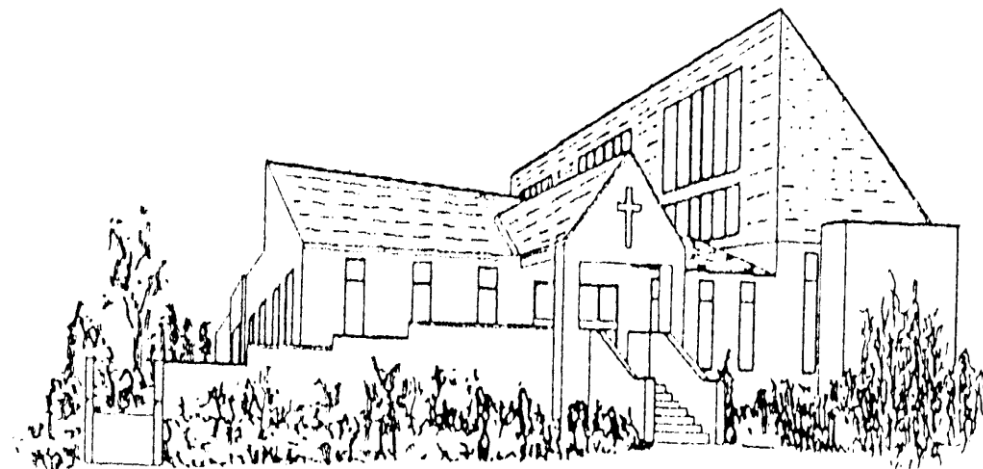


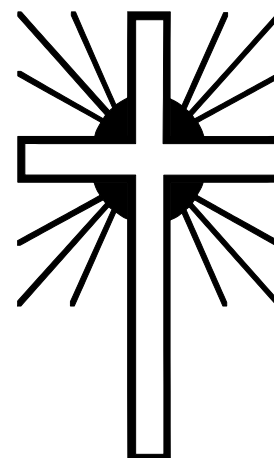
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Dear Friends,

It seems that as we move to the darker part of the year, with the night's drawing in; that the clouds of uncertainty and anxiety are moving in with them. But remember as Jesus says to us in the bible Do not be afraid for, I am with you to the end of time.

Instead rejoice and smile about all the good things that you have in your life and that you are looking forward to doing in the future. God gives us so much to be thankful for, our health, our families, our homes, and a society where there is provision for all.

Live each day in love, treasure every moment : even when things may not be as you would wish them to be - for God has given this precious time so do not worry about what might be but concentrate instead on living each moment with the joy of knowing that God loves you, share his love with those around you and watch the world smile.

The start of November will be a little different, it is unlikely that there will be any big firework displays and Remembrance Sunday may not have the service around the cenotaph as normal but we will still remember and honour them in our hearts.

I hope that God will set off fireworks in your hearts that make you want to dance with joy,

May his love surround you and bless you always,

Mandy

Senior Steward's Annual Report

As a church we continue to be linked very much to our community as we regularly hold social events both as fund raisers for charity and to help with the ongoing maintenance of our church. One of the highlights as got to be a concert held last November in aid of Help the Heroes. The performers "Old Friends" were a group from Market Harborough who certainly gave us an evening worth remembering, and despite the bad weather over £400 was raised. This took us into the advent season, a time of celebration and hope.

For the past year or so we have had an early morning communion once a quarter which has been well attended, and it is hoped to continue this for the time being as well as communion being held once a month after our morning service. Another change that has been implemented is the lighting of the candle at the beginning of worship and when to give out extra notices that are not in the weekly notice sheet. Several ways have been tried but we hope that we have now got it right! Which is - welcome to everyone, give out notices, silence then light the candle, begin worship. We were also learning a new hymn each month which for obvious reasons has lapsed over the last few months but hopefully we can take this up again in the future.

January, as always, gave us a wonderful week away in Devon, a chance for members of our congregation and friends to get away from it all and get to know one another a bit better and renew old acquaintances as we met up with Jean and Gerry Cooke.

Another highlight in our social calendar was our Valentines afternoon tea, apart from the delicious food we were amused and entertained by Malcolm Lapper reading his poems, which proved to be a heart-warming afternoon.

One of our annual celebrations is our Church Anniversary in March, and as we prepared for this weekend little did we know of what was going to happen in the next few months. We had a very pleasant evening with a singer called Maria on the Saturday night and the weekend culminated with our Sunday service led by Rev Andy Murphy. It was wonderful for us to see him again and I am sure he was delighted to renew friendships made here over the 8 years he was with us.

Then came Covid!! Despite all our meetings to discuss church worship, to discuss future social events, all these were wiped out by a silent and unseeing virus, and we were all forced into lockdown, but out of the chaos we have a new way of doing things.

3 months of lockdown saw our church well and truly locked down, but it was a chance to reflect and see how we wanted to move forward. I am very proud of the way we have been a forward thinking church and one of the first to re-open our doors after lockdown, very tentatively at first, only opening every second Sunday for a month and in September we began opening up each week. The next step was to hold meetings in our church building, we have held a few but we still have to welcome back outside users of our church, this will only come slowly. As we speak of outside users of our church, I just wanted to acknowledge the many years working partnership we had with Alison and the Saplings playgroup and were sad to say goodbye to her last Christmas. However, I am more than pleased to report that we will be welcoming a new lady, Michelle, and her young children and babies in her care known as "Leaps and Bounds" to our church soon.

Worship still continued during lockdown with a small group using the zoom app, but for those who couldn't get to grips with the technology then service sheets were available to use at home, not ideal, but the continuity was there, a link from our church to our congregation and vice versa. Our pastoral visitors have continued that link by keeping in touch by telephone calls or visits where they were able to do so.

The downside of our return to worship, for many I suspect, is that we can't sing!! Hopefully, that will be the next step in our road to recovery. Our services nevertheless are still structured in the same way, but somewhat shorter. We still have our hymns to listen or hum to, our prayers and our sermon.

The final event in our calendar was our Harvest Festival led by Alison and Dave Tomlin which was truly uplifting and Alison treated us to a song which she sang inviting us to take holy communion (self-service so that we can abide by health and safety rules). The church was filled with colourful flowers and we had a small display of harvest produce but our

congregation were invited to give monetary donations for Christian Aid Emergency Coronavirus appeal.

In the midst of all this God is still moving amongst us and our stewards and church leadership team have done a sterling job in maintaining a normality within our church whilst still adhering to all the rules and regulations asked of us. So, for any that are still wondering about coming back to church then please don't worry, you will be in safe hands.

Finally, on behalf of the stewards and myself, I just wanted to say congratulations to Dave on his re-appointment to our circuit for a further 2 years. We all look forward to working closely with him in the future.

May God enter your lives and remain there whatever the circumstances.

Pauline Ward, Senior Steward.

Nativity Toy Service supporting Hinckley and Bosworth Toy Appeal

Will be held on Sunday December 13th led by Michael Holt. Due to covid 19 it will naturally be a different type of service but will still be a Family service. As in previous years we thank you for your support with the appeal and hope that you will all support this as generously as in past years.

Please note that new toys and toiletry gift sets are very acceptable but they are not this year, able to accept second-hand toys. Ideally monetary donations would be very acceptable as this allows them to purchase the toys and gifts directly from suppliers.

Sunday Worship

November	1 st	10.45am Nigel Roberts
November	8 th	10.30am Michael Holt -Remembrance Service
November	15 th	10.45am Rev. Dave Haseldine - Holy Communion
November	22 nd	10.45am Local Arrangement
November	29 th	10.45am Rev/ Dave Haseldine – Family Remembrance

Church Flower Rota

Provide

Deliver

<i>Nov 1st</i>	<i>Pauline Ward</i>	<i>Pauline Ward</i>
<i>Nov 8th</i>	<i>Joan Wood & Joan Linney</i>	<i>Joan Wood</i>
<i>Nov 15th</i>	<i>Linda Hallam</i>	<i>Mandy Prosser</i>
<i>Nov 22nd</i>	<i>Jan Whitmore</i>	<i>Jan Whitmore</i>
<i>Nov 29th</i>	<i>Jenny Church</i>	<i>Gloria Cummings</i>

We invite you to bring your children to Sunday School at 10.45 a.m. where they will be welcomed by our Sunday School staff. A crèche is also provided for children too young for Sunday School, where they will be lovingly looked after by the crèche ladies while their parents share our morning worship. Should you want anyone in need to be included in the prayers of intercession, you will find a "Prayer Tree" in the welcome area. Please fill in the Prayer Leaf including the date and place on Prayer Tree. The Leaf will stay on the tree for 2 Sundays. If after the 2 Sundays, you still require a Leaf on the Prayer Tree please make out a new Leaf including date and replace on Prayer Tree or see any Church Steward

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THE WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

Everyone is welcome for this half-hour midweek time of reflection, Fellowship and prayers, starting at 10.00 am every Wednesday.

Nov 4th Rev. Dave Haseldine

"11th Pauline Ward

"18th Mandy Prosser

"25th Mike Holt

Church News Page November 2020

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome to our premises a new pre-school group called "Leaps and Bounds". They will hopefully have commenced their tenancy with us by now. So, we welcome Michelle and her team and hope they enjoy a long and successful association with us.

Congratulations

To Sarah Haseldine who celebrates her birthday on 7th November. Have a great day Sarah.

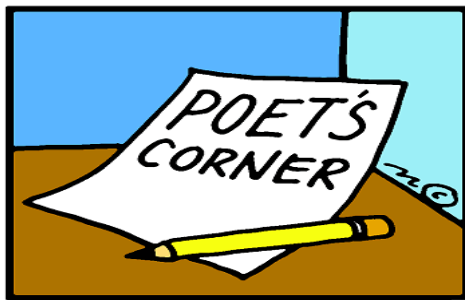
To Margaret & David Overton celebrating their first Wedding Anniversary on November 16th. Have a great time!

Blokes Breakfast Club.

BBC are due to meet on Saturday Nov 7th at 8.30am at Church. If numbers permit, hopefully most of the group will be able to attend. On December 5th we will be having our Festive Full English Breakfast. To book your place please text to 07902 078120. Cost approx. £7 inc. full breakfast, drink, and room

Clothes Bag Collection

Just to confirm that we hope to have a clothes collection at some point in the early Spring, date to be confirmed. All types of clothes including shoes (tied together), handbags but no work uniforms or duvets and pillows et. So, don't throw your old stuff out, put in it in bag and save it for our collection, proceeds for Church funds. Thanks Sue and Mike



Where the Poppies Grow

The scarlet heads in ripening corn
Drip with dew in early morn
The poppy stems in cool breeze lean
A waving fleck in field of green.
In battlefields on distant shore
When hushed, men's cries and big guns roar
The poppies spring where blood was shed
Remembering the millions' dead.
That such a lovely petaled thing
Can memories so dreadful bring
Yet still it holds the hope in store
Of days when war shall be no more.

Courtesy of Malcolm Lapper -Snapshots of this and that!

Remembrance Sunday Service at Church (time change)!!!

In this unusual year due to Covid 19 there will be no Remembrance Parade or service at the War Memorial in Church Lane for the public this year. Instead it is hoped to record the service and laying of poppy wreaths in advance and then to put it on u-tube so people can watch it at 11am. Our Church Service will now take place at **10.30am** instead of 9.45am as originally planned. We hope to show the U-tube recording as part of the service. Please let others know about this in advance!

Shoebox Appeal

Thank you for supporting Teams4u, the nationwide shoebox appeal to provide Christmas gifts to vulnerable children and families. Your boxes are much appreciated, and you can be certain that the box will bring delight to a child this Christmas.

Barwell Chuffers Day Out

The Chuffers were on the move again on Oct 7th, boarding a steam train No 34046 "Braunton" at Hinckley and going via a freight only line from Sheet Stores to Stenson Junction. Last used for passenger traffic in the 1930's, then on to Kidderminster on the Severn Valley Railway. Returning to Hinckley in late evening. Due to issues with 34046 the return journey was made with Class 47 diesel D1935 hauling the train. A great day out for all.

If you have Birthdays or Anniversaries or any items for inclusion in the Beacon such as recipes, short stories, poems, accounts of recent places you have visited etc, please send them to mikeholt24@btinternet.com no later than 20th of the month before the publication day of 1st of the following month. All items submitted will be considered at the discretion of the editor.

Prayer Diary for November 2020.

Compiled by Pauline Ward

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear. STF 322

Sun Nov 1st Lord, we stand before you, the beginning of a new month, and we hold up Nigel as he leads our worship today. May his words fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Mon Nov 2nd Lord, we ask that you challenge us, change us, and fill us with such an awareness of you and your presence that nothing can ever be the same again.

Tue Nov 3rd Touch our lives with your love, and focus our hearts, our minds and our lives on you and your glory.

Wed Nov 4th We have questions, doubts and uncertainties, we are confused and empty and long to be made whole, give us peace, hope and a new sense of purpose to our lives.

Thurs Nov 5th This is a day of celebration for many when we remember a part of our history by lighting fireworks, may we also remember you, Lord, who is also an important part of our history.

Fri Nov 6th Lord, we thank you for friends, for the love and joy they bring to our lives.

Sat Nov 7th We pray for the abused, whether it be mental or physical abuse, we pray that you will give them hope and a way out of their despair, and encourage them to seek help, wherever it may come from.

Sun Nov 8th Today we remember all those who lost their lives in the two world wars, and indeed all wars where men and women have fought for our right to live in a peaceful world and we pray your holy blessing on Michael as he leads our service of remembrance today.

Mon Nov 9th We remember today our children who bring us such joy and we pray for their continued education, for their teachers and all the ancillary workers who help to make schooltime a fun place to be.

Tue Nov 10th, We pray for the lonely, for the isolated, those who have lost partners, those who choose to be on their own, show them how full their lives can be in knowing you Lord.

Wed Nov 11th Today is the official Remembrance Day and we pray for all those who mourn loved ones lost fighting for our country.

Thurs Nov 12th We pray today for all our front line workers still fighting the covid virus, doctors, nurses, paramedics, all the emergency services, those bringing food to our shops and to our front doors, may they continue to know that they are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Fri Nov 13th We think about all our businesses, struggling to keep afloat in the economic crisis, for all the workers that may be facing redundancy, and for all the upcoming entrepreneurs, may they all have hope and a feeling of self-worth, whatever the outcome for their futures.

Sat Nov 14th Jesus says "I am the Good Shepherd; you are my sheep. I know you by name, and I will be with you for ever, and you with me".

Sun Nov 15th May Dave know your guiding hand as he leads us in worship today, and we also remember all our fellow Christians currently trying to carry out an act of worship in whatever form it takes.

Mon Nov 16th Father take hold of our lives, fill us with your Spirit and send us out into your world as examples of your grace and witness to your love.

Tue Nov 17th In times of busyness may we find rest in his presence. In times of quietness, rest in him. In times of aloneness, feel his arms around you. In moments of joy and gladness, give him thanks and praise.

Wed Nov 18th Keep your mind fixed on Christ, your heart on his glory, your eyes on his purpose and your ears on his voice. Be filled with the Spirit as people of God.

Thurs Nov 19th We pray for those affected by drugs, by poverty, by selfish abuse, everyone feeling the depths of despair, help them Lord to turn a corner, to pick themselves up, to feel worthy to be alive and put them on the road to their recovery .

Fri Nov 20th We remember all the voluntary organisations who are of so much importance to so many, Age Concern, Christian Aid, Action for Children, Foodbank and so many more, we pray for all those involved and all the recipients of their care and love.

Sat Nov 21st Lord, we commit ourselves to show kindness to others, to act kindly even to those who offend us, to demonstrate the kindness we have received, to offer the undeserved love of God.

Sun Nov 22nd, We pray today for our worship leaders as they share with us in worship together, may they feel your Spirit guiding them.

Mon Nov 23rd We go into the new week refreshed by the presence of God, filled with the love of Christ and overflowing with the life of the Spirit.

Tue Nov 24th Lord, forgive us for the way we have treated your universe, for climate change, how it has affected our world, through extraordinary earthquakes, hurricanes, drought and tsunamis, may we learn through you to take better care of it and to put positive actions into place to make this a better world to live in.

Wed Nov 25th Touch our lives with your grace, renew our faith by your Holy Spirit, deepen our trust in you, and remove our fear of tomorrow.

Thurs Nov 26th We pray for the sick, for those awaiting treatment or surgery, for those in care homes where they have reached a point in their lives where they can no longer look after themselves, remind them Lord that you are with them and you will comfort them, they only have to turn to you, and you will answer them.

Fri Nov 27th We pray for peace amongst nations, for governments to rule wisely, for fear and prejudice to be taken away, and for hope and reconciliation to end any lasting conflicts.

Sat Nov 28th Lord you are amazing, your love knows no bounds, help us to love one another in the same way that you love us.

Sun Nov 29th Today we remember those who mourn, and in our Family Remembrance service, we are able to remember our loved ones whom we have lost and today we have a chance to reflect on them and happy times spent together, be with us Lord at this special time.

Mon Nov 30th Lord, we sing your praises and declare your glory, we kneel before you and praise your Holy name.

He became poor that we may be rich, loving the world and leaving his throne, King of all kings, and Lord of all lords, flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone. STF 344





Comedy Corner

Age -Old!

Boy to Father, "Daddy, why does grandma spend so much time reading the Bible?" Father "Shhh, she's cramming for her finals".

Two old ladies are playing a game of cards. One lady looks up at the other and says, 'We've known each other for so many years, but for the life of me, I just can't bring your name to mind. What is it again dear?' There's a silence for some time, then the other lady replies, 'How soon do you need to know?'

Battle of the Sexes: - Men and Women

Men are like bank accounts- without a lot of money, they don't generate much interest.

In the beginning, God created the earth and rested. Then he created man and rested. Then God created woman. Since then, neither God nor man has rested.

Cars and Motoring

Harry is out driving with his wife. 'Can't you slow down when your turning corners?' she complains. 'You're scaring the life out of me'. 'Do what I do,' replies Harry 'shut your eyes,'

A woman tells her husband that her car won't start. 'I think there's water in the, carburettor,' she says, 'How do you know that?' asks her husband. The wife replies 'I drove it into the canal.'

Driver to passenger: 'Lean out of the window and tell me if my indicator is working.' Passenger: 'OK.... Yes.... No.... Yes...No...'

Monthly Quick Quiz NOVEMBER 2020. NAME:

This month, all answers begin with the letter V still. The number in brackets is the number of letters in the answer.

1. Marginal movement? (5)
2. A flexible and capable word. (9)
3. Point of intersection. (6)
4. Point of spiralling motion. (6)
5. If driving on a *dull, rainy* day, this will be poor. (10)
6. If driving on a *sunny* day, this will be helpful. (5)
7. Possesses masterly skill and technique. (8)
8. Spirit, but not Holy, more grain-y. (5)
9. Do we *bow* to this musical instrument? (6)
10. Success! (7)

You might need to cheat - sorry, investigate, for numbers 3 and 7, but the others are not too difficult. John.

Email replies to johnhall1042@gmail.com.

ANSWERS TO OCTOBER QUIZ

- 1- Vaccine, 2- Value, 3- Vanity, 4- Varicose, 5- Vault, 6- Vehicle,
7- Velodrome, 8- Venetian, 9- Verb,
2- 10- Verbiage



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