

ABBHEY HILL U.R.C. MAGAZINE

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80th Anniversary Year

Respect Friendship Caring

These words are mentioned a lot these days.

We are going into November where we show respect for the servicemen and women who served in the two world wars and also still are serving in wars today. We wear our poppies as a show of respect. I have two books that have recipes for events such as these. The Peacetime Carrot Cake is in there and the Bible reading that goes with it is from Matthew 5 v 23-24.

Friendship and Caring I have put together. I was reading an article the other day in which a Dad was in the playground watching his little boy playing. Another child came up to him. The Dad asked this child a question "Why have you got a beautiful multi-coloured bench over there". The child amazed him by telling him that it was there as a friendship bench. If a child is sad or lonely or hasn't been included in the groups around, they go and sit on this bench. This little boy had done it as he was feeling sad and it wasn't long before a child came up to him and included him in his group. The boy said it was the best thing that had ever happened him. We have a lot of benches in the town now and I often wonder if the people on them feel the same way as the little boy did. Maybe they would like to someone to smile or say hello to them. One of these benches has been put outside our bookshop in Kenilworth where people can sit and talk.

Our old craft group is now called the Friendship Group where anyone can join us for a coffee/cake and a chat in our homes or at a garden centre. We keep in touch with older members that used to belong but have moved away or are in care homes. We visit a nursing home once a month now and chat to the people there which we find very interesting.

I have a cake recipe called Wendy's Caring Cake which is linked to the Good Samaritan story and the verse in Luke 10 v34.

Maybe we can make these cakes and invite people to join us for a slice and a coffee in the cold dark days of winter that lie ahead?

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2024

- 3rd Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by Derek Hopkins.**
- 10th Sunday** **10.00 Remembrance Service led by Donna Curran.**
- 17th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service with Communion led by Robert Maloney**
- 24th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by Bill and Erica Young.**



CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2024

- 1st Sunday** **11.00 Advent Sunday Family Service led by Robert Maloney**
- 8th Sunday** **11.00 Christingle/Parade Service led by Anne Holloway
Jo Stratton and Jane Woods-Scawen.**
- 15th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service with Communion led by David Connelly.**
- 18th Wednesday** **12.00 Memories Service.**
- 22nd Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by Kath Shortley.
19.00 Carols by Candlelight**
- 25^h Sunday** **10.30 Christmas Day Service led by Geroge Jones**
- 29^h Sunday** **11.00 Songs of Praise Service led by the Worship Team**

Home Bible Study Group

This group meets at Hilary Scott's house on Wednesday evenings – 7.00pm. Contact Hilary for further details – 07749 836928/01926 859337

Treasurer's Report

The amount raised for Commitment for Life was £1485 through the envelopes and £95 from the Lasagna Lunch making £1580 altogether. This is an excellent result. Well Done!

The September Communion Collection raised £75. This will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Care.

The communion Offertory for November will be donated to 'Combat Stress' which helps past members of the armed forces with mental problems caused by their service.

David Connelly

Bring a Friend to Church - Sunday 8th December

Following the recent distribution of invitation cards, we are hoping to make Sunday 8th December a Bring a Friend to Church Day.

This will be our Christingle Service including Parade for the Brownies. It's hoped this service, being the second in Advent, will bring in friends and parents to help celebrate the story and prepare for the occasion of Christmas.

We have described Abbey Hill as 'a friendly and inclusive space, offering a loving community where we come together for worship and to make a difference.'

Let's hope that people of all faiths or no faith will experience the warm welcome for which we are known on Sunday 8th December at 11am. Coffee will be served as usual after the service, which will be led by members of the Worship Team.

Pintgether

Pintgether will be on Friday 15th November in The Green Man from 7pm. All are welcome to join us for a relaxed evening of company and conversation.

Anne and Fred

Angels

In the last magazine there was a pattern for Angels which will be placed around Kenilworth and some other areas on Saturday 7th December. This is being co-ordinated by the Methodist Church under the umbrella of Love Kenilworth. Some of you have kindly been knitting/ crocheting angels and there is time to make some more [if you wish] as all need to be collected and delivered to the Methodist Church by the end of November.

Flower Rota

Heather and I will shortly be preparing the Rota for 2025.

Please let me know if you would like to cease funding weekly flowers/ would like to start funding weekly flowers. If you would like to join the arranging team or withdraw from it.

Let me know by Thursday 14th November

Anne Gilmore 855586 /anne.gilmore@anbbeyhillurc.com

Teams4u Shoeboxes

Thank you for your terrific support. I have passed on 36 filled shoeboxes, 2 blankets and a number of hats and mittens to our area coordinator.

Many thanks

Susan Derwent

“Songs of Praise” Service - 29th December

Our service on Sunday 29th December will be led by members of the Worship Team and will take the form of a relaxed morning of singing favourite hymns and carols.

If you have a particular song you would like included, please let Anne Holloway know.

Could you or someone you know be missing out on Pension Credits?

If you're a pensioner with a weekly income below £218.15 (single) or £332.95 (couple), you may be eligible for Pension Credits, which can help boost your income and ensure you don't miss out on benefits like the Winter Fuel Allowance.

Compassionate Kenilworth, a local charity, is here to help! They are offering free drop-in sessions to check your eligibility at the Kenilworth Centre.

- **Wednesday, November 6th** - 12:15 to 1.30pm
- **Thursday, November 14th** - 12:15 to 1.30pm
- **Wednesday, November 20th** -12:15 to 1.30pm

In addition, **Act on Energy** will be attending the Tuesday hub at St Francis of Assisi on **October 29th 10-12** to support anyone with their home energy related issues / concerns. All welcome!

Please help spread the word in our community. For more information, contact Compassionate Kenilworth on 07831 552470 or email info@compassionatekenilworth.co.uk.

From Phil Inshaw

A good friend, David Tubby, who is a Baptist minister in Newcastle, recently posted the following which I thought makes a very good observation on our busy lives. Certainly makes me think!

LIFE RUSHES BACK INTO THE VOID

Dave Tubby offers a personal reflection on the Meditation for Day 1 in Celtic Daily Prayer, Book One.

“I find my life is full of noise. Phone notifications, emails, traffic, social media, phone calls. Our lives are used to busy-ness. We barely get a moment to stop and to think. To hear God speaking. Because in moments of stillness, we reach for our phone or put in the AirPods. What are we scared of when we cast out silence with incessant noise? What does it mean to rush through the day?”

In recent years, I have found real blessing in intentionally walking away from the busy-ness. By taking Jesus’s hand when He says, “Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it.”

When you take a day or a week to do nothing but walk, you realise there is nothing to be gained by rushing. An hour still lasts an hour. A day still lasts a day.

Consciously withdrawing helps the to-do list melt away. I learn that there are more important things than busy-ness. The robin in the bushes. The babbling brook in the wood. The horizon of hills, fields and scattered sheep. The still, small voice of God in the silence of my surroundings.

When I intentionally turn off the phone and choose to walk the isolated path where only God keeps me company, there I find God in all His majesty. I dwell with Him and He abides in me. And nothing else matters.

I learn again that I don’t need to strive; I don’t need to find my fulfilment in my tasks. I am not defined by what I do. True peace is found in the presence of God. Sat at Jesus’s feet, I finally see life in all its abundant beauty, and I realise that I am loved for who I am and that is enough.”

Remembrance – and gratitude

This year Remembrance includes several significant dates from past wars.

2024 marks the 110th anniversary of the start of World War I.

2024 marks 80 years since D-Day. The Normandy Landings of 6th June were the largest seaborne invasion in history, and began the Allied invasion of Normandy, which led to the liberation of France and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front.

2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino in Italy, the bloodiest battle of the Italian Campaign, when Allied forces finally broke through the Germans' notorious 'Gustav Line' and freed Route Six and the way to Rome.

2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the battles for Kohima and Imphal, where in northeast India the Imperial Japanese Army was held off by much smaller numbers of British and Indian troops. In Kohima alone, the defenders held off a staggering 25 Japanese attacks over 14 days in appalling conditions. When Indian troops arrived to relieve the defenders, the Japanese encirclement was broken. Amongst the liberators was Havildar Major Rajindar Singh Dhatt of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps, from the Punjab.

2024 also marks the 80th anniversary of Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands, when the Allies managed to free Eindhoven and Nijmegen, but famously failed to capture the bridge at Arnhem. (The story is told in the film *A Bridge too Far*)

As the British Legion says, "While D-Day was fundamental to the allied victory, the Second World War was not won on any single day – or battle – and we will recognise and pay tribute to all who served from the British Armed Forces, Commonwealth and allied nations, such as those who served in the Battles of Monte Cassino, Imphal and Kohima, Operation Market Garden and the Scheldt.

This year the British Legion is also looking beyond the Second World War, to Kosovo and Afghanistan.

It wants to pay tribute to those who served and currently serve in Kosovo 25 years after the deployment of the NATO peacekeeping force, KFOR, and to those who served in Afghanistan, as this year marks 10 years since the end of Operation Herrick.

Reflecting Faith: Wall paintings

Prior to the Reformation, English churches were highly decorated with interior wall paintings. As one author wrote, *'They were aglow with colour and images covering every flat surface'*.

Painting pictures seems to be a basic part of people. We see that in newly discovered caves where people from the distant past have made sketches and created art works.

Pictures are more than just communicating a 'flat' story.

Just as we all have our preferred ways of learning – listening, watching, reading, practising – so I suspect we also have for explaining. How much more so, then, when we want to get across really important information; and it doesn't get much more serious than telling others about God.

Of course, we know the Early Church, at the very beginning, followed the Jewish tradition of not drawing a likeness of God and hence they used signs and symbols. But that didn't stop them from drawing pictures about everything else: stories from the Bible, lives of the saints, and so on. There was no shortage of pictures to be drawn.

There are not many English churches which still have wall paintings, but if you visit an Orthodox church in the UK or if you get the opportunity to enter one when on the Continent, you will see that every inch (centimetre) of the inside plaster is likely to be covered in wall paintings. Quite literally, painting on the wall!

Today, instead of painting on the wall in the UK, we seem to be increasing the number of banners that hang on them, and changing them often, to match the church calendar.

This month: Have a look at the wall paintings or banners in your own or a different church. What do you think the designers were trying to say? What message do they give you that words alone could not have accomplished?

Warwick District Council is making it easier for you to recycle your plastic bags and wrapping so that we can all recycle better, together. For information on what this means and how to identify and recycle these new items, read below.

WHAT IS THIS NEW SERVICE?

A new recycling service for plastic bags and wrapping is being introduced across the Warwick District Council area. Starting from **Monday 7th October** your plastic bags and wrapping will be collected fortnightly within your normal fully commingled recycling service.

Recycled plastic bags and wrapping can be used to make new plastic products such as plastic packaging, 'bags for life', boxes, bins, and agricultural and construction materials.



Recycling your plastic bags and wrapping is simple! Find out what to do below.

HOW TO RECYCLE YOUR PLASTIC BAGS AND WRAPPING AT HOME

- 1) Your plastic bags and wrapping should be empty and free from food residue and other contaminations.
- 2) Place your plastic bags and wrapping into your blue lidded recycling bin or red recycling box, loose, with your other recyclables.
- 3) Place your blue lidded recycling bin or red recycling box at the kerbside on your collection day.

DO NOT PUT ITEMS WITHIN ONE ANOTHER OR FILL BAGS WITH RECYCLING

Remember, plastic bags and wrapping is in addition to your regular recycling service. For more information on what else you can recycle in your blue lidded wheeled bin or red recycling box, visit the Warwick

		SHERBOURNE RECYCLING	
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NEWS AND MEDIA			
	salad/fruit/vegetable bags frozen food bags bread bags cereal bags flower bags		Outer layer bags and wrapping multipacks toilet and kitchen roll magazine and newspaper wrapping
	Confectionary wrappers chocolate sweets biscuits		Plastic film and sleeves removeable film lids

cakes
ice cream and chewing gum
wrappers

plastic sleeves for bottles
and jars



Foil lined packaging

crisp/snack packets
coffee bags



Bubble wrap and cling film

maximum 1m sections



**Fruit and vegetable net
bags**

Keep it loose

Do not place any recycling within bags, and make sure all material is separated and loose, this makes it easier to be sorted ready to be recycled into something new!

Remember: All items should be clean, dry, empty, and intact.

WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE

DO NOT recycle:

Pouches, sachets and
packets -

microwaveable food,

baby/pet food,

cosmetics, detergent
and cleaning

Balloons

Blister packs, pills, and
tablets packaging

Compostable or
biodegradable bags
and wrapping

Crisp tubes

Disposable gloves or
masks

Foam or polystyrene of
any kind

Plastic straws or cutlery

Textiles and clothing -
put these in a bag at
the side of your bin

Lost and Found

In the Bible Jesus tells three stories about being lost and found. He talks about the lost sheep; and the shepherd who leaves the 99 to find the one and how there is huge rejoicing when the one is found. He talks about the lost coin. A widow has ten coins and has lost one. She spends hours searching her house to find the one missing coin and when she finally finds it, she invites all her neighbours round to celebrate what she has found. And then we have the story of the Prodigal Son. A son who loses his way and loses all contact with his family; a son who gets into a desperate situation and who then realises that he needs to go home. And when he gets home, he is received with love and rejoicing.

No doubt there are other stories of people being lost and then found – Jonah and the whale; the Israelites wandering for 40 years in the wilderness to name but two.

Dr David B Freeman, a Baptist minister in America, says that being lost is about being unavailable to God and that it can happen on more than one occasion.

I have spent much of my adult life feeling lost due to ongoing mental health struggles with depression. I have really been struggling the last couple of months. I was on holiday with my daughter in Tunisia and was praying about feeling lost to God. I got a strong sense that God was telling me I wasn't really lost anymore – that I had been found. He put the Bible stories in my mind.

I can see this in picture terms. We went on a boat trip. It was lovely. We even saw a pod of dolphins jumping out of the water. I enjoy swimming and have no fear in a swimming pool. So, stupidly, I decided that I would be able to swim in the sea with a

life jacket on. So, like many other passengers I got in the sea. I quickly found that the sea is not a swimming pool. It was very choppy and waves washed over my head and I was swallowing seawater. A woman asked if I was OK. Initially I said yes. I managed to get to the tyre hanging on the side of the boat. The woman again asked if I was OK. This time I said I wasn't. Her husband got to the ladder and then reached out his hand to pull me to the ladder. As I started to climb the ladder, a member of the crew grabbed my hand and helped pull me back on board.

And I see this as an analogy. We all sometime fall into stormy seas. We all flounder and struggle. People may offer support but we sometimes ignore help and carry on with our difficulties. Sometimes we don't want to admit to our frailties. But there are people who can pull us to safety; who can get us to the edge of the boat. And when we are trying to reach God, He reaches down and grabs hold of us with a grip that will not let us go. God has our backs. He loves us. He is always there but sometimes we hide him behind the pains and difficulties we have. God is always available; sometimes we make ourselves unavailable to Him.

Feeling that I have been found is very comforting. I may not be safely on the boat yet, but I can be assured that God is holding my hand and will not let me fall.

Mary Lea

The key to longer life? Keep calm and carry on

Scientists have long known that mental resilience, or our ability to bounce back in the face of trouble and adversity, has a powerful effect on us for the good. Such resilience has been linked to preventing disease, keeping chronic illnesses at bay, and helping us recover after trauma.

Now it seems that our capacity to cope with and adapt to challenging life events may even delay our risk of dying for many years.

Scientists at the University of Sun Yat-sen, in Shenzhen China, have done extensive research into the health records of more than 10,000 Americans who had signed up for the US Health and Retirement Study. They found that those who scored high on qualities such as perseverance, calmness, a sense of purpose, self-reliance and stoicism had a much lower death rate than others who scored lower.

Writing in the journal *BMJ Mental Health*, the authors said: "Exposure to adversity, such as poverty or significant life events like job loss or bereavement, often leads to disruptions in psychological functioning. However, individuals differ in their ability to overcome and adapt to adversity, with some exhibiting resilience while others struggle."

The Bible urges us to not try and cope with life on our own. Instead, it reminds us that God is always our refuge, 'a very present help in trouble'.

Psalm 55 says: 'Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.' Now that sounds like resilience - with some heavenly back-up!

Thomas Hardy and 'The Madding Crowd'

Some 150 years ago, on 23rd November 1874, Thomas Hardy's novel *Far from the Madding Crowd* was published. It was his first major success.

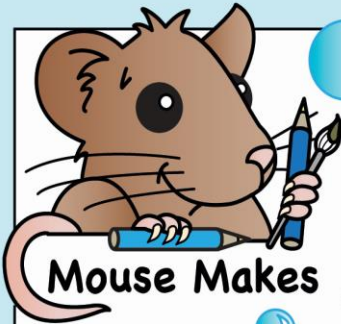
Set in Wessex, an imagined area encompassing the counties around Hardy's place of birth in Dorset, it was his fourth published novel and had appeared originally – and anonymously – as a popular serial in the *Cornhill Magazine*. Following its publication in book form the text was revised in 1895 and again in 1901.

A complex love story, the book has as its backdrop the beautiful but harsh life of a farming community in Victorian England. Its title was taken, with some irony, from Thomas Gray's 1751 poem, *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*, which contains the line "Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife".

Hardy in fact regarded himself primarily as a poet. He produced many top-quality poems, though his first collection was not published until 1898. His novels contain strong elements of the poetic.

Far from the Madding Crowd has had much staying power. It has been dramatised several times, adapted as a ballet and a musical, and in 1967 became an Oscar-nominated film directed by John Schlesinger. In 2003 it was listed at number 48 in the BBC's survey, *The Big Read*, and in 2007 it was ranked tenth on *The Guardian's* list of greatest love stories.

Hardy's formal education ended at the age of 16, when he was apprenticed to an architect, and he won prizes for his work, which was often on churches such as All Saints in Windsor, where he may have designed a reredos discovered in 2016. But while retaining an emotional attachment to the Church of England, he was unmistakably agnostic.



Mouse Makes

"DO AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU."

The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their dusty feet. Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing, wrapped a towel around his waist and began to wash the disciples' feet just like a servant would do.



Then Jesus said:

"Do you understand what I have done for you? Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done for you."



READ
the story in
John 13:1-17



By washing his disciples' feet, Jesus showed that as God's people we are never too important to serve and care for others.

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**COULD ANY ARTICLES/NOTICES FOR THE
DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025 PLEASE BE SENT
TO ME BY
SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2024 PLEASE 😊?**

The remarkable usefulness of Allen keys

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

We all need practical skills, and they are not always easily gained.

I seem to spend a lot of time assembling flat pack furniture of one type or another. The trick is to look and sound as though you know what you are doing, even though any skills are gained through trial and error. It is surprising how many household projects require an Allen key, which if you have not seen one, is an L shaped rod with a hexagon end which fits into an identical sized recess in the top of a screw. You can use the longer or shorter arm depending on the job needs extra force or speed.

The idea of a hexagon *socket* screw was probably thought of as early as the 1860s to 1890s, but such screws were not widely manufactured until around 1910. In 1909–1910, William G. Allen also patented a method of screw heads which had a *hexagonal* recessed die. The key that he lent his name to fits nicely into the head of the screw, is cheap and easy to use.

When you are called on to do some DIY, especially after someone has had a go, the best thing is to refer to the instructions and keep all your Allen keys together in one place so you can easily find them. They come in different sizes.

Bibles come in different sizes, languages, modern and old. They also fit into the hand nicely, are easy to use and contain important instructions on how any and all of us should live.

David Pickup



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REPAIR CAFE



Repair Café Kenilworth

Repair Café Kenilworth (ReCK) is a free meeting space that's all about repairing things together, be that clothes, toys, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles ... there's very little that can't be repaired by our team of expert volunteers.

We meet at the United Reformed Church every third Saturday in the month, between 2PM and 5PM. There is free parking outside the Church, but it can get quite busy. If your item is particularly heavy or large, we'll always try to assist you as best as possible.



Sustainable. Social. Economic. Fun.

A local Repair Café is a not-for-profit community event, created by neighbours, for their neighbours. The aim of the Repair Café Kenilworth (and those worldwide) is to reduce waste, increase sustainability, save money, and have fun in an informal social gathering.

Oh ... with lots of tea and cake on tap also. It is a Repair CAFÉ after all.

Bin it? No Way!

Some things have to be thrown away ... the old toothbrush with curly bristles, that blown light bulb that's been sitting inside the cupboard since 1983, the fish 'n' chip wrappers from last night's tea ... but what about that broken bedside lamp, or the rickety wooden stool that belonged to your grandparents?



The Repair Café movement has one simple question, and an even simpler answer; Bin it? No Way!

Along with actually repairing your broken items, we'll help you to develop the skills to start repairing them yourself, to promote the culture of repair over replace, and to give you the satisfaction of bringing your treasured memories back to life.

Further details

[Repair Cafe | Repair Cafe Kenilworth | Kenilworth \(repaircafe-kenilworth.org\)](#)

The third Saturday afternoon of the month at Abbey Hill Church 2pm-5pm.

ROTAS – November 2024

	Transport	Flowers provided by	Flowers arranged by
03/11	John Nichols 07770 598598	Mavis Duckworth	Di Wilson
10/11	Hilary Scott 07749 836928	Gaynor Watkins	Bronwen Todd
17/11	Barbara Rose 07534 104444	Donna Curran	Donna Curran
24/11	Colin Ritchie 01926 512507	Jane Woods-Scawen	Christmas arrangements
	Projector & Sound	Stewards	Readers
03/11	John	Di Wilson & Julia Graham BINS – Recycling and grey refuse	Donna Bloy
10/11	Bronwen	Kath Shortley & Betty Connelly	Elinor Davies
17/11	David	Anne & Fred Holloway BINS – Recycling	Fred Holloway
24/11	Alison	Hilary Scott & Gary Watt BINS – grey refuse	Rosemary Lawrence
	Coffee	Car Park	Vestry
03/11	Susan Derwent & Alison Pointon		Kath Shortley
10/11	Barbara & Ian Rose		Vivien Nichols
17/11	Alison Pointon & Hilary Scott		John Nichols
24/11	Betty Connelly & Susan Derwent		Colin Ritchie
	Communion Prep.	Comm. Servers	
	Colin Ritchie & Donna Bloy		

Names in Bold are the Duty Elders

If you are unavailable, please arrange to swap

ROTAS – December 2024

	Transport	Flowers provided by	Flowers arranged by
01/12	John Nichols 07770 598598	Jane Woods-Scawen	Christmas Arrangements
08/12	Hilary Scott 07749 836928	Jane Woods-Scawen	Christmas Arrangements
15/12	Barbara Rose 07534 104444	Jane Woods-Scawen	Christmas Arrangements
22/12	Colin Ritchie 01926 512507	Anne Gilmore	Anne Gilmore
29/12	John Nichols 07770 598598	Alison Crichton	Anne Gilmore
	Projector & Sound	Stewards	Readers
01/12	Ivan	Barbara & Ian Rose BINS – recycling	Ivan Pointon
08/12	John	Phil Inshaw & Eileen John	Anne Gilmore
15/12	Bronwen	Rosemary Lawrence & Donna Bloy BINS – recycling & grey	John McKenzie
22/12	David	Pat Cowan & Anne Gilmore	John Nichols
29/12	Alison	Jo & John Williams BINS - recycling	Kath Shortley
	Coffee		Vestry
01/12	Betty Connelly & Eileen John		Rosemary Lawrence
08/12	Gary and Di Wilson		Anne Holloway
15/12	Pat Cowan & Ruth Loutit		Anne Gilmore
22/12	Anne & Fred Holloway		Susan Derwent
29/12	Kath Shortley & Cheryl Ritchie		Vivien Nichols
	Communion Prep.	Comm. Servers	
15/12	Viven Nichols & Susan Derwent		

Names in Bold are Fire Stewards – please arrange a swap if necessary



Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names and seemed to fascinate the seven-year-old. "All those names," he said to the minister. "Who are they?"

"Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally asked, "Which service, the 9 o'clock, or the 11 o'clock?"

What bishops do

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, "Does anyone know what the bishop does?"

There was silence. Finally, one little boy ventured: "He's the one you can move diagonally."

When children tell Bible stories (real-life efforts that didn't quite make it...)

** St John, the blacksmith, dumped water on Jesus' head.*

** Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you.*

** Jesus ruled that "a man doth not live by sweat alone."*

** It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.*

** The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.*

** One of the opossums was St Matthew who was also a taximan.*

As for those signs found outside churches:

** Church car park sign...This is for MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised!!*

** No God – No Peace. Know God – Know Peace.*

** Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!*



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