problems in more recent histories.

Margaret Jennings

St. Peter's Church Belton w Wardley



A Service of Light, was held remembering with love, those who have died, and who we see no longer. The service was led by the Revd. Debbie Smith-Wilds, and Readers Jill Cannings and Christobel Price read out over fifty names of the departed.

Pilgrimage to Launde Abbey - Saturday 6th November

The pilgrimage is due to start from Uppingham parish church at 10:00am, pause for lunch at St.Peter's Church, Belton-in-Rutland, then continue to Launde Abbey for teas and Evening Service Email:beltonwithwardleychurch@gmail.com if you would like to join in

Market Stall - Saturday 27th November, 9:00 am - 1:00pm

With Christmas fast approaching, please come and support St.Peter's Church, in Uppingham marketplace, All proceeds are going to church funds.



Belton bakers , we are seeking cakes of all sizes, preserves, chutneys, Christmas Puddings, etc. to sell on our stall. Also Bric-a-brac, better books, puzzles games & good Kids toys, craft items and gifts.

Please leave cakes etc in the in the church on Friday 26th Nov, or ring Eileen (822271) or Marietts (07764 692 249), or email: <u>mariettaking@hotmail.com</u>.Other items may be left in a box in the base of the tower at any time on or before that date.

Thanking you in anticipation

Services and Events in November Note: All services are subject to current Covid-19 restrictions

Date	Location	Time	Details
Tuesday 2nd November All Souls Day	St. Peter's Church	7:00 pm	Commemoration Service of the departed
Saturday 6th Nov. Pilgrimage to Launde	Pilgrimage from Uppingham (10am start) to Belton (lunchtime) and onto Launde Abbey for tea and Evening service.		
7th November Third Sunday before Advent	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
14th November Remembrance Sunday	St. Peter's Church	10:00 am	Remembrance Service
	War Memorial	10:50 am	Act of Remembrance
21 st November Christ the King	St. Peter's Church 9:00 am		Holy Communion (bcp)
28 th November Advent Sunday	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
5th December Second Sunday of Advent	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)

Please check with "Parish Notes" for any late changes

St. Peter's website: <u>www.belton-wardley.org.uk</u> St. Peter's church, Belton with Wardley website, may be accessed via the above URL or by scanning this QR code using your mobile phone.The calendar lists all services and related events and meetings, and is updated regularly..



On the farm...

Well, at last the two Sows have had their Piglets. A bit like a bus – you wait for ages, then 26 turn up! Peggy had 14, Squeaker, 12.

This happened last Sunday while I was at Church: on my return the piglets were all at the milk bar and doing very well *(the photo shows a group of them)*. As now the weather is turning colder, we had better not mention 'Pigs in blankets.'



James and India have been busy laying a concrete base for 3 stables and a tack room (photo promised next month) ready for Jack

and Teddy to be warm and dry this winter. As there will be three stables, it could mean India's on the search for another horse – so let's wait and see. Unless the goats have other ideas....

Southwold has at last been let in with his girlfriends – and a happy boy he is.

Chickens have stopped laying – not a good time of year to be doing this. All the calves are having their last run on grass, prior to being brought in over the next fortnight.

Jeff Whelband





If you missed our fundraiser, you missed a treat! Our Beetle Drive and Tea was not so well

supported, in part due to covid, but we had young and old mixing together and having fun! It was certainly successful, everyone enjoyed it - and we shall definitely have another one sometime! Our next meeting is on November 9th, 10am in church, after which our annual subscriptions will be collected; the sum remains at £23, which I think is amazing. There is no connection between my appeal for new members and the subs collection. just coincidence!



We have two events coming up this month – and I hope for some support for these:

Forum and AGM. Saturday November 20th will be our first Diocesan get-together for some time, at St Benedict's Church, Hunsbury Hill Road, Northampton NN4 9UG. There is plenty of parking adjacent to the church. Please arrive from 10am for our service at 10.30. After the service we will hold our AGM meeting, with a break for midday prayers and lunch. We hope to finish by 3pm so that people can return home in daylight.

Saturday 27th November Global day. As we prepare for the joy of Christmas, Global Day allows us a time of reflection for families suffering various forms of violence and oppression. We'll join in Peterborough with other agencies who are concerned about all forms of violence in families and Modern Day slavery. We will meet in Car Haven car park adjacent to the Cathedral (Bishop's Road PE1 1YX) from 10am. Please bring your MU banners and publicity materials. It will be a busy time for Christmas shopping, but other car parks are available nearby. We will gather near the exit, in the space next to the toilets. From about 10.30 am we will walk carefully along the pavement to Bridge Street, the busy, wide shopping street heading towards the Cathedral. We will hand out publicity materials, or be prepared to share information about our concerns. This is a peaceful, awareness sharing event. Turn right into the Cathedral precincts. Others may wish to join us at the front door of the Cathedral at 11am. On entry we will be shown to the area for our service/reflection in the North Transept. At the end we will not process back. People may wish to stop for a coffee, drink, light lunch – or to do their shopping...?

I know these bigger events do not suit everyone, but I would encourage everyone who is fit and well to consider whether they feel able to support them. I hope to go to both, and can take passengers; if you are able to do likewise, please let me know, so that I have spare seats to offer. Whether attending of not, please pray for these Diocesan events, and for Jill as she come to the close of her time as Diocesan President.

THE MOTHERS UNION NEEDS YOU!

That is, of course, if you are not already a member! The MU is a world- wide Christian organisation supporting family life throughout the world; Archbishop Justin Welby has described it as 'the Church of England's best kept secret'. But do you know what the organisation actually does? I didn't, until Lynne Farmer persuaded me to join - and over time it has become guite a revelation. I couldn't possibly tell you everything that goes on; just go to the website and have a browse – mothersunion.org. For an annual subscription of £23, you will support so many activities in so many countries – what's stopping you?

The MU is open to everyone, men and women alike. Our name is somewhat dated; times have changed, but it still reflects the era when it all began. If it is just the image that puts you off, please dig a little deeper. I hear many reasons for not joining:

- I can't come to meetings. Several of our members are still working, but support when they can. With enough interest, we could plan some evening events.
- *I am a man.* Congratulations! You fit the profile perfectly!
- I have never really considered it. Well, now's your chance!
- I am not really interested in coming to meetings. You are not alone. You can still support the work of the organisation – and you could give us a try.

My vision is, that when the MU members are asked to stand, EVERYONE stands! Janet W

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Janet Wardle

Across

- **1** Deal with when not in? (5)
- 4 Group of young women celebrated in November (3,6)
- **9** Cathedral city in *Jane Eyre* (9)
- **10** Mount and make progress (3,2)
- **11** Irish writer said to be uncontrollable (5)
- 12 Miss Black meets royal in each supplementary (9)
- **13** Take part in disturbance, or control one? (3,4)
- **15** 'Thou shalt destroy them that speak ____' (Ps 5) (7)
- **18** Leisurely drink reported (4,3)
- 20 'But bright _____ raised the wonder higher' (Dryden) (7)
- 21 King's heir almost goes to public school, ends up with university (9)
- 23 'Nymph, do look at a book!' (5)
- **25** Shale obtained from region in Africa (5)
- 26 Royal yacht once seen on coinage (9)
- 27 Julian, for instance, giving directions to key broadcaster (9)
- 28 Girl often accompanying Beth (5)

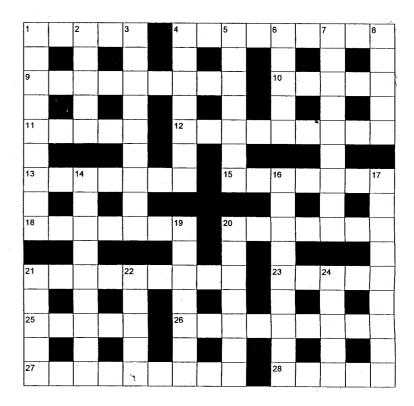
Down

- **1** Set light to factory that would be a spectacle! (9)
- 2 'O praise the Lord . . . ye that _____ in strength' (Ps 103) (5)
- **3** Going down, but becoming more intensive (9)
- 4 Draw a pamphlet, it's said (7)
- **5** I cry 'All arranged' that's expressive (7)
- 6 Sang elatedly, giving a home to heavenly being (5)
- 7 Hawthorne sounds like someone seen under the fig tree (9)
- 8 Bright little boy, we're told (5)
- 14 The oil spilt in most of prison, from very early on (9)
- **16** Where you might come to rest in Alaska? (9)
- 17 Impressive degree for old lady, senior family member (9)
- **19** Can't do famous! (7)
- 20 Sweets for American children (7)
- **21** Completed a filling meal (5)
- 22 Instrument of measure deployed in firm (5)
- 24 Boredom as experienced in Paris (5)

Succentor apologises once again for confusing his minor prophets last month: the reference to Zephaniah in 14dn should have been to Zechariah.

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by Succentor



SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE

