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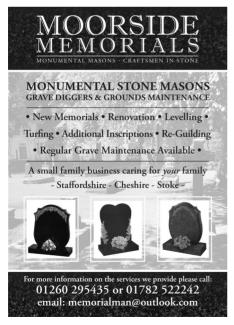
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All you have to do is pick up the telephone and call.

We will be delighted to hear from you, and respond to your need.



November Letter

War and Peace

John Lennon wrote: 'Imagine there's no countries, It isn't hard to do, Nothing to kill or die for, And no religion too. Imagine all the people living life in peace.' But on Remembrance Sunday, we should reflect on war past and present, and consider the real way to peace.

The way of war: 'What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill.' (James 4:1-2). James reminds us that war has its basis in our own hearts, with the selfish desires that exploit, bully and kill others to get our own way. Sadly, when nations allow these inner selfish attitudes to determine their policy the result is war. Only God can establish true peace.

The way of peace: Isaiah, 2,700 years before John Lennon, also imagined a future of peace without any war: 'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.' (Isaiah 2:4).

Only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can bring true peace to our lives and world. Jesus did not experience the horror of battle, but He did die an horrific death at the hand of the Romans. He gave His life sacrificially, as He took God's anger at our sin on Himself and went on to conquer death in His resurrection. He did this out of love for us, and calls us to love others in the same way: 'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.' (John 15:13).

How can we demonstrate such love ourselves? We can be confident in God's plan to bring an end to all wars when Jesus returns.



Canon Paul Hardingham considers the reality of warfare



Our Royal Army Chaplains

For centuries, armies worldwide have taken their clergy to war with them. And

while over the years the roles of chaplains may have changed, still their presence among the troops has remained as important as ever.

For the British, it was in 1796 that the Army Chaplain's Department was founded by the Revd John Gamble, who became its first Chaplain General.

In 1854, the Crimean War found it had 26,000 troops depending on only one chaplain: the Revd Henry Press Wright. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) hastily financed more chaplains, and eventually 60 were sent out.

During the First World War (1914 – 1918) chaplains became known and loved for their bringing of comfort, care and compassion to the troops.

In 1919 the King honoured the army chaplains by granting them the prefix 'Royal' .

The Second World War (1939-45) saw chaplains learning new skills like parachuting with the Airborne Forces. During those years of violence and turmoil, Royal Army Chaplains were everywhere, even sustaining captives in Far East prison camps and on the Burma-Siam railway.

Since 1945, Royal Army Chaplains have continued to serve wherever British soldiers are sent. The wars may vary in shape and locations, but the need for care, compassion and prayer for the soldiers remains constant.

It has been said that: "Life as an Army Chaplain is a calling like no other...it is a vocation that is both demanding and rewarding and offers an adventurous journey of faith."

The current chaplain general, the Revd M Parker KHC CF says: "As chaplains, we have time for people and time to care for them. We celebrate with them. We listen to them when they're having problems. We are there for them in all of the challenges that they might face, whether on operations, serving at home or times of separation from their families.

"It may to us be the smallest example of our vocation - listening, comforting, advising, praying - but to those we serve, it can be a life changing encounter."

For more information go to:

: <u>https://www.army.mod.uk/who-</u> we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/ royal-army-chaplains-department/.

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 ear 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.



9.00am 10th November "Remember me"





In Messy Church children and their parents/ carers have fun learning about the Christian faith together through different activities crafts, cooking, games, songs...

If you would like to know more about Messy Church please contact Jackie Moss on 01782 771067 Or come along on the day.



Toy Service 2024



The Toy Service is on 24th November 10.45am

It's October and I'm thinking about the Toy Service and Christmas toys for those less fortunate than ourselves.



Our toys this year like last year will go to support and be distributed locally by our various community charities. So please go out and buy as

you would normally do and yet again let's put a smile on the faces of local children this Christmas-time.

And to the question "Has he been yet?" let's make sure children

know that Yes, he has been, as usual silently in the night.



The gift tags will be available in church from Sunday November 10th.

My hope is that All Saints' Church will embrace this project with the generosity you've shown in previous years and make Christmas 2024 wonderful for a child in need of love at this special time of the year.

With love and best wishes as we all prepare for Christmas.

Blessings to you all Bev x





All Saints' Church Lawton

Community Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints'

Church Open For Viewings

Saturday 30th November 12 to 3.30pm Sunday 1st December 12.30pm to 3.30pm Monday 2nd December 10.30am to 3.30pm Tuesday 3rd December 10.30am to 3.30pm Wednesday 4th December 10.30am to 3.30pm Thursday 5th December 10.30am to 7.30pm Friday 6th December 10.30 to 3.30pm

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2025 Knitting Art Exhibition



Yes we've reached that time again and as the darker nights will soon be upon us it's get your knitting needles out time.

After a long hard think, we've settled on The Nativity Story as our theme for 2025

Again, using our tried and tested recipe of 4 inch knitted squares.



Our recipe is :using double knitting wool and size 4 mm needles

(old number 8) cast on 25 stitches, knit 45 rows then cast off, hopefully you will have a 4 inch knitted square –wonderful. As the darker nights creep upon us through the Autumn and Winter months, we would like as many people as possible to help with this project, so if you know anyone who can knit please ask them to help too.

All knitted squares can be left in church, given to a member of the congregation who will bring them into church, or give them to the person who delivers your Parish Magazine.

We are now looking for squares in various shades of Grey, White and Red

Over the next few months, we will have updates on how the squares are coming along and what different colours we will be requiring to complete the project and of course more details about our exhibition date.

If you need further information at this time, please don't hesitate to ring Bev on 01270-874491

P.S Noah , Adam and Eve all hope this project is going to get as much support as they did.

Meru's Musings

Teasers

A walks into a wee-lit room and flicks switch. The lights flicker, and the man leaves, contented. Why?

A prisoner is kept on 50 grains of rice and a bowl of water a day. Despite getting progressively weaker he manages to pull the bars from his window and escape after a year. How?

Jason is lying dead. He has an iron bar across his back and some food lying in front of him. How did Jason meet his sorry end?

Sayings of our elders

Interest grows without rain. A long loan is not a gift. Life:

Life is with people. All life ends in weeping. Neither good nor bad lasts forever. Mobility is one of God's wonders.

Light of example:

A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.

There are two ways of spreading light, to be a candle, or the mirror that reflects it.

Logic:

'For instance,' is not proof. To jump to a conclusion is to bypass the process of proof.

Lust is the enemy of logic.

Loneliness:

Loneliness eats into the soul.

Latin Quotations

Multum in parvo Much in a little Naturo abborret a vacuo Nature abhors a vacuum. Nolens volens Whether willing or not. Noli me tangere Let nothing touch me Non compos mentis. Of unsound mind. Non sequitur A statement that does not follow logically from what preceded it. Omnia vincit amor Love conquers all.

Latin plant names, how many do you know?

Latin Name	Common Name
Pachysandra	Japanese Spurge
Parthenocissus	Boston Ivy
Papaver	Рорру
Persicaria	Knotgrass
Perovskia	Russian sage
Pennisetum	Fountain grass
Philadelphus	Mock Orange
Phormium	New Zealand Flax
Phyllostachys	Bamboo
Picea	Spruce
Pieris	Andromeda,
FIEIIS	Lily-of-the-valley
Pinus	Pine
Pittosporum	Kohuhu

Meru Ullah

Church Collections for September 2024

Week Beginning	1st	£820.51
Week Beginning	8th	£985.07
Week Beginning	15th	£681.07
Week Beginning	22nd	£295.65
Week Beginning	29th	£240.66

Our thanks to everyone who has helped us by giving faithfully and generously towards our costs of mission, ministry and maintenance.

During this unprecedented challenging time, you can also keep up to date via our website where you can find out about our worship, church life, giving and accessing our monthly parish magazine.

Harvest at All Saints'



Thank you to everyone who came along to decorate and clean the church ready for harvest, the church looked amazing and colourful in its Autumn glory. Thank you for your amazing generosity of an incredible amount of Harvest gifts supporting Alsager Foodbank.

Bev and I would like to thank those who transported the gifts to the foodbank your support was truly appreciated by us.



Alsager and District Foodbank \cdot Follow *** 17h \cdot \bigcirc

We've had another busy week with more harvest festival donations from St.Mary's Church, Pikemere School, Twyford House, All Saints Church, Church Lawton. Along with many other individuals who have given, to which we are so very grateful, it is so uplifting to know that we live in such a generous and kind neighbourhood. Thank you all very much

Macmillan Coffee Morning Thank You



The aroma of bacon butties and cheesy oatcakes wafted down the church path early on Saturday 28th

September enticing people into church.

It was the occasion of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan. As 10.30 a.m. approached people began to arrive, eager to contribute to this special cause. For the next two hours there was a hub-bub of chatter, and the clink of mugs as people partook of their chosen beverage, bacon butty, cheesy oatcake or special cake.



tombola did a steady trade, and the cake stall provided a wide variety of cakes to tickle the taste buds. As in previous years the cafe style setting provided opportunity for people to chat and catch up on news.



I can't thank people enough for their wonderful generosity which has made this event such a success. We made the magnificent amount of £776.30 including gift Aid which will be sent to Macmillan. which is brilliant!

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with All Saints' Coffee morning and made it such a success enabling Macmillan to draw alongside all those needing support.

> With grateful thanks Margaret Cruxton



Laugh lines etcetera...

Children's Kitchen Terms

BOIL: The point a parent reaches upon hearing the automatic "Yuck" before a food is even tasted.

CASSEROLE: Combination of favourite foods that go uneaten because they are mixed together.

DESSERT: The reason for eating a meal.



"...and don't forget we're coming into Nativity Play season – make sure we have extra tea-towels in stock!"

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!

*Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

*When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its own message: 'We are open on Sundays, too.'

*A singing group called 'The Resurrection' was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the minister fixed the outside sign to read, 'Resurrection is postponed – due to snow.'

*Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

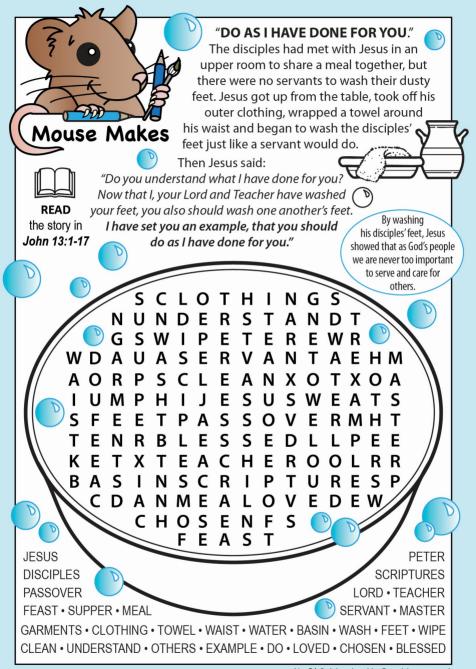
* Thursday at 10am there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All those wishing to become little Mothers are welcome to meet our new minister in the vicarage....

Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.









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Recycling & Green Living Tips

Having a quick break? Seven ways to make it more sustainable



Some of our daily routines are so ingrained we do them on autopilot. But when we're not consciously aware of what we're doing, we're also less conscious of the impact it has on the environment. And this can be particularly true when we're taking a routine break, doing something we've done hundreds, if not thousands, of times before. So here are seven easy tips to help you make more mindful choices. And these small changes won't cost you a thing – apart from a bit of attention.

1. Wash your hands more wisely

When you give your hands a quick scrub-up, pay a little more attention to your taps. Are they still running as you soap and lather? A running tap wastes approximately six litres of water per minute and, according to research from University College London, you should wash your hands around six to 10 times a day (for 20 seconds). So switching on your taps only for the initial soak and final rinse and turning them off while you're scrubbing could help you save 12 litres of water per day.

2. Read a library book

As well as being free to borrow, library books are destined to have long lives, being read thousands of times by different readers, reducing the need to print thousands of copies, using ink and paper and creating carbon emissions. If you'd be disappointed if your local library closed, consider using it and promoting its benefits to your friends and family in the area. A library is one of the easiest ways into a sustainable sharing economy – so why not borrow a book on your lunch break?

3. Keep sustainability in mind on your coffee break

Make sure you only boil the water you need. As a nation, we're enthusiastic advocates of hot drinks and a chocolate biscuit to dunk in them. But who isn't guilty of boiling a little too much water for their tea from time to time? Keep sustainability in mind by using only the quantity of water you need for your drink and try switching your kettle off just before it boils, as this can help save energy.

4. Drink from a reusable bottle or coffee cup

You hear about this everywhere, and for good reason. If just one in 10 of us

refilled our reusable bottles once a week, we'd make a significant dent in the number of single-use drinks cups and bottles we use. So why not use your reusable bottle or cup when you can and remember to recycle singleuse items whenever possible.

5. Opt for a meat-free meal

We're starting with just one meal – whether it's lunch or dinner is completely up to you. And if it's lunch you decide on, bringing food from home or buying out, it may well be cheaper to go meat free too. According to research, eating one less burger a week would reduce carbon emissions equivalent to taking your car off the road for 320 miles, which surely makes your veggie option seem even tastier.

6. Have a crack at fixing a broken item

Try your hand at repairing something – there may be a community group that can help. Rather than throwing something away, why not try to repair it yourself? If you've already thought about binning it, then you haven't lost anything if you mess up the repair job. If it works, then you've learned a new skill, saved your treasured item from going in the trash, and earned bragging rights. There will likely be a community repair group or cafe in your area where volunteer "fixers" will teach you how to fix things up and reduce consumption (and save you some cash) in the future.

7. Clear up your inbox

How many mailing lists are you on that bombard you with emails that end up in your bin folder? It's time to unsubscribe. Also if you're in the office with colleagues, why not have a face-to-face catch up and save on all those back-and-forth emails. While an email typically creates less carbon emissions than a paper letter, it does still add up. For instance, a standard written email generates about 4g of carbon emissions, so sending 102 is equivalent to driving one mile in your car. And if you attach an image, the emissions shoot up to 50g per email. Clear your inbox and your mind.

Using your daily breaks to try to be more sustainable is easier than you might think. By incorporating small actions such as the ones we've highlighted, we can all do our bit without sacrificing enjoyment, time and money. Every mindful choice adds up and can help make our world that bit brighter.

Happy Recycling

Carol Henshaw

All Saints' Community Page





Lots of work this past month clearing moss and weeds from around the church, sweeping up leaves on the paths (a never ending job)! Taking down dead branches and chopping them up. We've had some lovely autumn mornings doing this.

Where have all the boys gone? Di and Pat are holding the fort clearing pathways until they return! Thank you for all that you do

Lots of thanks to Paul, Michael Roger and Jeff for all there efforts, very deserving of a well earned break.

Thanks also to Carol, Jane and Kath for all their work too.



Where has the wall gone! Our next big project in the churchyard is to clear the wall by the field at the front of the church. If you would like to help us clear this huge area pop along and join us on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays 10am to Midday followed by very welcome refreshments. So come along and join us for the big reveal!



Diary Dates

30th November to 6th December Christmas Tree Festival Saturday & Sunday 12.30 –3.30 pm 10.30—3.30 Monday to Friday Late night Thursday until 7.30pm

Sunday 1st December 3-5.30pm Mince Pies and Mulled wine at the Rectory.

8th and 16th December 6pm Carols By Candlelight with seasonal food and drink. Monday 16th December 3pm

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Carol Singing at Lawton Manor

Friday 31st January 7pm Curry and Quiz Night

Book Review

Living Through Bereavement – With the Help of Christian Thought And Prayer By David M. Owen, SPCK 10.99

All of us are confronted by death at various times in our lives. Some bereavements are particularly devastating – we may have been very close to the one who has died, or death has come suddenly, unnaturally or even violently.

This anthology of quotations is divided into two sections. The first contains material on the Bible's teaching on life after death; the concept of the soul; the need to face the truth of our own mortality; living to the full; untimely death; suicide; death as the result of disaster and of war. The second focuses on solace in grief; the comfort of Christ; our hope of life in heaven; being reunited with those we love, and the great communion of saints.



Living through • Bereavement

> With the help of Christia thought and prays

All Saints' Church Lawton is open daily

The church is open daily for private prayer 10am to 4pm. Come in and spend a few quiet moments in the tranquil and peaceful setting. There is a prayer station at the front of the church or simply choose a pew.



Rev Sister Heather Kemball warmly invites you to join her for Morning Prayer at 8.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Midweek Communion at the Rectory

Every Wednesday morning at 11am, on the first Wednesday of each month it will be followed by an informal lunch.

First Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm followed by an informal supper.

Prayer for November 2024

Dear Lord,

November can be a dreary month. Even the first syllable is negative and reminds us of all the things we are missing; the long light days, summer breaks, blossom and fresh green leaves.

As we walk through the dark days, help us to remember that You brought light into this dark world. You sent Jesus, who is that light in person, Your positive who overcame all negatives by His death on the cross.

November leads us closer to the time of celebration of His coming. Lord, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for November! In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Bible Readings for November Services

Date	Epistle	Gospel
3rd	Isaiah 25: 6 - 9	John 11: 32 - 44
10th	Hebrews 9: 24 - end	Mark 1: 14 - 20
17th	Daniel 12: 1 - 3	Mark 13: 1 - 8
24th	Evening Service Rev 1: 4 - 8	John 18: 33 - 37

Teaser Answers



1.Ans= He is an executioner, and came in to test the electric chair, which makes the lights flicker.

2.Ans= Everyday he would save and dry a couple of grains of rice, put them in the cracks around the bars and pour some water on them. Gradually the swelling increased the size of the cracks and loosened the bars.

3.Ans= He is a mouse caught in a mouse trap.



Please send any material for inclusion in the December edition of Lawton Light! by November 10th

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Services & Speakers November 2024

	8.30am	10.45am	6.00pm		
	All Saints' Day & All Souls Day				
3rd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Memorial Service		
	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball		
	Remembrance Sunday				
10th		Remembrance	Holy Communion		
		Bev Boulton	Bev Boulton		
	2nd before Advent				
17th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer		
	Heather Kemball	Margaret Cruxton	Margaret Cruxton		
	Christ the King				
24th		Toy Service	Holy Communion		
		Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball		



November Rotas

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Prayers
3rd November	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP		
	10.45am	Holy Communion CW	Pat Lancaster	Jane Baker
			Ruth Griffiths	
	6.00pm	Memorial Service	Service	Service Prayers
10th November	9.00am	Messy Church		
	10.45am	Remembrance	Janet Parker	Heather Kemball
			Linda Jones	
	6.00pm	Holy Communion CW	Harold Dowler	Heather Kemball
			Kieran Hutchinson	
17th November	8.30am	Holy Communion		
	10.45am	Holy Communion	Margaret Mellor	Alan Kemball
		Northumbria	David Hermitt	
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chris Preston	Harold Dowler
			Kieran Hutchinson	
24th November	10.45am	Toy Service		
			Di Williams	Yvonne Banks
	6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP	Harold Dowler	Service Prayers
			Chris Preston	





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