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An article about Remembering, from the Bishop of Worcester, John Inge



In October, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham and I led an ecumenical pilgrimage of twenty Roman Catholics and twenty Anglicans to Canterbury. It's our third pilgrimage – we'd already taken a group to the Holy Land and to Rome but decided to save the best until last! Canterbury is a place full of memories - for me, since I grew up there and was confirmed in the Cathedral; for the Anglican Church, as the setting of our mother cathedral and also for the wider church and society, as the place of the martyrdom of Thomas Beckett in 1170. After his death, Canterbury very quickly grew into a place of pilgrimage from all over the Christian world: devotion to him as someone who stood up for the Church against the King was intense. His memory has

been kept alive by that devotion ever since.

November is a month of remembering. We begin the month with the commemoration of All Saints, when we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us and commend ourselves into their prayers. The following day is All Souls Day, when we give thanks and remember all the faithful departed in prayer, especially those dear to us. Then at Remembrance, we give thanks for all those whose sacrifice in the past has ensured our freedom in the present. What was in my heart in Canterbury was a sense of thanksgiving. That should be our predominate attitude in November – and always and everywhere: 'it is good and right at all times to give you thanks and praise, heavenly Father, almighty and eternal God.' We are a Eucharistic community



which means, literally, a 'thanksgiving community.' May it be so. Bishop John

In our Thoughts and Prayers

'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble' Ps 46:1



At this time of year our thoughts are centred on

remembrance, and in particular on those who have died in the service of their country.

Let us remember before God with thanksgiving those who in two world wars and in subsequent conflicts gave their lives in defence of freedom and justice. We think especially of those from this area whose names are inscribed upon our local war memorials.

We come to you, O Lord, in gratitude for all who have died that we may live, and for all who endured pain, injury and imprisonment that we may know freedom, for the sake of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sadly many continue to suffer as a result of war and civil strife. Recently our thoughts have been concentrated on the Middle East and the power struggle between Israel and Hamas, and the effects on so many innocent victims and their families. Nor must we forget the continuing conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

We pray for the nations of the world and those who lead them through the crises of our times and the religious, racial and social tensions that exist. May they share the prophet's vision of swords becoming ploughshares and spears pruning hooks and that all may work for the disarming of the nations. **Amen.**

We now look towards the coming seasons of Advent and Christmas when we prepare ourselves to welcome into our hearts our Lord and Saviour. Come to our lives as King of the nations and give victory over death, temptation and evil. Set us free to serve you for ever. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Are you ready for the winter storms?

There are storms coming this winter. So says Ecclesiastical Insurance.

And so it has been giving advice on how to prevent damage to property during the coming storm season. Its recommendations include removing loose roof materials, repairing damaged guttering, and clearing blocked rainwater gullies.

According to the Association of British Insurers, last year's storms led to more than 170,000 claims, amounting to an estimated £500million for property damage.

Jeremy Trott, claims director at Ecclesiastical Insurance, said: "Unpredictable and extreme weather is becoming more prevalent in the UK, from heatwaves to flooding."

Remembering in November

November is mostly about expressing our gratitude to those who have gone before us. The month begins with **All Souls and All Saints Days** when we remember, and pray for, the faithful Christians who served in our Churches and our communities in the past. This thanksgiving is closely followed by **Remembrance Day (Saturday 11** November) and **Remembrance Sunday on 12 November**, when the whole nation expresses its gratitude to those who have served, and still serve, in the armed forces.

Liturgically speaking, **Sunday 26 November** is the last Sunday of the year when the Church celebrates and offers it gratitude to 'Christ the King' and then on **Thursday 30 November**, the last day of the liturgical year, we celebrate and give thanks for

St Andrew the Apostle who is recognised by many Biblical scholars as the first person Jesus chose to be one of his 12 apostles. He was born in Bethsaida, Galilee about 10 years after Jesus and we know from the New Testament that he was the younger brother of Peter. The name, Andrew, is not Hebrew, as you might have been expected, but Greek – the Greek culture was well known in Galilee. It means manly and brave, a characteristic that he portrayed when it was martyred for his faith in Christ around 60/70 AD.



It is said that he chose to be martyred on a cross like Jesus, although he asked to be bound to a saltire X-shaped cross as he was not worthy to die on the same shaped cross as Jesus, Today, the saltire cross is the national emblem for St Andrew in many countries where he is the patron saint including: Cyprus, Scotland, Greece (City of Patras), Romania, Russia, Ukraine, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of

Constantinople, San Andres Island (Colombia), Saint Andrew (Barbados) and Tenerife (Spain).

St Andrew's image is on many stained glass windows in churches around the world and these often include a saltire cross.

In the 'top ten' names for UK churches today, 'Andrew' is the fifth most popular after Mary, All Saints, Peter and Michael.

There are several legends from around the world about where the relics of St Andrew are buried, including in Scotland. While it is highly possible that some relics of St Andrew are now buried in Scotland, exactly who brought them is not so clear.

St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

Our coffee mornings are still going well, the next one is on **Thursday 23 November** at 10am.



The gifts from our Harvest Service were taken in to the Christian Centre in Evesham, for use by the Caring Hands team.



St Peter's Church, Hinton on the Green

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 18 November, 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

THE TWO C'S MONTHLY TEAS

Conversation & Company

For those who are lonely or bereaved. Please come & join us for - Traditional Afternoon Tea

Last Sunday of the month

Next one – 26 November 2023 from 2.30 – 4.30

Hampton Guide and Scout Hall

For Further Information: Elaine Major 01386 40722

For all those who are sick, in special need or house-bound:

Ron Allen; Mary Andrews; Mark Bartlett; Victoria Brabin; Sue Burdett; Brenda Clarke; Dave Cockram; Brenda Curtis; John Darby; Ann Fletcher; Duncan Houston; Joan Parry; Mila Sosna; Carol Thould; Jennifer Waters



For those who have died, and all who mourn them: Sarah Jurado Gordino, Katherine Antis, Daphne Hotchkins and Jean Hutchings

From the Registers - September 2023

Baptisms					
3 September	Scarlett Scarott	Hampton			
10 September	Fletcher Phelps	Hampton			
17 September	Bella Bennett	Hampton			
24 September	Hudson Ryder	Hampton			
Renewal of Wedding Vows					
2 September	Ian and Mandy Arthurs	Hinton			
Funerals					
1 September	Peter Crook	Hampton			
14 September	Sarah Jurado Godino Hampton				



Sudoku Solutions (from p17)

Easy Sudoku

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Medium Sudoku

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9	7	6	4	2	3	5	1	8
3	5	1	8	9	7	4	2	6
4	2	8	5	6	1	9	7	3

Reflecting Faith Series: Remembering Our Loved Ones

The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series on finding faith in the fabric of our church buildings.

For the last couple of months, we've been looking at seating in the church building. Perhaps you've noticed that on the more 'special' items there are dedication plaques to the person who donated the money to buy the item or in whose name the item was purchased.

In some churches, pretty much everywhere you look you will find such labels, whilst in others they are much rarer.

Of course, many people donate financially and give specific items in their own name or in memory of someone else without wishing for this to be publicly noted. But often when folk donate something they do like it made clear.

A couple of centuries ago people would leave money after their death for a mass to be said for their soul. In some rich cases this would be every day for a year or even longer.

The 'very' rich paid for a new altar to be placed in the church building or even in an extension to the building – a chantry. This is where their personal mass would be conducted each day. In these cases, a stipend would also be paid to cover the cost of a separate priest to do this task, rather than the rector or vicar having it as an extra daily task.

A room would be provided for that priest above the chapel often.

This all stems from the belief that we have sinned and will be punished in purgatory or hell but can 'buy' time off through prayers.

Today our theology has moved back to a more biblical understanding, that Christ is the one who bore our sins on the cross, and we can't earn our way to heaven; we can only get there by faith in Him.

But we still love and think about the people whom we loved, even though they are dead. Some Christians believe that, as we prayed for them in life, why should we stop just because they are dead?

As C.S.Lewis wrote;

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me."

This month

As you remember your loved ones whom you see no more, hold them close in ways that make sense to you, and reflect your faith in God's loving grace and mercy.

Retirement of Archdeacon Robert



The Archdeacon of Worcester, Robert Jones will retire on 30 November. It will be 43 years since his ordination in Worcester Cathedral with 17 of those years in diocesan ministry and the previous 26 in parishes in Kidderminster, Dudley and Worcester. There will be a chance to say goodbye & thank you to Robert at Evensong in the Cathedral at 4pm on 19 November.

He said: "I'm retiring with very mixed feelings. I won't miss all the meetings and am looking forward to having a rest, but I have loved all my different roles within the Diocese and it will be very strange not to be directly involved with everything." Robert was a curate in Kidderminster before taking on his first parish at St Francis' in Dudley and then becoming vicar of St Barnabas in Worcester. "I loved the excitement of my first parish," he said. "At both St Francis and St Barnabas, I was very much the parish priest for the whole community. Although the Church obviously has to change and develop, serving in local communities is still our calling. Although it may not always feel like it, in many deprived areas the church still counts for people – it is 'their church' and 'their vicar'. Being in the business of loving kindness doesn't change."

In 2006 Robert became Director of Development for the Diocese and was asked by Bishop John to become the Archdeacon in Worcester in 2014. "I've really enjoyed being Archdeacon. I hadn't worked in rural parishes until moving into diocesan ministry and I've been amazed and inspired by the resilience of small groups of people. In many villages and towns the Church definitely punches above its weight. Being Archdeacon has felt the right place to be and I believe I've had a contribution to make that I didn't necessarily think I would; helping to ensure the transformation and change programme is understood by more people."

Robert also spent 10 years as a General Synod rep, has built links with the Roman Catholic Church with joint pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Rome and heads up the diocesan link with the Evangelische Kirche in Mitteldeutschland (EKM in Germany).

"I've been very fortunate to be able to do lots of things which have interested me outside of the Diocese, which helped give me a bigger picture," said Robert. "Being on General Synod felt like a real calling and was a good lesson in how a divided church can still find common ground.

Rob and his partner Mike will be staying in the Diocese in retirement. *"Worcester has been a good place to be, and we have both spent our whole lives here. It will be exciting to be living in our own house for the first time! I am looking forward to a bit of time off and finding out what the next chapter might hold.*

The poppies of Remembrance

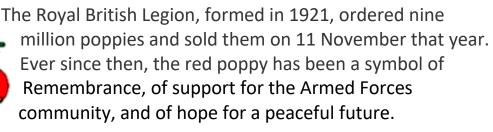
In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, had the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl
Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below We are the dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie, In Flanders fields

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

Events Update – November 2023

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	7 Nov 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Crimbo Bingo	Tues	7 Nov 7.00pm	Hampton Club
Community Coffee Morning	Wed	8 Nov 11am	Hampton
Open Church	Sat	11 Nov 10 – 12	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	14 Nov 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Christmas Fayre	Sat	18 Nov 1-3pm	Hinton Church
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	21 Nov 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs	23 Nov - 10am	Sedgeberrow
Christmas Fayre	Sat	25 Nov 1.00pm	Hampton Church
2 C's	Sun	26 Nov 2.30 - 4.30	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	28 Nov 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Toy Service	Sun	3 Dec 10.00am	Hampton
Open Church & Crafts	Sat	9 Dec 10.00am	Hampton



Tree of Light 2023



Remembering a loved one this Christmas

This December, the Evesham Rotary Tree of Light will celebrate its 25th anniversary. Since 1999 this fund-raising project has enabled people to remember loved ones whilst donating to charity and over £250,000 has been given to charitable causes.

If you would to like to donate to the Tree of Light this year please go to:

www.eveshamrotaryclub.org

Supporting Local Charities

The names of your remembered loved ones are published on our website, in the Evesham Journal newspaper and in the Book of Remembrance displayed in the Evesham Library.



www.therotaryclubofevesham.org.uk

Serving the Community

To remember your loved ones and to donate please go to the website where you can complete the online form. OR Download a form and post it to Evesham Rotary, PO Box 335, Evesham WR11 9EX

St Andrew's CE First School Successful Learners; Success for Life.

Wow, where has this half-term gone? It has been an action-packed learning extravaganza for every class, with our engaging, interesting and stimulating curriculum continuing to ensure that our children's learning is both meaningful and benefits from a specific focus on the core requirements of English and maths.

This year, to celebrate Harvest, Year 3 and Lay Minister Elaine Major, led our Harvest Festival collective worship at School. The whole school came to take part, joining in with our school prayers and Harvest songs. A big well done to our Year 3 children; everyone performed fantastically and really persevered when learning their lines. We are all so proud of them for taking part. The children were informed that their donations make such a difference to the lives of people less fortunate than them. A huge thank you to the entire school for the very generous contributions of food, which has been transported to the Caring Hands Food Bank at the Vale of Evesham Christian Centre and the Adventure Playground.

This half-term, our Nursery children have been exploring the theme 'Autumn' and have been looking at what changes occur outdoors, including the weather and how it is colder, rainier, windier and darker now. They have had lots of fun conker rolling, leaf printing and making hedgehogs out of Playdough.

Also in October, Reception went Batty!! They read the story 'Super Bat' by Matt Carr as a part of their topic, 'I am Super!' and have really enjoyed creating their own super bats with the support of our lovely volunteer helper, Mrs Knight. The children used their bats in their play and created their own new stories with them.



November is an eventful month with Guy Fawkes night and Remembrance Day providing the backdrop for learning about historical events. Our Year 5 pupils will be collecting money for the Royal British Legion through the sale of poppies and poppy related items in school.

We are very much looking forward to the start of the new half-term and we will have many more things to tell you about.

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PTFA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES



Friday 15th December at 3pm Collection of uniform: Monday 11th December -Friday 15th December



A tub will be left outside the School Office on the dates listed above



Harvest Festival

Donations of food collected by St Andrew's School, the Church congregation and St Andrew's Tots made a wonderful display in the church, and after the Harvest Festival Service, the items were shared between Caring Hands and the Community Pantry at Evesham Adventure Playground



Elaine Major and Margaret Thompson with some of the food items donated

RECIPE - Orange and Poppy Seed Cakes INGREDIENTS

Cake

- 225g butter
- 225g golden caster sugar
- grated zest of 1 orange and 1 lemon
- 110g plain flour
- Half tsp of baking powder
- 115g ground almonds
- 4 eggs
- 20g poppy seeds

For the syrup

- 50g crystallised orange peel
- 1 lemon and 1 small orange
- 100g golden caster sugar

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Use a 12-hole bun or muffin tin, with paper cases or lined with baking parchment
- 2. Pre-heat the oven at 180C/ Fan 160C/gas mark 4.
- 3. Cream the butter and sugar together until fluffy.
- 4. Grate in the orange and lemon zest.
- 5. Sieve the flour and baking powder, add the ground almonds.
- 6. Add the beaten egg gradually to the creamed mixture. If it curdles slightly, add a spoonful of the flour and almond mixture.
- 7. Add the flour/almond mix, then stir in the poppy seeds.
- 8. Transfer the mixture to the lined cases. Put in the pre-heated oven and bake for 20 minutes until a skewer comes out clean.

Prepare the syrup while the cakes are baking

Cut the citrus peel into matchstick-sized pieces. Finely grate the lemon. Put the juice of the lemon and the orange into a small saucepan, add the caster sugar, then bring to the boil. Add the matchsticks of candied peel.

When the cakes are out of the oven, leave in the tin, and pierce all over with a metal skewer. Spoon the reserved orange syrup and peel over the surface, letting the syrup trickle though the holes.

Leave the cakes to cool before removing from their cases.





Lunchtime Learning with Worcester Cathedral Faith in the No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency 21st November 2023 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Speaker: Bishop John (also author of a book on this series)

Starting in 1998 with The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency, Alexander McCall Smith has created a much-loved series set in Botswana, with the generous-hearted, mystery solving Precious Ramotswe at the centre of them. The 23rd in the series, *A Song of Comfortable Chairs*, is published this August. Among the real-life characters who have appeared in them is the then bishop of the diocese, Trevor Mwamba, reflecting the very natural way the heroine's faith is portrayed throughout this series as she grapples with down-to-earth mysteries and the complexities of life. The books are written in a deceptively simple style that has made them appeal to a very wide range of readers.

As well as being bishop Of Worcester, Bishop John has long been a fan of these books, and has written a book exploring them in dialogue with the Christian faith: *Living Love: In Conversation with...the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* (Inspire: 2007). In this lunchtime learning session, he will explore why these books are so enjoyable, and how they offer an attractive engagement with a down-to-earth faith.

This is **an online event** which is free to attend. To book a place follow the link: <u>To book your place click here</u>

Hampton Guide and Scout Hall

Sunday, November 12

7.30pm

Jeremy Johnson

The British singer-songwriter will be performing live He will be touring his new 2023 record as well as his road-tested back catalogue

> The special guest will be Dutch singer-songwriter Marije De Vries.

> > Doors open at 19:30

For tickets: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jeremy-johnson-hampton-</u> <u>scout-hut-tickets-598982662267</u>

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The Tea Service - All Saints Church

Every Friday afternoon from 2pm – 3pm A short service with tea and cakes Everyone is welcome, especially anyone living with or caring for someone living with dementia Contact Rosie on 01386 442213



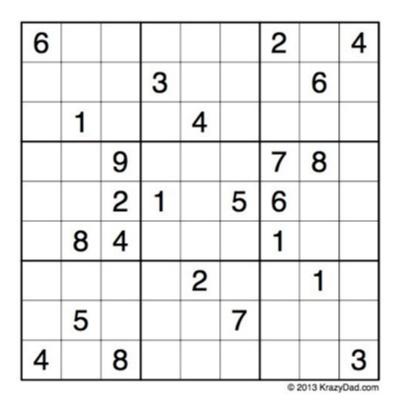
Crimbo Bingo! Come and Join us for a fun evening Tuesday 7 November at 7.30pm at Hampton Club

Sudoku – Easy

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SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Wednesday 1	10am	Holy Communion	Hamptor
	5 No	vember – All Saints Day	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	4pm	All Souls Service	Hampton
Re	velation 7: 9	9-end; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1	-12
OR Mica	ah 3: 5-end;	1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Matthew	24: 1-14
Wednesday 8	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
12 Novemb	er – Remem	brance Sunday Third Sunday befo	ore Advent
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist + Remembrance	Hampton
	10am	Remembrance	Sedgeberrow
	11am	Remembrance	Hinton
Wisdom 6	5: 12-16; 1 T	hessalonians 4: 13-end; Matthew	25: 1-13
Wednesday 15	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
1	9 Novembe	r – Second Sunday before Advent	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Zephaniah 1	L: 7, 12-end;	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew	/ 25: 14-30
Wednesday 22	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
26 Nove	ember – Ch	rist the King Sunday next before A	Advent
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Ezekiel 34:	11-16, 20-24	4; Ephesians 1: 15-end; Matthew 2	25: 31-end
Wednesday 29	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2023

	3 De	ecember – Advent Sunday						
	8am Holy Communion Hampton							
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton					
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow					
Isaia	Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-end							
Wednesday 6	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton					

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