

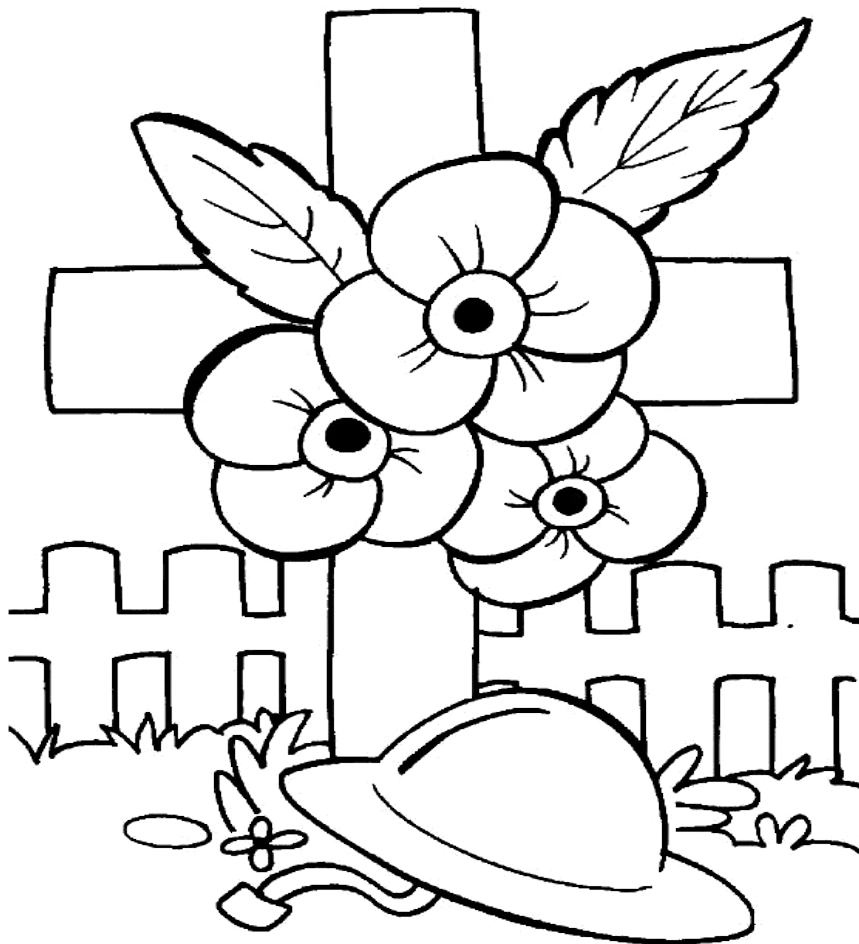


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Our vision is to know, love, live and
share Jesus, for a better world.

Letter from the New Manse

Dear Friends,

I wonder if you've been watching the new series of Strictly Come Dancing. I happened to see one of the early episodes and found it fascinating watching the contestants learning to dance. I was impressed with the hard work that both they and their professional dancing partners put into preparing for their performances.

If you've watched the programme, you'll know that some of the celebrities have some natural dancing ability whilst others find it much more difficult, and this becomes apparent when they take to the dance floor. In the episode that I saw it was obvious from their facial expressions that some of them were really struggling just to get their steps right, but it was also clear that the judges were looking for more than that.

I was reminded of my ballroom dancing lessons on Saturday mornings some 50 years ago. Before any music was heard we had to watch the teachers demonstrate the steps. The man showed us the steps he expected the boys to take, and then the woman demonstrated the girls' steps. Then they would show us how to do it together. It was only then that we all found a partner, took to the floor, waited for the music to begin and tried to copy what we'd been shown. I remember one of the teachers calling out: "one, two, three, one, two, three" to keep us in time for the waltz, and "slow, slow, quick, quick " for the foxtrot and quickstep..

Like the celebrities on Strictly Come Dancing, some of us found the steps easy to learn, and other seemed to have two left feet. Nevertheless, we all made some progress as our lessons continued and we even learned to turn corners! Those who made the most progress learned that it's not enough just to know the steps, but that you also need learn to dance with your partner.

This became obvious to me when I took to the floor with my Dad at a dinner dance. He expected me to follow his lead, and this was made

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easier for me because he was an accomplished ballroom dancer and knew how to guide me. How different it was when I took to the floor for the first time with Martin, whose only experience was an occasional disco!

Jesus often used analogies when teaching about life as a disciple; he talked about narrow doors, yokes and light burdens, a rich fool, and a woman who lost a coin. I think dancing could well be a good analogy too, because the Christian life isn't just about learning the right steps, important as that might be. It's also about learning to follow the one leading us, moving in God's timing and direction, not our own, and keeping our steps co-ordinated with his. It's something we need to learn and develop over time; progressing from feeling as though we have two left feet, to knowing the joy of being led by, and in step with, the best partner we could ever hope to have. May we all learn to dance with Him!

God bless,
Heather



Pulpit list

Heath URC, Free School Lane. 10.30am

November

3 Mr Jim Walker

10 Rev Heather Pollard

17 Rev John Jenkinson - Communion

24 Mr Martin Pollard – Fair Trade Stall

1 December – Rev Daphne Hull – Parade and Toy Service.

Activities in November

Sunday 10 November - 4.00pm-Messy Church

Thursday 14 November– 7.30pm Thursday Club – Talk about SCAMS

Tuesday 19 November - 10.30am - Community Coffee Morning

Weekly Events

Regular Activities at Heath

Sunday

4.00pm Messy Church (monthly Sept-June)

Monday

9.15am Toddler Club (Term time only)

5.30pm Beaver Scouts 6-8yrs

6.30pm Cub Scouts 8-10yrs

Tuesday

10.30am Community Coffee Club (3rd Tuesday in month)

Thursday

7.30pm Thursday Club - Social Group
(2nd Thursday in month Sept – June)

Friday

7.30pm Scouts 10-14yrs

7.30pm Explorer Scouts 14-18 yrs

Hello Folks, How are you doing?

Just a little reminder - It is that time of year again for having your **flu vaccine**.

The flu vaccine reduces the risk of catching flu, as well as spreading it to others.

It's more effective to get the vaccine before the start of the flu season (December to March). Your GP surgery and the NHS website have information on this and the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/> have an A-Z of conditions!

It tells of one condition you may find of interest is:

“**Tinnitus**, which is the name for hearing noises that are not caused by an outside source. It's not usually a sign of any serious conditions and generally improves over time.

There are treatments that can help.

Check if you have tinnitus

Tinnitus can sound like:

- ringing
- buzzing
- whooshing
- humming
- hissing
- throbbing
- music or singing

You may hear these sounds in 1 or both ears, or in your head. They may come and go, or you might hear them all the time.

Non-urgent advice: See a GP if:

- you have tinnitus regularly or constantly
- your tinnitus is getting worse

- your tinnitus is bothering you – for example, it's affecting your sleep or concentration

Ask for an urgent GP appointment if you have tinnitus:

- after a head injury
- with sudden hearing loss, weakness in the muscles of your face, or a spinning sensation (vertigo)
- that beats in time with your pulse

What happens at your appointment

Your GP will look in your ears to see if your tinnitus is caused by something they can treat, such as an ear infection or a build-up of earwax.

They might also check for any hearing loss.

You may be referred to a specialist for further tests and treatment.

Things you can try to ease tinnitus

Do

- try to relax – for example [deep breathing](#) may help
- try to find [ways to improve your sleep](#), such as sticking to a bedtime routine or cutting down on caffeine
- join a support group – talking to other people with tinnitus may help you cope

Don't

- do not have total silence – listening to soft music or sounds (called sound therapy) can distract you from the tinnitus
- do not focus on it, as this can make it worse – hobbies and activities can help take your mind off it

The [British Tinnitus Association](#) has more information on [sound therapy](#), and runs [support groups](#) and a free helpline on 0800 018 0527.

[Action on Hearing Loss](#) has a free helpline on 0808 808 0123.

Treatments for tinnitus

If the cause of your tinnitus is unknown or cannot be treated, your GP or specialist may refer you for a type of talking therapy.

This could be:

- tinnitus counselling – to help you learn about your tinnitus and find ways of coping with it
- [cognitive behavioural therapy \(CBT\)](#) – to change the way you think about your tinnitus and reduce anxiety
- tinnitus retraining therapy – using sound therapy to retrain your brain to tune out and be less aware of the tinnitus

Tinnitus retraining therapy may be available on the NHS for people with severe or persistent tinnitus. It's widely available privately.

Causes of tinnitus

It's not always clear what causes tinnitus, but it's often linked with:

- some form of [hearing loss](#)
- [Ménière's disease](#)
- conditions such as diabetes, thyroid disorders or multiple sclerosis
- anxiety or depression
- taking certain medication – tinnitus can be a side effect of some chemotherapy medicines, antibiotics, [non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs \(NSAIDs\)](#) and aspirin.”

And finally for now: 3 John 1:2 “So dear friends, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well”.

HEATH

With many blessings and please don't hesitate to call me: 07803295002. Please leave a message and I will get back to you. Thank you.

Dawn Weald, Parish Nurse, Heath Church.



Pulpit Supply

November 2019

Nov. 3rd Rev Heather Pollard

Nov. 10th Alison Dobson

Nov. 17th Rev Heather Pollard

Nov. 24th Mrs. Juliet Foster

November Diary

Mondays Art Group held on Monday afternoons 1.30 until 4.00pm - Anyone wanting to spend a relaxing afternoon is most welcome to join us - Norma Boys Brigade 6-30 p.m. Anchors, Juniors and Seniors (contact 832607)

Tuesdays Walking Group meet bottom of Court Lane 9-30 a.m. contact 357739 if you intend to go.

Wednesdays Friendship Hour 2-15 p.m. (2nd & 4th Wednesdays) 13th November 'In House', with Alan Jowett, 27th November will be Keith Tomlinson - 'Indian Pacific & Ghan - Australia Orient Express'.

Every Wednesday Ladies' Keep Fit 7-30 p.m.

Thursdays African Church Worship 5-30 p.m. to 7-30 p.m.

KUMON Educational Classes for Children Wednesdays 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 4 p.m.

Saturdays Maths Group 9-30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

THE GAME SHOW ERA

In his book '1984' George Orwell comments on the importance of nation wide games enabling people to let off steam and have their thoughts diverted by synthetic division.

Many other dystopian books play on the way what authority splits the "others" such that they fight each other rather than the authority.

In the majority of these dystopian scenarios, this always includes a cunning character acting as games master/mistress supremo. As we all know the game show leader always has the final word of judgement. Even if the decision is wrong.

The nation is now being gamed, after being split by authority with one of the key games masters being quoted as stating he is having lots of fun.

Are we here for the amusement of authority?

Going back to '1984', Orwell even got it right with the common distant enemy intent on over running the country even though its not true. The plot has been run before and will continue to run with future generations.

The next big split will be climate change/no climate change beliefs, its already alive and well in America with the most powerful of games master ever.

Mike Riley

Pulpit Supply
NOVEMBER

3rd...Mr. Peter Oates

10th...Mrs. Juliet Foster (Remembrance Sunday)

17th...Dawn Walker(Toy Service))

24th...Rev. Heather Pollard(Communion)

New Providence

Diary

NOVEMBER

Wednesday's – 1.00pm I'm Fine Depression Group

Friday's – 6.45pm Boy's Brigade / Girl's Association at the
Carlton Centre

Wednesday 13th – 7.30pm Elders Meeting

Sunday 17th – 12.45pm Church Meeting

Monday 25th - 7.30pm – New Provi Circle

Thanks to all who attended the group service at New Providence, the offertory raised £163 for the charity Next Step Trust.

TOY SERVICE

On Sunday November 17th we will hold our annual Toy Service. This might seem a little early to be giving Christmas Presents but the Salvation Army, to whom we give the toys, needs time to sort them into suitable gifts to be age and gender appropriate for each family.

We are again asked to bring a new toy (unwrapped.) These will be distributed to families who would otherwise get very little at Christmas.

As they get more toys for younger children and girls it would be good to get something suitable for an older child especially boys, but anything will be welcomed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 9th Christmas lunch at Windmill Court

15th Christmas lunch at Church



Good News from A Far Country

Basil Scott, a man with a rich history of service in Asia through BMMF (a former name for Interserve) shares a remarkable story of how God is using a book he wrote with a friend about reconciliation between China and Japan.

The Nanjing massacre, which began on 13 December 1937 was the most horrific atrocity in the Japan-China war from July 1937 till August 1945. It is estimated that the invading Japanese army killed 300,000 soldiers and civilians.

I was in China on 13 December 1937, as a little boy in Sichuan, west China, with my parents. In 1943 I passed through Nanjing by train as a 9-year-old prisoner of the Japanese, escorted by soldiers with my sister and a few other children on my way to a prison camp in Shanghai. There are now very few people alive who were in Nanjing in 1937 because so few survived the slaughter.

When I went to India in 1963 to study at Banaras Hindu University, I became friends with Minoru, a Japanese student. We discovered that in the war we were both in Shanghai, but on completely opposite sides. Now we were united by Christ. We miraculously met again 40 years later, and two of my daughters went to work in Japan. So, I was able to visit Minoru, and we then decided to write a book about the way God had reconciled us and his power to change enemies into friends. Our book was published in London in 2016 under the title "Two Pilgrims Meet". It was then translated into Chinese, and a university in Nanjing agreed to publish it in China with the title "In Search of Reconciliation between China and Japan."

The government censors said the book must be sent to

Beijing. They kept it for nine months and sent it back to the publishers without removing a word, despite its Christian content and our testimonies. In 2018 the Chinese edition of the book was published. I had thought this to be an impossibility, so it was breath-taking to see it happen on 9 December 2018 in Nanjing. Once again, the impossible became possible when God took over.

The book launch took place in the Nanjing Massacre Museum hall. To have this take place just before 13 December and in the Massacre Museum is all God's work, not ours. I was asked to introduce our book with the help of a Chinese interpreter. Our publisher— Nanjing Normal University — had decided that instead of launching this book on their own they would get better publicity through joining with the Museum.

After the book launch, we went to our publisher's university — the Nanjing Normal University — 'Normal' meaning 'norm setting' as in a teachers' training college. Here we discovered why this university was interested in our book. At the end of the 19th century, it had been founded as the first Women's College in Nanjing.

In December 1937 its American principal planted the American flag at the college gates barring all Japanese troops from entering. She saved 20,000 women and girls from rape and murder.

It is now nearly 75 years since the end of the Japan—China war. Although much has changed and the countries trade with each other and peace has been declared, memories of past atrocities have not disappeared. Japan and China have not yet become good friends, who forgive and trust each other. In our book, we tell not only our story but also the story of others, who have been released from bitterness by forgiving and being forgiven. Christ is the one

who makes this possible. It is a miracle, but we pray that God will do this miracle in the hearts of those who read our book and are still bitter about their enemies whether in China or Japan.

Basil went with BMMF to India in 1963. He spent time as a staff member of UESI (Union of evangelical Students of India) training Christian students for witness in Indian universities, setting up their Literature Department. Following this, he worked with BMMF international office team in New Delhi looking after 120 Partners in India. On return to England in 1983 Basil joined UK's MAB (Ministry Among Asians in Britain) team based first in Leicester and then in Derby.

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### ***Everyone Has a Story in Life***

A 24 year old boy seeing out from the train's window shouted...

"Dad, look the trees are going behind!"

Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24 year old's childish behaviour with pity, suddenly he again exclaimed...

"Dad, look the clouds are running with us!"

The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man...

"Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?" The old man smiled and said..."I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he just got his eyes today."

Every single person on the planet has a story. Don't judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you.

# The First Person

## On the Home Front World War II

My earliest memory is that of the bomb. Not the bang, I don't remember that, but of being thrown by my mother into our Anderson shelter and landing on top of my sister who my mother had thrown down the steps a split second before. My older sister was screaming and my mother was telling us to sing and I couldn't make out what the problem was, why was my sister crying? Why was my mother telling us to sing?

What I don't remember was that earlier in the day my mother had taken us into town shopping and on the way there we met the lady from next door but one with her little girl. The little girl was highly excited and showed us her new pair of bright red shoes and told us that when she got home she was going to put them on and dance and dance and dance.

Then came the afternoon, we were in the garden and my mother was taking the washing from the line when 'Tugboat Annie' sounded. 'Tugboat Annie' was the imminent warning that sounded just like a ship's hooter and followed the usual air raid siren, but that day there'd been no time for sirens to tell us something bad was on the way. Dad



ran next door to make sure that the old lady who lived there was safe just as a dive bomber started his attack. Mum picked my sister and me up and threw us into the Anderson just as the bomb went off.

My dad was really lucky, as he was going into next door the bomb exploded and the only injury he had was a bump on the head when his head smacked into the door, my mum said later that she didn't expect to see him alive again. The old lady was uninjured but only next door to them, the little girl along with her mother and seven other people died.

I often think of that little girl and she is always the first person that comes to mind on Remembrance Day. She'd have probably been a grandmother by now but I like to imagine her in her own little patch of heaven wearing those bright red shoes and dancing, dancing, dancing.

Roger Stapenhill

## **In Flanders Fields**

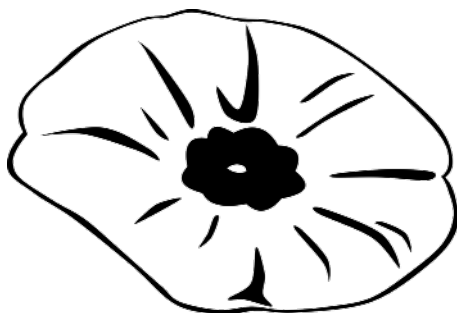
**In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**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.**

*John McCrae, May 1915*



# Who Was St Clement?

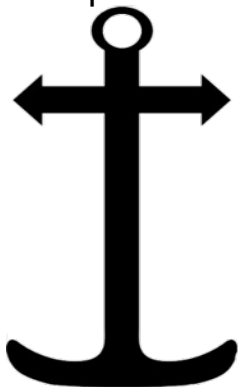
St. Clement, who is commemorated on November 23rd, was probably the third Bishop of Rome (AD91). Some have thought him to be the "fellow labourer" to whom St. Paul alludes in Philippians 4.3, but this is unlikely. The very first document belonging to Christian history, outside the pages of sacred scripture, was written by St. Clement. This was a letter written to the Corinthians and was so greatly valued by Christians that it was read in Church like other lessons from Scripture. For centuries the Church possessed only a mutilated copy of this epistle, but in the year 875, to the great joy of every one, a perfect copy was found at Constantinople. St. Clement's house in Rome seems to have been used by Christians for their reunions and it is likely that the apostles St. Peter and St. Paul hallowed it by their presence. In one part of the house a memorial was erected to the Bishop. Another part of the house was defiled about the second century by being used as a pagan temple for the worship of the god Mithras. Over this house and the adjoining building, about the fourth century, a Church was erected which was eventually destroyed and became the foundation of the present Church, one of the most famous in Rome because of its historic interest.

Among many traditions of St. Clement there is a fascinating one which a fresco, recently discovered in the fourth century Church illustrates. St. Clement was exiled to the Crimea and was condemned to work in the marble quarries there. He was subsequently martyred in AD98 by being thrown into the Black Sea with an anchor tied round his neck. His friends were grieved that they could not recover his body, so they begged God to tell them how it could be found. Their prayers were answered, for the sea retired and when

they followed the receding waters they found his body enshrined in a beautiful temple built by angelic hands.

For two centuries after, on the anniversary of his death, this was repeated and pilgrims visited the shrine. Once a lady left her child behind and discovered her mistake too late. The sorrowing mother gave up her child for lost, but on the following anniversary to her joy, she found her child alive on the steps of the temple. The fresco depicts the mother finding her child.

The anchor is now St. Clement's symbol. He is sometimes represented with a fountain near him, which is said to have sprung up when he and his fellow workers were dying of thirst in a desert place among the quarries where he was condemned to work. Felt makers and hatters have St. Clement as their patron saint because, so tradition says, St. Clement, forced to flee from his native city was worn out by constant tramping, his feet were badly cut and blistered and he sought a remedy by collecting bits of wool clinging to the bushes, and placing them in his sandals. After a day's journey he found that pressure and warmth had united the wool into a firm substance. When he reached Rome he perfected the process and manufactured felt.



The Anchored Cross also known as Mariners or St. Clement's Cross.

# St Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland

*by Ben Johnson*

The union flag of Great Britain is sometimes referred to as the Union Jack and is made up of three overlaid crosses. One of these crosses is the flag of the Patron Saint of Scotland, Saint Andrew, although he was not actually born in Scotland.

Andrew's home was Copernicum, and like his brother Simon Peter, he was a fisherman.

Andrew, along with Peter, James and John formed the inner circle of Jesus' 12 apostles. Andrew was however a disciple of St. John the Baptist prior to becoming a follower of Christ.

Not a great deal is known about his early life other than he is mentioned in the Bible as taking part in the 'Feeding of the Five Thousand'. It is not absolutely certain where he preached the Gospel, or where he is buried, but Patras in Achia claims to be the place where he was martyred and crucified on a cross.

Whilst it is not certain where Andrew actually preached – Scythia, Thrace and Asia Minor have all been mentioned – it appears he travelled great distances in order to spread the word, and it may be this which links him with Scotland.

Two versions of events claim this link.

One legend builds upon Andrew's extensive travels, claiming that he actually came to Scotland and built a church in Fife. This town is now called St Andrews, and the church

became a centre for evangelism, and pilgrims came from all over Britain to pray there.

Another ancient legend recalls how it was after the death of Andrew, sometime in the 4th century, that several of his relics were brought to Fife by Rule, a native of Patras.

Whichever legend is closer to the truth we are unlikely to ever unravel, however it is these links that explain why Andrew is now the Patron Saint of Scotland.

Churches were dedicated to him from early times throughout Italy and France as well as in Anglo Saxon England, where Hexham and Rochester were the earliest of 637 medieval dedications.

St. Andrew has also been remembered down through the ages for the way he met his terrible death in A.D. 60.

It is said that he believed himself unworthy to be crucified on a cross like that of Christ, and so he met his end on a 'saltire', or X-shaped cross (*St Andrew's cross*) which became his symbol. His cross, in white on a blue background, remains the proud symbol of Scotland today and forms a central component of the Flag of the Union of Great Britain.

The supposed anniversary of his martyrdom is 30 November, and it is this date that is honoured as his feast day each year.

Today, pilgrims of another sort make the journey from all over the world to the tiny city of St Andrews, internationally recognised as the traditional home of golf.

St. Andrews Day, Scotland, Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

# ***ALL SAINTS' DAY***

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, or Halloween, is a Christian celebration in honour of all the saints from Christian history. In Western Christianity, it is observed on November 1st by the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, the Lutheran Church, and other Protestant denominations. The Eastern Orthodox Church and associated Eastern Catholic churches observe All Saints Day on the first Sunday following Pentecost.

The Christian festival of All Saints Day comes from a conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth. In Catholic tradition, the holiday honours all those who have passed on to the Kingdom of Heaven. It is a national holiday in numerous historically Catholic countries. In Methodist tradition, All Saints Day relates to giving God earnest gratitude for the lives and deaths of his saints, remembering those who were well-known and not. Additionally, individuals throughout Christian history are celebrated, such as Peter the Apostle and Charles Wesley, as well as people who have personally guided one to faith in Jesus, such as one's relative or friend.

All Saints' Day:- Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

# ***ALL SOULS' DAY***

All Souls' Day was first instituted at the monastery in Cluny in 993 AD and quickly spread throughout the Christian world. People held festivals for the dead long before Christianity. It was Saint Odilo, the abbot of Cluny in France, who in the 10th century, proposed that the day after All Saints' Day be set aside to honour the departed, particularly those whose souls were still in purgatory.

It was historically customary for poor Christians to offer prayers for the dead in return for money or food (soul cakes) from their wealthier neighbours. During the 19th and 20th centuries children would go "souling" in a similar fashion to carol singing, in which they would ask for alms or soul cakes. There was also a superstition that All Souls' night was a time for the dead revisited their homes. Therefore some people would leave lit candles outside their homes to help to guide the deceased souls. Meals and wine were also left as refreshments.

*All Souls' Day:- Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019*



## ***Norma's Wordsearch***

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| November  | Frosts | Dark      | Fun    | Fireworks    |
| Bonfires  | Ice    | Nights    | Storms | Winter       |
| Gunpowder | Cold   | Fogs      | Punch  | Preparations |
| Plots     | Winds  | Christmas | Parkin |              |

When all the words have been found work out the  
message with the left over letters

## **Crossword Clues**

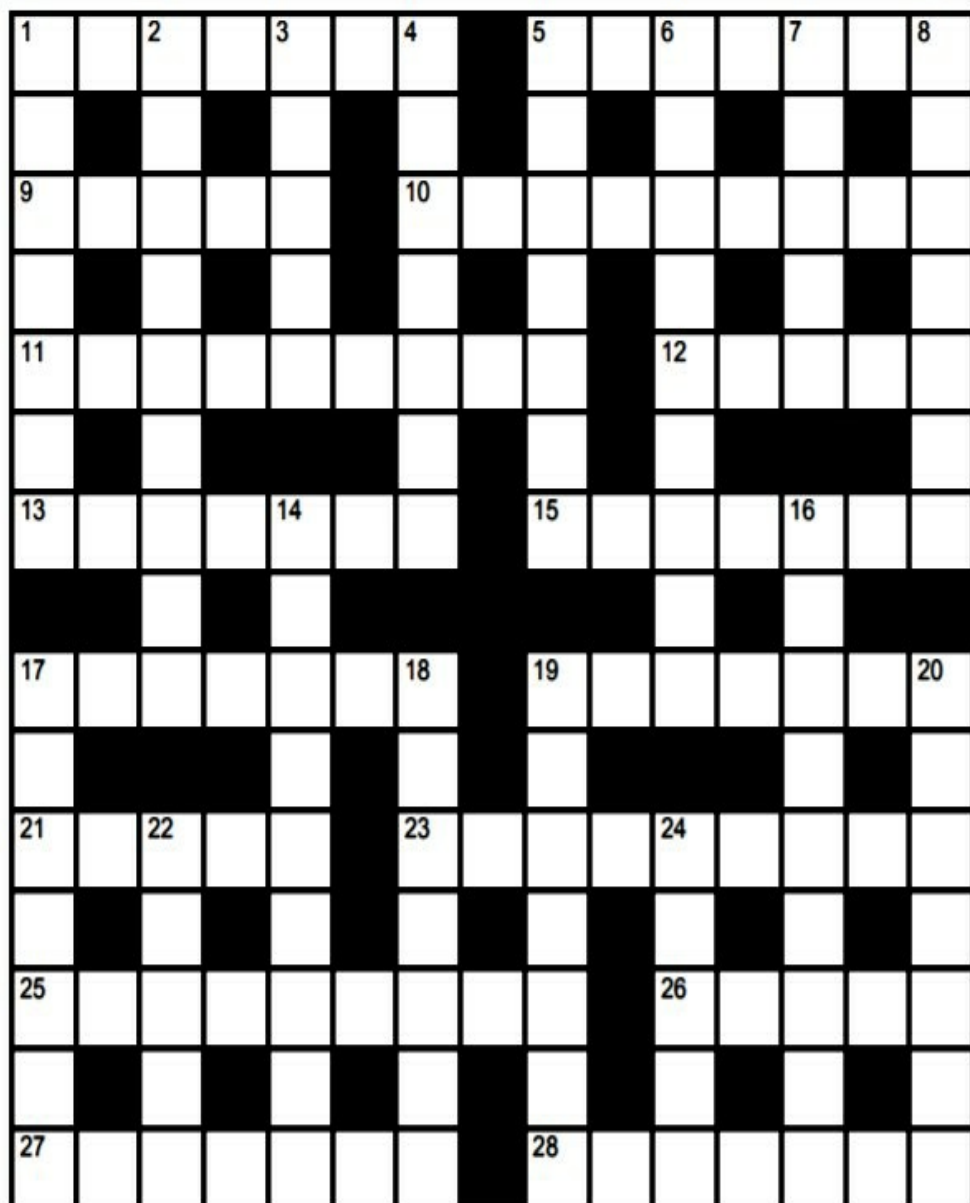
### **Across**

- 1 Purifies (7)
- 5 Tainted (7)
- 9 Forbidden objects of worship (5)
- 10 Abundant (9)
- 11 Wife of David (9)
- 12 Lift up (5)
- 13 Grapple (7)
- 15 Lack of rain (7)
- 17 Sennacherib's realm (7)
- 19 Domain (7)
- 21 Biblical clothing (5)
- 23 Supplant (9)
- 25 Announced (9)
- 26 Tamar's brother (5)
- 27 Person seeking redress for wrong (7)
- 28 Decorates (7)

### **Down**

- 1 Colourful arc seen after the flood (7)
- 2 Forehead ornaments (9)
- 3 Bird homes (5)
- 4 Greatest in status (7)
- 5 Servant (7)
- 6 Time of day (9)
- 7 Ruth's mother in law (5)
- 8 Lineage (7)
- 14 Separating wheat from chaff (9)
- 16 Legion's people (9)
- 17 King who was almost persuaded to be a Christian (7)
- 18 One more (7)
- 19 Pummelled bread (7)
- 20 Grass clippings (7)
- 22 Holy book (5)
- 24 Barter (5)

# CROSSWORD



Find the fifteen differences between the two pictures



Find the differences!



## **Guy Fawkes**

Guy Fawkes was born in April 1570 in York, England. His parents were Protestants but during his childhood Guy converted to Catholicism. When he was 21 he left England to join the Catholic Spanish army, where he fought in the Eighty Years War. During his time in the Army he adopted the Italian version of his name and became known as 'Guido'.

In 1594 he joined a group of fellow English Catholics, led by Robert Catesby, in a plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament in order to kill King James I and his Government. Fawkes was responsible for lighting the fuse to the barrels of gunpowder, which they hid under the Houses of Parliament.

The plot was unsuccessful and Guy was caught and punished, along with the other conspirators. Guy Fawkes is remembered today because of the failed plot.

Since the Gunpowder Plot, whenever the King or Queen visits Parliament, there is a tradition that the royal bodyguards, called the Yeoman of the Guard, search beneath the Houses of Parliament for any potential plotters hiding explosives.

Guy Fawkes died 31 January 1606 in Westminster, London.

## GROUP CALENDAR

| <u>Date</u>                 | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u>   | <u>What's on</u>      |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b><u>November</u></b>      |             |                |                       |
| <b>Sun. 10<sup>th</sup></b> | 4.00pm      | Heath          | Messy Church          |
| <b>Wed. 13<sup>th</sup></b> | 2.15pm      | New Hope       | Friendship Hour       |
| <b>Wed. 13<sup>th</sup></b> | 7.30pm      | New Providence | Elders Meeting        |
| <b>Thu. 14<sup>th</sup></b> | 7.30pm      | Heath          | Thursday Club         |
| <b>Sun. 17<sup>th</sup></b> | 12.45pm     | New Providence | Church Meeting        |
| <b>Tue. 19<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.30am     | Heath          | community coffee morn |
| <b>Mon. 25<sup>th</sup></b> | 7.30pm      | New Providence | New Provi Circle      |
| <b>Wed. 27<sup>th</sup></b> | 2.15pm      | New Hope       | Friendship Hour       |

### Crossword Answers

**Across:** 1 Refines, 5 Stained, 9 Idols, 10 Plenteous, 11 Bathsheba, 12 Raise, 13 Wrestle, 15 Drought, 17 Assyria, 19 Kingdom, 21 Robes, 23 Overthrow, 25 Published, 26 Amnon, 27 Avenger, 28 Dresses.

**Down:** 1 Rainbow, 2 Frontlets, 3 Nests, 4 Supreme, 5 Steward, 6 Afternoon, 7 Naomi, 8 Descent, 14 Threshing, 16 Gadarenes, 17 Agrippa, 18 Another, 19 Kneaded, 20 Mowings, 22 Bible, 24 Trade.

### Norma's Wordsearch Answer,

My message with the left over letters is:-

The season of goodwill will be here soon so prepare

## **PREACHER PLAN**

### **HEATH URC, MANOR DRIVE, 10.30 AM**

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Jim Walker  
Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Rev Heather Pollard  
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Rev John Jenkinson  
Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Mr. Martin Pollard

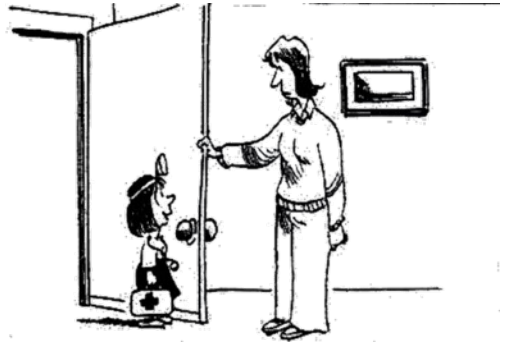
### **NEW HOPE URC, WARLEY ROAD 10.30 AM**

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Rev Heather Pollard  
Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Alison Dobson  
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Rev Heather Pollard  
Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Juliet Foster

### **NEW PROVIDENCE URC, KEIGHLEY ROAD 11.00 AM**

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Peter Oates  
Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Juliet Foster  
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Dawn Walker  
Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Rev Heather Pollard





“The insurance won’t cover it. They said you broke that same leg when you were five, so it’s a pre-existing condition.”

“Billy and I are playing Doctor. So far I’ve kept him waiting three hours.”

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