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St John the Divine

Rastrick

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Eucharist for Peace : 9th. November

November 2025

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Our Prayer For Growth

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,

wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our churches to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment

to you, and in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE

Here is a list of regular activities which occur in our church.

Please contact Group Leaders for details of their activities.

Sunday Services in Church

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays)

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion or Morning Worship (2nd Sunday)

10:30 a.m. Joint Benefice Service (5th Sunday as announced)

Mondays in the Community Hall

6:00 p.m. Rainbows and Brownies

7:30 p.m. Guides

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Monday Meet - 50 Archbell Avenue

7:00 p.m. Beer & Banter Men's Group (Various Mondays, monthly
at The Four Sons, Clough Lane) - Alan: 07756 035591

Tuesdays in Church

2:00 p.m. Mothers' Union (3rd Tuesday in the month)

Tuesdays in the Community Hall

12:00 noon Community Lunch (1st Tuesday in the month)

1:30 p.m. Reminiscent Cinema (1st Tuesday in the month)

1:00-2:30 p.m. Tai-Chi

Wednesday Service in Church

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th weeks in the month)

Wednesdays in the Community Hall

Time Wednesday Nighters (1st Wednesday in the month)

Varies in the Sturrock Room.

Fridays

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (by Zoom). Alan:07756 035591

Rev'd Michelle writes



November brings a month of remembering for the church. This begins on All Saints Sunday 2nd November, when, in our morning service, we remember and give thanks for all those saints who have gone before us in the faith, both the famous and the lesser known.

On the same day at 4pm in the afternoon we have our annual *Loved Not Lost* service, a special time to remember those who we have loved but see no more, and to give thanks for their lives. There is a list at the back of church to write names of those who you would like to be remembered at this service. See the poster elsewhere in this magazine for more information, and please do invite family, friends and neighbours to come along too.

The following week, November 9th, is our Remembrance Sunday service. This is a joint benefice service at St Matthew's Church and begins at **10am** when we will be joined by members of the uniformed organisations and representatives from our local council. At this service we remember and give thanks for all those who have given their lives in the service of our country allowing us the freedoms we enjoy today. It is immediately followed at 11am by an act of remembrance and wreath laying at the memorial in Rastrick Library.

In the evening that day at 7pm is our *Eucharist for Peace* at St John's, an opportunity to remember and pray for peace in our world.

As we take time to remember and give thanks in many different ways this month, let's also remember to give thanks to God for his constant and abiding love for us all.

With my prayers and every blessing.

Michelle

SERVICES AND CHURCH INFORMATION

SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - NOVEMBER

Sunday 2nd - 11:00 - All Saints - All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd - 16:00 - Loved not Lost

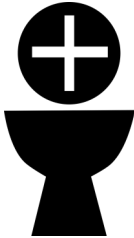
Sunday 9th - 10:00 - *Remembrance Service at St Matthew's**

Sunday 9th - 19:00 - Eucharist for Peace (Benefice Service)

Sunday 16th - 11:00 - 2nd Before Advent - Panto Soc. - All Age M.W.

Sunday 23rd - 11:00 - Christ the King - Morning Worship

Sunday 30th - 10:30 - Advent 1 (Benefice Service)



MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - NOVEMBER

Wednesday 5th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 12th - 10:30 - St John's

Wednesday 19th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 26th - 10:30 - St John's

FORTHCOMING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES

- ◇ Sunday November 9th - *Remembrance Service - 10:00 - St Matthew's
- ◇ Sunday November 9th - Eucharist for Peace - 7:00 - St John's
- ◇ Sunday November 30th - Advent 1 - 10:30 - St. John's
- ◇ Sunday December 28th - Christmas 1 - 10:30 - St Matthew's

NEXT SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S WITH PRAYER MINISTRY

Sunday 16th November

Sunday 21st December



Please join Rev'd Michelle live on St John's Facebook page for Morning Prayer at 8.30am every morning Tuesday to Saturday,



or you can catch up later in the day on Facebook or via the link on the home page of our Website.

PRAYER PAGE

Do you have a favourite prayer,
or have you come across a special prayer recently
which you'd like to share?

This month's prayer was sent in by Freda.
She doesn't know who originally wrote the prayer, but says,
"Peace for me means peace between nations,
between people and in our own minds,
trusting totally that we are surrounded by love
and so safe in God's hands.
Peace for the whole world and everyone in it.
My dearest wish."

With our Eucharist for Peace at 7:00 on November 9th,
this prayer is very apt.

**Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle we pray in the hearts of all people
the true love of peace**

**and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry is offered monthly during the 11am Parish Communion Service.

An opportunity to bring concerns, people and situations before God in prayer alongside someone else.

Please come to the main door of the Lady Chapel after receiving communion if you would like to take part.

- ♦ Sunday 16th November
- ♦ Sunday 21st December

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Phil 4:6)



The family of Margaret Raine would like to thank everyone for the cards, kind words and messages during our sad bereavement and the support you gave our mum.

Thank you also for the kind donations given to Overgate Hospice.

Also, our mum was given a Promise Box which has now been placed in the prayer corner in the Lady Chapel in remembrance of her.

Daily Lectionary Readings Nov 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>03-Nov</u>	<u>04-Nov</u>	<u>05-Nov</u>	<u>06-Nov</u>	<u>07-Nov</u>	<u>08-Nov</u>
Psalms 2 Isaiah 1.1-20 Matthew 1.18-end	Psalms 5 Isaiah 1.21-end Matthew 2.1-15	Psalms 9 Isaiah 2.1-11 Matthew 2.16-end	Psalms 11 Isaiah 2.12-end Matthew 3	Psalms 16 Isaiah 3.1-15 Matthew 4.1-11	Psalms 18.31-end Isaiah 4.2 – 5.7 Matthew 4.12-22
<u>10-Nov</u>	<u>11-Nov</u>	<u>12-Nov</u>	<u>13-Nov</u>	<u>14-Nov</u>	<u>15-Nov</u>
Psalms 19 Isaiah 5.8-24 Matthew 4.23 – 5.12	Psalms 21 Isaiah 5.25-end Matthew 5.13-20	Psalms 23 Isaiah 6 Matthew 5.21-37	Psalms 26 Isaiah 7.1-17 Matthew 5.38-end	Psalms 28 Isaiah 8.1-15 Matthew 6.1-18	Psalms 33 (or) 20 Isaiah 8.16 – 9.7 Matthew 6.19-end
<u>17-Nov</u>	<u>18-Nov</u>	<u>19-Nov</u>	<u>20-Nov</u>	<u>21-Nov</u>	<u>22-Nov</u>
Psalms 46 Isaiah 9.8 – 10.4 Matthew 7.1-12	Psalms 48 Isaiah 10.5-19 Matthew 7.13-end	Psalms 56 Isaiah 10.20-32 Matthew 8.1-13	Psalms 61 Isaiah 10.33 – 11.9 Matthew 8.14-22	Psalms 63 Isaiah 11.10 – end of 12 Matthew 8.23-end	Psalms 78.1-39 Isaiah 13.1-13 Matthew 9.1-17
<u>24-Nov</u>	<u>25-Nov</u>	<u>26-Nov</u>	<u>27-Nov</u>	<u>28-Nov</u>	<u>29-Nov</u>
Psalms 80 2 Chron 17.1-12 Mark 15.1-15	Psalms 97 Isaiah 17 Matthew 9.35 – 10.15	Psalms 110 Isaiah 19 Matthew 10.16-33	Psalms 125 Isaiah 21.1-12 Matthew 10.34 – 11.1	Psalms 139 (or) 51 Isaiah 22.1-14 Matthew 11.2-19	Psalms 145 (or) 68 Isaiah 24 Matthew 11.20-end

Join Michelle on line Tuesday - Saturday: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnthedinerastrick>

Google search: 'Everyday Faith' or search 'Daily Prayer'

[Everyday Faith](#)

[Daily Prayer](#)

United benefice of St John the
Divine and St Matthews
Rastrick



All are welcome to:

- ◇ a service to remember our loved ones and God's love for us.
- ◇ light a candle, celebrate their lives with favourite hymns and
- ◇ after the service, share memories over a cup of tea or coffee.

Loved, not lost

Sundays 26th October
at St Matthew's
and 2nd November
at St John's.
Both at 4.00 pm

Further details please contact Rev'd Michelle Petch
(01484) 710538, vicar@rastrickbenefice.org.uk

**The United Benefice of Rastrick
St John the Divine and
The Anglican and Methodist Church of St Matthew**



Eucharist For Peace

Sunday 9th Nov. - 19:00

St. John the Divine, Rastrick, HD6 1HN

Monday Meet 2 pm – 4 pm

At the home of Shirley Stow,
50 Archbell Avenue HD6 3SU

An informal gathering with the opportunity
to unpack the bible readings from the previous day,
talk current issues, tackle everyday dilemmas,
drink coffee, and eat cake

Faith, fun and fellowship

For further information or to confirm location
call Shirley (01484-714209) or Alan (07756035591)

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE



Thank you to
Barbara Rukin
Cynthia Jagger
for donating monies
to the Flower Fund in October
It is much appreciated

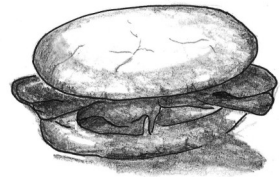


MU MATTERS

**Mothers' Union Matters,
Join us, join in.....we are changing lives.**

It was with great sadness we learnt that Margaret Raine passed away after a short stay in Overgate Hospice. She was a greatly loved, valued active member of the Mothers Union over many years. We were able to share the thanksgiving for her life with her lovely family as we said our Goodbye to a dear friend and colleague at her funeral on 17th October. We pray she may now rest in peace

We enjoyed the fellowship and hospitality offered at the home of Margaret France on Saturday 27th September which included hot roast beef sandwiches! Oriel and Margaret would like to thank everyone for supporting their fundraising for **Mara**. They raised the fantastic sum of £800 to help in the refurbishment of the kitchen at **the Safe House**. Melina the link officer in Mara, said she wanted to add her thanks and says it will make a big difference to the girls living there. Although this was not 'a Mothers Union event' as such, many of our members supported the project as it reflects our concern for girls and women at risk wherever they may be.



On the 15th October it was our Area Gathering at Northowram, led by Hillary Pollard, Area President. Here we had an opportunity to meet members of other branches in our area and learn more about their different activities, achievements and concerns. Our speaker spoke to us about the Shoe Box Appeal. How we can sponsor a box of goodies for children in the many deprived countries abroad and how they are sent with our love and prayers. We support this appeal at St Johns too.

On the 21st October Jenny Haigh came to our meeting and described what it is like to be a Prison Visitor. The meeting went well and what an interesting talk by Jenny. She is so committed and she said how much satisfaction she received from such a worthwhile cause. It brought a little light into the lives of people who often feel no hope for the future.

This is one of the many projects MU members are privileged to support in a variety of ways.

Looking forward to our next meeting on 18th November, when Carol Paget will be coming again and demonstrating how to make Christmas flower arrangements.

13th December is our coffee and cake morning in church. This will incorporate our Goodies stall of cakes, wrapping paper, gift tags and mince pies etc.



This stall will also be available at the Sunday service.

Next year is 150 years since Mary Sumner started the Mothers Union. We will be arranging our own celebrations yet to be discussed so watch this space!! However, there are national celebrations and these are as follows:-

The Provincial 150 years celebration service will take place on Saturday the 14th March 2026 at Manchester Cathedral at 2,30 pm. Evelyn, our Diocesan President, will have more details from the conference she is attending on the 27th/28th October. As soon as we have these, we will pass them on.

On the 10th June 2026 there will be a service at St Pauls Cathedral in London at 5pm. Tickets need to be booked for this. If you wish to go my understanding is please see Julia or Jennifer.

11th June 2026 10.30 to 4.30 is the Annual gathering at Emmanuel Centre (next to Mary Sumner House).

There are so many ways in which each member of our branch can feel included in its ideas and smooth running of whatever we do; for example, we have rotas for refreshments, reading or Intercessions at our services. Also, suggestions are welcomed for events and speakers at our various meetings. The Mothers' Union is represented both locally and worldwide. It is inclusive in welcoming everyone who cares about helping and supporting family life.

Please come and visit us and see what you could offer, and receive, from being a member of our local branch at St Johns.

Shirley

Missions and Charities



Hot Beef sandwich and raffle for Mara

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Tanzania



The new vicar at Nyakiswa, the Rev'd Boniface Awit with his wife and family.



To make you smile...



Hear no Evil. See no Evil. Speak no Evil.

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BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

We are grateful for all your contributions to the Brighouse Central Foodbank. In November we would particularly appreciate the following:

- Anti-perspirant - men's in particular
- Anti-bacterial kitchen/bathroom cleaner
- Cans of salmon, ham and chicken (for Christmas parcels)

Thank you so much for your support.

Rosemary & Norman



What the Vicar has been doing

Just a selection...



Hot beef sandwich
at Margaret France's
fundraiser for the
Safe House at Mara.



Thanksgiving for
75 years of Ministry
With Michael & Alan

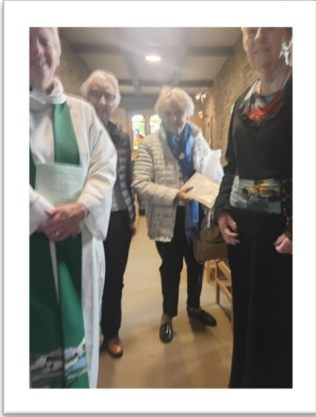


MC at St Matthew's
Harvest Supper



Harvest Assembly at
Carr Green School

Supporting Anne's first service as a Lay Minister



Led the service for the MU Branch Meeting



Coffee & Cake,
hosted by
the Rucksack Club



Enjoying good company at
the Panto Parish Lunch



Clergy study day at Braford Cathedral



ECO CHURCH

'A Climate of Truth: Why We Need It And How To Get It'. by Mike Berners-Lee.

I'm currently reading a newly-published book "A Climate of Truth" by Mike Berners-Lee. The author is a renowned academic working in the field of climate change. He is due to chair the National Emergency briefing at Westminster Hall on 27 November. The National Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis is aimed at the public and especially politicians and will see world-leading experts report on the latest evidence, clarify what is at stake, and outline actionable solutions. <https://www.nebriefing.org/event-details>

This book is not relaxing bedtime reading and one of the book's reviewers writes: "This book contains both optimistic and uncomfortable messages. Climate Change can be confronted. But for that to happen (we must) demand change in our dishonest public culture". Having clearly laid out the challenges facing us and our fragile planet Mike Berners-Lee puts great emphasis on being kind – making unselfish choices - and demanding much much more from our politicians, media and business leaders. What should we expect of them? That they tell the truth; that they show empathy for others; that they are honest; that they are not silenced or bribed by vested interests; that they are not blinded by self-interest. And we need kindness and selflessness along with truth because we are all in this crisis together, whether we like it or not. Berners-Lee has no religious perspective in this book, but it seems to me that kindness is at the very heart of Jesus's teachings and is exemplified by the life He lived. The parable of the Good Samaritan teaches that we must care about other people even if they're not just like us. This also means sticking to our truth and principles even when that is unpopular or uncomfortable and even when it means calling out our own tribe.

What can we do in the face of a global environmental crisis? The author says that "While none of us will single-handedly be able to change everything we can each be a meaningful part of the change and that is

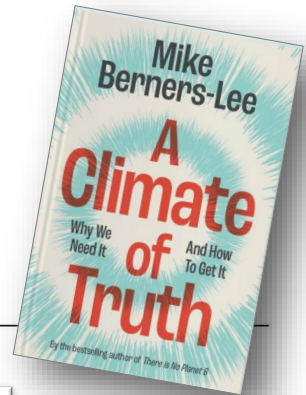
enough.” He suggests seeking and trying to fill a gap that is the right shape for you (that is a gap that fits your skills, resources, time, energy, finances and so on) and includes everyday things like the way you live your life, obtain your news, spend your money and talk to your friends and family.

This is a very accessible book, but contains lots of detail so this is only a very brief round up of some of the information and ideas it contains. I do urge you to read it. I’ll see if I can get Rastrick Library to order it to supplement their existing range of Climate Crisis books.

To finish, here are the words of Msangalatsi, a young woman living in Malawi where floods and droughts are making life ever more difficult. The quote comes from the UNICEF ‘Child Matters’ pamphlet. She sums things up very clearly.

“The people of power, they have to take action. They should know that climate change is bad and it’s ruining our environment and it’s ruining our whole world. I’m just a normal person but I can just try my best.”

RL



*Between Clifton &
Thornhills,
October 2025*



Music News

*My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready;
I will sing and give you praise. Psalm 108 v1.*

Last month we were privileged to have Nicholas Hicks playing for one of our morning services. Nicholas found us when he came to our 'Open Console' afternoon, came back to play the organ again, and subsequently joined us for the service on 12th October. He enjoyed playing for us, and the congregation were very appreciative of his playing. We won't see him very often as he's a sailor and away at sea for a good part of the year, and he does also have his own church where he regularly plays.

We have two beautiful and meaningful services coming up at the start of this month, for which the Music Group have the privilege of leading the music. The first is 'Loved, not Lost' at 4:00 pm on 2nd November, where we remember our loved ones and God's love for us. The following week we play again for the 7:00 pm Eucharist for Peace - SO needed in today's world!



...and regarding Remembrance Sunday, our own Jane is being very brave and playing tenor horn for us at the War Memorial by the library this year!

The Rastrick Voices will be starting to rehearse this month for our special Carol Service on 21st December.

Voices; here's the schedule if you need a reminder:



Nov. 16	Rehearsal - Jane
Nov. 23	Rehearsal - Jane
Nov. 30	Rehearsal - GK
Dec. 07	Rehearsal - Jane or GK
Dec. 14	Rehearsal - GK & JH
Dec. 21	A Yorkshire Christmas

Pam

Paddock Orchestra Autumn Concert 2025

Saturday 22nd November

St John the Divine

Rastrick

HD6 1HN

7:30

Entrance:

£10 on the door

(cash only)

Under 18s free

Farrenc: Overture No. 2 in Eb

Dvorak: American Suite

Sibelius: Karelia Suite

Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4

Conductor: Ben Kearsley Leader: Olwen Hobson

Artwork: Brigitte Werner - Pixabay



75 Years! Photos from the celebration.

Giving thanks for the Ministries of
Canon Michael Storey
and Alan Hoggard





Caption that!

Can you think of a suitable caption for this photo?

The winning caption will be printed with the photo in the next magazine.

Have a go!



Send your suggestions to: stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com with the heading, 'Caption'. Deadline: Wednesday 19th November.



The winning caption for last month's photo was suggested by

Melody

And was chosen by Anne W from all of your *(anonymous)* replies,

There were so many good entries, I'm printing them all this month!

"If the Bishop thinks that we are making the teas then she has another think coming."

See next page

St. John's Rucksack Club

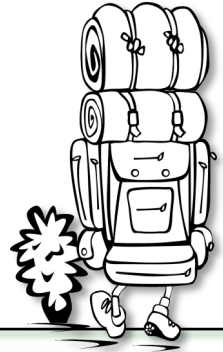
Full Day Walk - Saturday 15th November

Leader : Jennifer Guy

Contact: 07807946396

Leaves church: 10.00 am to travel to Harden.

Walk Description: The easy 5 mile circular walk takes in Goit Stock waterfall, Hewenden reservoir and Hewenden viaduct. The woodland area still shows signs of the textile industry with a Chimney where you would least expect it!



The last of the “Nonagenarian Birthdays” !!

Doreen Davis will be 90 years old on Friday 28th. November

**and she invites you all to join her
on Sunday 30th. November**

to celebrate with a glass of wine and cake!

The rest of October's suggested captions:

- Anne, please do not join the choir!
- “I may not have the last laugh, but I am aiming for the best”.
- You're on my foot!
- Achoo!
- So that's what the actress said to the bishop!
- Can we share the joke?
- “ I knew I could reach a higher note than the vicar” !!!
- “OOOO EEEE OOOO AAAA AAAA TING TANG WALLA WALLA BING BANG”.

Eco Church - Swap Stall

The next
Eco Church
Swap Stall

8th-9th November



COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch
will be on Tuesday 4th November, 12:00
Followed by the Reminiscent Cinema, 1:30



COFFEE & CAKE

The next Coffee & Cake in Church
will be on Saturday 8th November, 10.00-12:00.
Hosted by the Wednesday Nighters



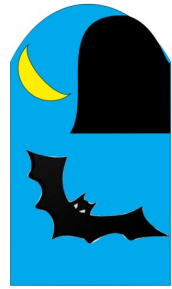
COFFEE & CONVERSATION

As the Platform Café is still out of action,
we're waiting for a date when we can resume the
last Friday in the month Coffee & Conversation.



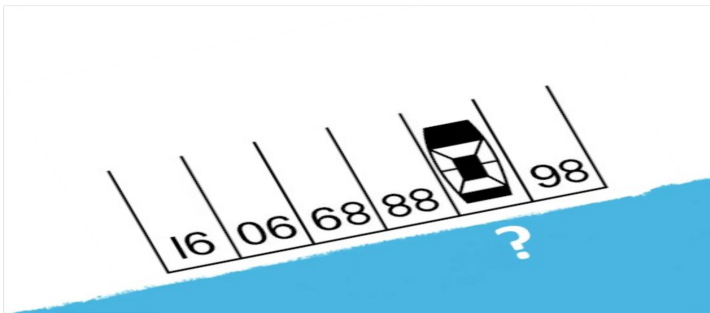
PUZZLE PAGE by the Bat in the Belfry

Well, the nights are drawing in and the heating is being switched on. Try these two one evening, when you have a minute.



25 - 21 Do it by Numbers

1) Which number belongs in the place where the car is parked?



2) Three friends share a £300 hotel room. They each pay £100, but the hotel manager realizes there was a discount and gives the bellboy £50 to return. The bellboy keeps £20 and gives £10 back to each person, meaning they each paid £270. But $3 \times £90 = £270$, plus the £20 the bellboy kept, makes £290. Where's the missing £10?

3) The circumference of the Earth is approximately 40,000 kilometres, and someone has just made a metal band that circles the Earth, touching the ground at all locations. You come along at night, as a practical joke, and add just 10 meters to its length. It is now one four-millionth longer, and sits magically just above the ground at all locations. How far has it risen ... could a flea, a rabbit or even a person squeeze underneath it?

25 – 22 Mine's a pint

Can you find the twenty four beers from the Beer Festival in the following wordsearch. The beers are given below.

ABSOLUTION, GAMBLER, FARMERS STOUT, HEARTLANDS
DARK, BIG BUILD BLONDE, STRIKE, DARKNESS, MIDNIGHT
BELL, THREE SWORDS, LEEDS BEST, KIRKSTALL PALE,
BLONDE WITCH, PICNIC, YPA, WITCHES CAULDRON,
MALLARD, JAMAICAN GINGER, CHILDCATCHER, TT DARK
MILD, LANDLORD, SNAKE EYES, BREAD AND BUTTER,

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Last month's answers

25 – 19 World Flags

- 1) Tuvalu 2) Ivory Coast 3) Bahamas 4) Chile
5) England (The banner of St Edmund, our patron saint before St George) This is the odd one out 6) Tunisia
7) Tanzania 8) Greece 9) Estonia 10) Luxembourg

25 – 20 What's my name?

- 1) Barbara Windsor 2) Lewis Carroll 3) David Tennant
4) Fred Astaire 5) James Herriot 6) Julie Andrews
7) George Eliot 8) Adam Faith 9) CS Forester
10) Freddie Mercury

A final thought



MORE NEXT MONTH

SHIRLEY...

Remember, remember the fifth of November.....

... as you will know, refers to – “Bonfire Night, a celebration commemorating the failure in 1605, when a group of Catholic conspirators attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament and kill Protestant King James I. The plot was discovered just hours before it was to be carried out, and the anniversary is now marked by communities with bonfires, fireworks, and family-friendly festivities.”



Here is a traditional English rhyme celebrating the failure of the Gunpowder Plot, and associated with Guy Fawkes Night in the UK.

*Remember, remember! The fifth of November,
The Gunpowder treason and plot;
I know of no reason why the Gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot!
Guy Fawkes and his companions did the scheme contrive,
To blow the King and Parliament all up alive.
Threescore barrels, laid below, to prove old England's overthrow.
But, by God's providence, him they catch,
with a dark lantern, lighting a match!
A stick and a stake for King James's sake!
If you won't give me one, two I'll take,
The better for me, and the worse for you.
A rope, a rope, to hang the Pope, A penn'orth of cheese him to choke,
A pint of beer to wash it down, and a jolly good fire to burn him brown.
Holloa, boys! holloa, boys! make the bells ring! Holloa, boys! holloa boys!
God save the King!!*

I thought when I read this, things are not so much different today when it comes to ‘plots to kill’. Sadly, the devastation, prevented in 1605, is still being experienced in the worn torn countries around the world and also on our doorstep. It seems civilisation never changes. But we cannot lose our enthusiasm for any celebrations of peaceful outcomes. This is what keeps us going. We have survived two world wars and many

skirmishes in the past. We have to look on the bright side. Enjoy Plot Night with our children letting them know there is more pleasure in creating happy things to do than leading negative lives.

I have recently decided to stop watching every news bulletin and drama which promotes unease and negative thinking. Now, I am watching documentaries on the outdoors, gardening, travel etc. and I am feeling more optimistic and uplifted. Seeing animals in their natural habitat plus the countryside and farming in general, makes me realise what God has provided. I am just enjoying looking about me as I walk locally. In October and November, we are surrounded by a beautiful kaleidoscope of autumn-coloured leaves. They suggest sunshine and warmth before the nights draw in and we enjoy cosy nights around the fireside. Let's make the most of this time to relax, before we discover again what December has in store!

Shirley

AND FINALLY....

*The Vicar found that the
new form of Absolution
was very popular
with the parishioners!*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - NOVEMBER

Sunday 2nd November

Rucksack Club Annual Dinner
Loved, not Lost 4:00



Monday 3rd November (and every Monday)

Monday Meet - 50 Archbell Ave 2:00

Tuesday 4th November

Community Lunch 12:00 / Reminiscent Cinema 1:30

Saturday 8th November

Coffee & Cake, hosted by the Wednesday Nighters 10:00 - 12:00
Eco Church Swap Stall

Sunday 9th November

Remembrance Service St M's 10:00 & afterwards at the War Memorial
Eucharist for Peace 7:00

Tuesday 18th November

MU - Christmas flower arrangements

Saturday 15th November

Rucksack Club Full Day Walk 10:00

Sunday 16th November

Prayer Ministry during the 11:00 service
Rastrick Voices Rehearsal after the service

Saturday 22nd November

Paddock Orchestra Concert 7:30

Sunday 23rd November

Rastrick Voices Rehearsal after the service

Sunday 30th November

Rastrick Voices Rehearsal after the service

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