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# ALL SAINTS *MALDON* PARISH NEWS

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# Church info

## NOVEMBER

### Sunday 6th

10.00am      Worship for All - Adrienne & Jordan at  
All Saints School

### Sunday 27th

4.00pm      From Darkness to Light - Adrienne Knight  
& A Marjoram

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## DECEMBER

### Sunday 11th

3.00pm      Christingle - Rev Jordan Palmer

### Saturday 17th

3.30pm      Nine Lessons and Carols - Rev Noelle  
Taylor

### Saturday 24th Christmas Eve

3.00pm      Crib Service - WfA Team  
5.00pm      Service of Light - WfA Team  
11.00pm      Midnight Mass - Fr John Dickens

### Sunday 25th Christmas Day

8.00 am      NO SERVICE  
10.00am      Holy Communion Rev Noelle Taylor

**contributions sent to the editor will be most welcome.**

# THE PARISH LETTER

How fortunate—or should I say, blest—we are to have such good contributors to our church magazine, Four of them, Adrienne, Ken Downham, Fr John and Graham have set me thinking about change. The more I have thought about it the more confusing it becomes. Clearly it is inevitable and it affects us all in so many different ways. Some changes are good, some are bad and others we are not quite sure about. The world around us is changing all the time and there are also changes at a very personal level, involving ourselves, our families and friends.

What of course is so important in all this is how we react to changing circumstances. Fr John reflected not only on the changes in his life, but also on our situation at All Saints. It made me think about our responsibilities, not only about our involvement now, but also in the way we may respond to our next priest in charge. I felt very sorry for Asa when he came. It was always so hard to follow such an extremely good and popular priest like Stephen. It reminded me of someone following a much loved Rector in the parish where I was once a church warden. He found many people very set in their old ways and used to refer to his predecessor as Saint David! Our new priest will come with new ideas and new ways of doing things and we shall all have to think most carefully about the way in which we react to him or her.

In her letter, Adrienne referred to “fear of change”. Sometimes that fear is justified. I thought about the terrible changes suffered by people in Ukraine, Somalia and Pakistan wrought about by war, famine and floods. There are also changes in this country that are coming about by inflation, rising energy costs and the possible reduction in the value of universal credit. All of which are leading to genuine poverty. Often homemade fear of change is unnecessary. We can get caught up in that sad way of thinking expressed in the hymn “*Abide With Me*” - “*Change and decay in all around I see ..*” We certainly used to see if it is just prejudice that governs our attitudes.

Ken Downham’s article had a very powerful underlying message, that, through all the changing scenes of life, the most important factor is that our relationships with others. It is a sad fact that we often hear people say after someone close to them has died. “*I wish I had seen them more often and enjoyed the good times that I know we would have had together.*” Perhaps when we think about the changes that occur in our relationships, it should help us to see just why there is such an emphasis on love in Jesus’ teaching and in the letters in the New Testament such as those written by Paul and John. We should also remember that they call us to love those who don’t love us. As someone once said, we are called as Christians to love everyone but that does not mean we have to like them all!

There is no doubt that when changes come they can leave us feeling confused or even afraid. Adrienne showed us how we might cope, by turning to Scripture. But how do we make use of the invaluable lessons there are there? Graham, I think, gave us the answer when he wrote of his spiritual and emotional pain. He wrote “*But you have to follow God’s leading and along with self acceptance comes the call to new life*” He then quoted Philippians 3v13 for us to think about clearly as Christians, when facing any difficulties relating to change. We are called on to search for God’s guidance through prayer and the Scriptures. Then most important of all to follow God’s teaching wherever that might take us.

Paul

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*We were very sorry to learn of the death of Jackie Barnes this week. Paul and Jackie had recently been involved in a car accident and Jackie was taken to Addenbrookes Hospital where she later died. Our prayers and thoughts are with Paul and the family at this time.*

# Church Warden's Chat

I have been asked on a number of occasions, if I have any news as to when we may expect to get a new incumbent. I am afraid the answer is no, but I am sure the Diocese have not forgotten us, and in the fullness of time things will happen

In the meantime, I think we are doing rather well, and have a lot to be thankful for. We are certainly getting a lot more variety in our worship than would otherwise be the case if we had our own Vicar every week!

On the first Sunday of each month the worship for all team are doing a great job

providing a variety of family friendly services, and on the other Sundays, Noelle, Father John, Adrienne and Alan are all leading us very ably, each in their own style



In addition to this, we are from time to time enjoying having visiting Clergy, who bring their own styles of worship. In October we had the Bishop of Bradwell, and in November, on Remembrance Sunday, we look forward to welcoming Revd Katy Hacker-Hughes, who I am sure some of you will remember from the time she was our Curate about 20 or so years ago

It has been good to have another former Curate, Revd Jo Jones, on a couple of occasions, and on the second of which she shared the service with Jordan, who preached so well on a difficult subject from the Gospels. In December we will welcome Ken Dunstan again.

When we went to a service at Bradwell St Peter back in the summer, the Preacher was the Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral, Revd Nicholas Henshaw, and when chatting to him after the service he said he would be happy to come and take a service for us, so I am trying to arrange for this for some time in the new year

On the occasion of Jordan's ordination at the Cathedral, one of those being ordained with him was Alice Smith, wife of Andy Smith. You may remember Alice and Andy who worshipped with us prior to Andy being ordained. He is now Vicar at Hutton, and said he would like to come like to come back to Maldon and do a service for us, so hopefully this will happen in the New Year too

So, all in all, with regard to our services of worship, I think we have a lot to be



thankful for, and of course as time goes on, Jordan will be able to play an increasing role, which I am sure will be great

I write these ramblings a few days after Noelle took her first 9.30 Communion for us, and I am sure Most of you will agree with me that she was brilliant. Also, I am just finishing the Ginger Marmalade she made and sold to us at the Summer Fayre, and we have one of her lovely pottery dishes sitting on our mantle-piece, so, all in all, I think she is a star. Thank you Noelle

So, although we have no news yet of a new incumbent, I think you will agree with me that we have much to be thankful for. Attendances have been creeping up of late, and I pray this trend will continue

Colin Brown

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27th**

at 4.00pm -

**Service from darkness to light**

with **Adrienne Knight and Alan Marjoram**



# By the help of God, I will!

## A reflection on my Ordination

Soon after moving in to the Vicarage, we bought an outdoor swing for the children to play with, after a few days of being nagged I eventually grabbed a ladder found a large tree and began to ascend. From ground level it didn't look to high at all, but having to continue to climb higher than the ladder would go, on reaching my destination I looked over and my perspective completely changed! Since my son was watching his hero (*Dad*) I couldn't back down now, so I took a deep breath, found a strong looking branch and lent against it as I began to secure the swing.

### I had done it!

Then hoisting myself up so I could begin my descent, SNAP the branch that had so reliably held me all that time completely broke and I fell. I was certain I would crash to the ground but somehow in the chaos my hands managed to grab hold of a different branch which saved me from worse injury than a bloodied arm (which to my son looked rather awesome).

In many ways the lead up to my ordination had similarities, a call which began many years ago and would take some nagging from God until I began scaling the overwhelming process to this unique vocation. At times I have stopped and looked over the side questioning if I can do this, but with the support of many who have cheered me along the way I got to the Ordination Day.

The retreat a few days prior to the Ordination began with doubts around whether the ordination would even go ahead in light of the Queen's death. It was a really valuable time though; the 48 hours of silence hugely facilitated a right mentality and this alongside the led reflections helped me consider what it meant to be called afresh to follow Christ. As the big day drew closer, I felt a real weightiness on me which Bishop

Lusa very helpfully pointed out to me, was an interesting choice of word to describe my feelings because *Kavod* is the word which is commonly used in the Old Testament to describe what is the weight of God's glory. It certainly reminded me that this was always a call on my life, yet one which I must continually say yes to.

It was special to walk with my fellow Ordinands up to the Cathedral and doing so with Rev Julie by my side, and then to be greeted in the Cathedral by family and friends. During the service I felt a huge privilege as I stood up and was presented before all those present and watching afar to serve in the parishes of Heybridge St Andrews w St George's, Langford St Giles and Maldon All Saints w St Peter's. The sermon given by Bishop Lusa I pray will have a lasting effect on my ministry as I remember his word of caution that for us who are entering ministry in a time when the 'Church is gripped by existential anxiety' that the message we are entrusted with 'is not come to church because without YOU we will die, but come to church and YOU will live'.

At the declarations I was reminded again how weighty this call is, as the



Bishop asked us questions around what the call of a deacon involves. it is *'to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.'* This as well as the many other promises which a deacon is meant to devote themselves to is beyond overbearing!

Yet what I clung on to most in the service, was that the required response is not yes, I will, but is **'with the help of**

**God I will'**.

It can be so easy to lean on things which we think are strong and will bear the weight of our lives, especially as I look at the challenges facing the Church today at the start of my own ministry, there is a real temptation to believe the answer is in a model or hard work or some attribute which I possess. This service coupled with falling out of a tree reminded me, there is no branch that we can truly trust and lean upon, only Jesus, and only through Him can we say—***I will !***

**NB: COPY DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER MAGAZINE  
20th NOVEMBER**

# 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 the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught 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.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.



# In Flanders Fields

BY JOHN MCCRAE



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.

## A prayer of remembering and looking forward

Loving Father,

Here we are in November, the month of short days and mist and remembering. And this year we have so much to remember. The year our Servant Queen left us and came to be with you, the King of Kings she had served so faithfully. Remembering celebration and sadness Lord, as we thank you for Queen Elizabeth, but looking forward too as we prepare for Advent.

As we work towards Christmas, yes, we remember your coming as a baby in Jesus, but even more reassuring in these difficult times we can hold on to your promise that You will come back again as our glorious King, when there will be no more death or mourning, crying or pain – when You will make all things new, when all shall be well!

Come Lord Jesus! Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching  
Taken from the Parish Pump website*

LAST MONTH

## SPECIAL SERVICE FOR HARVEST & *HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE*

**It was one of the largest congregations I've seen at All Saints since the dreaded Covid virus struck us down in 2020.**

*Worship for All* saw a congregation of at least 100 sing out and listen to Betty and Vicky as they took the "**Special Service for Harvest**" last month.



It was particularly encouraging to see so many Scouts on parade. There must have been about 40 (don't take my word for it, I don't know the actual number) but either way there were a lot.

Even more encouraging—some of the Scouts took part in the service, reading passages and saying one or two prayers. By the end of the

service the "Food Bank" at the back of the church was greatly increased—the congregation (largely the kids I think) had brought a huge supply of tins and fruit and various other boxes of food, which will be passed on eventually to the Elim Church down the road, who help manage "Churches Together in Maldon" food aid programme. And food aid will be needed this year!

And, later that afternoon (or early evening) "**Harvest Songs of Praise**" saw a congregation of over 30. The service was taken jointly by Fr John and Adrienne and the choir—well they excelled themselves—they sang an anthem (which I don't know the name of) so well.

I am very grateful to Marie Keeble and her son Carl, who brought his tractor to church—so that I could take this photo and put another on the front cover, which, by the way, was taken by Alan's ten year old nephew Milo—well done.

# BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK

Baby Loss Awareness Week to remember all babies lost either before or after delivery.

The church was lit with pink and blue lights at night in honour of Baby Loss Awareness Week.



## MEMORY WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY A MESSAGE FROM DAVID PRESSWELL

Thank you for the great support received from the congregation at All Saints for our fund raising charity walk for the Alzheimer's Society on Sunday 9th October.. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of so many people who contributed in excess of £250, with the help of gift aid.

Janet who is diagnosed with Alzheimer's and her recently widowed cousin, Sylvia, whose husband died in February from complications brought on by the condition, were supported by 18 members of the family who did the 7 kilometre Memory walk at Hylands Park in Chelmsford with perfect weather all the way. Walking as a team called 'Thanks For The Memories', we have already together received donations totalling more than £2000, which the Alzheimer's Society will use to give help to people living with Alzheimer's and also help with research into a cure.

There are currently around 900,000 people with dementia in the UK, and this number is expected to rise sharply in the coming years.

With thanks, David Presswell

### ***About Alzheimer's Society***

*Alzheimer's Society is transforming the landscape of dementia forever. Until the day we find a cure, we will create a society where those affected by dementia are supported and accepted, able to live in their community without fear or prejudice.*

# CHURCHES TOGETHER

Maldon



**Some notable acting going on here**



**Joseph and Mary share a joke during rehearsals of one of several nativity scenes**



For me, it all started with this—a nativity enactment for a video to send to school's in the Maldon area before Christmas (2020). Covid was on its way, restrictions were in progress and the Churches Together school visitation teams were banned from visiting! What to do? Eventually the video idea was suggested. The visitation team changed their roles from “teachers” to “actors” (*in the broadest sense of the term*) and we were still allowed to gather together so ...

It was now the beginning of December 2020 and All Saint's was the venue, so off it went. We had several camera's, tripods and sound recording stuff. The actors had learned their parts (*ha*) - more importantly they had some fairly convincing outfits to wear—if not so convincing prop's. The “take” (*for the sake of a better description*) went well. The narrator's did their stuff, the acting was good to excellent, even if they did read their parts from the books.

All that now remained was for the film to be downloaded onto computers and processed through the various software—how did we get on, find out next month, I've run out of space !!

Mike

We had a perfect autumn day for our walk on Saturday and it was a treat to be out in the countryside. Five of us met at the village hall car park in Wickham Bishops and set off along The Street past the old Chequers pub and then turned into Great Totham road and left again past the playing fields to reach Goat Lodge Road. From here we made our way through Great Totham village to reach Great Totham Church. We had our coffee break basking in the sunshine in the churchyard. From there we followed a footpath south of the church across fields towards a wood and looped round eventually passing Forester's golf club and headed uphill back towards Wickham Bishops. We admired the wonderful view over the Blackwater Estuary from the top as we passed Scripps Farm.

Our next walk will be on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Neil. Neil is planning a walk around Messing. For more information please ring 01621 852846. An email will be sent round to regular walkers nearer the time.

*Sue Smith (01621 854056)*



"We're looking for something to help us survive our church's early morning Winter services"

## Christmas & New Year Greetings

Once more we are offering you the opportunity to place your Greetings in the December issue of the magazine. As in previous years, greetings can be 'boxed' or a simple 'line' format.

The donation to All Saints' for these greetings has not increased over the years. Again we are asking for a **minimum** donation of £10 for the box and £5 for the line format, which can be Gift Aided. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please let me have your message (and donation) by Sunday 20th Nov.

*Ed.*



# Paul J King

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Start 8.00pm

Members £3.00, Non members £4

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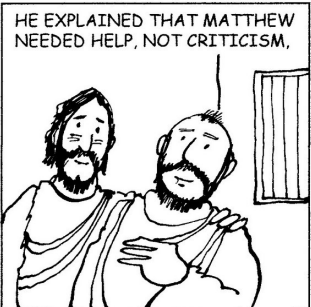
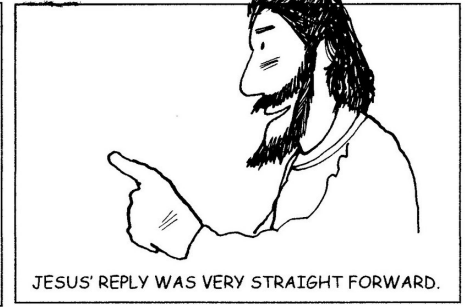
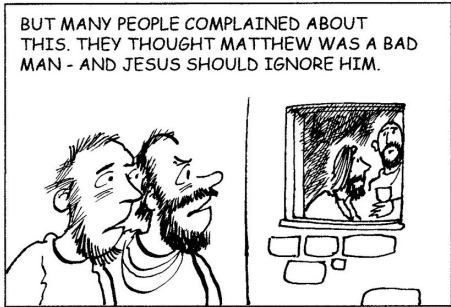
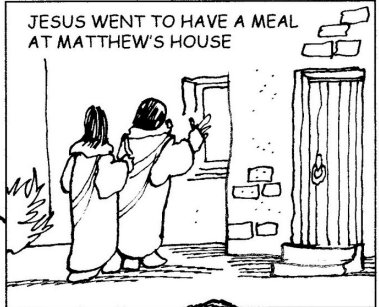
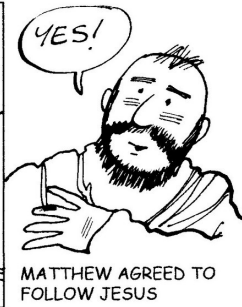
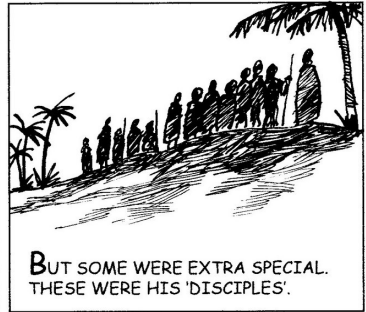
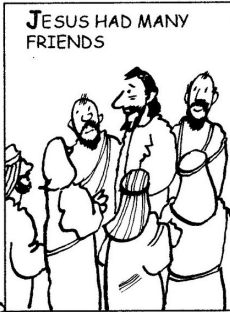
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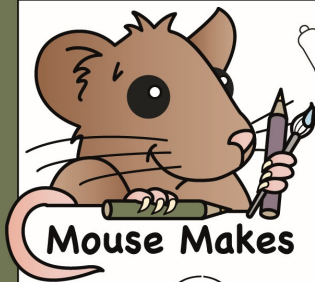
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# The Doctor and the Patient





Can you colour in the words above.  
Then you could hang it in your home for everyone to see.



**READ**  
the story  
in *Luke*  
1:26-55



**What does the angel  
say about God?**  
Luke 1:37  
(LEARN this verse)

*Mary praises God, what does  
she say God has done?*  
Luke 1:46-55



Find the words  
in the word  
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words too.

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**THE COMING OF A KING**  
The birth of Jesus is fortold



God sent a messenger to Mary  
What was the angel's name?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:26-28

**Mary was frightened,  
what did the angel say?**  
Luke 1:30



*What was Mary to  
name her child?*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:31

**What is her son  
going to be?**  
Luke 1:32-33



*What happened  
to Elizabeth  
when Mary  
went to  
visit her?*  
Luke 1:41



# Thinking of GUY FAWKES

***"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Saviour" 1 Timothy 2:1-3***

Guy Fawkes Night used to be much more popular than it is now, and many homes had bonfire parties and made 'Guys'. Until the 19th century the law even said that you had to go to church on that day for a special service, and no doubt the day ended with bonfires and celebration.

The Observance of 5th November Act 1605 was also known as the Thanksgiving Act, as it was a response to the deliverance from the Gunpowder Plot. It required church ministers to hold a special service of thanksgiving annually on 5<sup>th</sup> November, during which the act was to be read out loud in church. The act re-

quired that all "Ministers in every Cathedral and Parish Church... shall always upon the fifth Day of November have a service which all persons had to "diligently and faithfully" attend.

The introduction to the act described the "inhuman, barbarous and cruel" terrorist plot to murder the king and his government, which was prevented by the miraculous discovery just in time. The legislation said the country should always be thankful and have a "joyful day of deliverance".

The law was repealed on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1859 by the Anniversary Days Observance Act, when other special commemorative days dating from the Seventeenth Century were also being abolished. People probably wanted to move away from some of these commemorations which were anti-Roman Catholic.

Thankfully we live in a more tolerant era, but sadly, are we less grateful for our blessings? How often do we have thanksgiving services in church? Now, more than ever, we need to pray for our nation and show our gratitude for the many blessings God has given us and our nation.

*Editor: By David Pickup, a solicitor*

*Parish Pump Nov 22*



We so enjoyed the fireworks display,  
can we do it again at New Year?

*Continuing our correspondence between Eustace, rector of St James the Least, and his nephew....*

*Taken from the Parish Pump website.*

## **The Rectory St James the Least**

# On the challenge of hitting 11 o'clock precisely

My dear Nephew Darren

It is a great shame that your church doesn't have chandeliers – although in your low-ceilinged converted cinema, any chandelier more than a few feet tall would also be embedded in your floor carpeting. But I find that there is nothing like watching the standard bearers on Remembrance Sunday parading up the aisle with their flags and getting them caught up in our brass candelabra.

One year, the procession ground to a halt while a bearer fought to retrieve his flag, and was obliged to leave it flying in the centre of the church while he presented me with an empty pole. I always feel obliged to tell parishioners that, since all the candelabra will inevitably be sent spinning, not to stare at them, or they may leave the church hypnotised. On the other hand, Miss Simpson generally leaves the church looking like that.

Major Hastings always arrives bejewelled with so many medals that every time he kneels for prayer, it sounds as if he is taking the collection.



Their weight increases his stoop by at least ten degrees, to the point where some feel we should support him with a personal flying buttress.

Since the trumpeter playing the Last Post can be of varying quality, your idea of broadcasting it from London into your church is inspired. However, your worries about whether your radio will be good enough need not trouble you. If you tell your congregation that they are about to hear the broadcast silence and you then simply not switch the thing on, no one will be able to tell the slightest difference whether the silence is being broadcast or not. In fact, they will even congratulate you on hitting 11am at exactly the right moment.

I always use subterfuge; I have the church clock disconnected and then when we reach the time for silence, irrespective of the true time, I get a churchwarden to toll the bell eleven





times. This way, I have apparently come to the exact moment without a hitch for the last 30 years.

You will also find that preaching about warfare and of man's inhumanity to man

will give you greater insights into the working of your church council. The only difference is that on committees – sadly – the use of machine guns is rather frowned on.

# BOOK REVIEWS

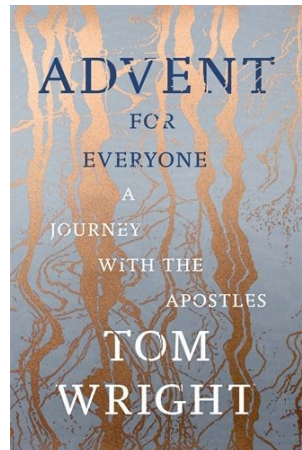
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## **Advent for Everyone – a journey with the apostles**

**By Tom Wright, SPCK, £9.99**

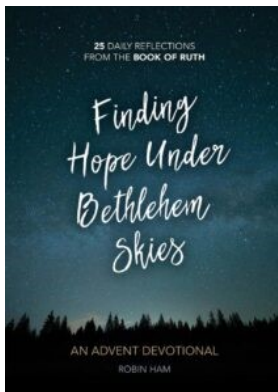
Join Tom Wright on a journey with the Apostles Peter, Paul and John, exploring the New Testament themes of thankfulness, patience, humility and joy.

Within each of these themes, Wright offers a week of daily readings and meditations. These sparkling reflections take you on a journey of spiritual enlightenment, guiding you towards the wonder and joy of Christmas.



## **Finding Hope Under Bethlehem Skies – 25 daily reflections from Ruth**

**By Robin Ham,  
10Publishing, £3.99**



Tucked away in the Bible, hundreds of years before Mary, Joseph and the birth of Jesus, is the story of a girl called Ruth. It's a story of sadness and tears, even of death, but also a story of where hope can be found in the darkest places. A story that points us forward to the promise of a king. Each daily reflection has a short devotion, a suggested prayer and links to a response song.

# The Good Service

On 11<sup>th</sup> of September the celebrant for our Sunday service was Father John who also gave the sermon. This was the first Sunday after the death of our much loved and respected Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Father John paid his personal respects for the life of Queen Elizabeth and then told us about one of his early memories of receiving a commemorative mug for the coronation in 1953 when he was just three years old and lived in Northamptonshire. John commented on the fact that like many more people our Queen was the only monarch he had ever known as he was too young to have memories of the Queen's father, King George Sixth, who was monarch from 1936 to 1952. Our service that day was about the Queen and how she had kept The Faith all her life and had also been a loyal servant to her people as she had promised to be at her coronation, never wavering in that duty for over seventy years. Two of the hymns that we sang at the service were two of the Queen's favourites, and they can be found in Hymns Ancient and Modern numbers 194 and 426.

The Queen was Universally respected, for example Germany paid a tribute by floodlighting the Brandenburg Gate which depicted a Union flag. President Macron of France paid his tribute by saying that "For Britons she was Your Queen. For the French she was The Queen". Such respects and tributes were paid all over the world, and of course, we all witnessed the huge crowds and the outpouring of love and respect shown in Britain.

I once met the Queen, when my Company won a Queen's award to Industry for Export services, and I and my business partner along with Margaret Lyle an All Saints worshipper and our accountant had the great pleasure and honour of being presented to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1999 at Buckingham Palace. Joan and I have also met King Charles 3<sup>rd</sup> when I was a trustee director of the Shell pension fund. The fund had invested in a new shopping mall in the city of Lincoln and the then Prince Charles opened the new mall and we were privileged to have a short conversation with the Prince.

As a tribute to our new King, Charles 3<sup>rd</sup>, we sang 'God Save the King' to finish the service.

I have titled this short piece "The Good Service". The service conducted by father John was indeed a good one, but perhaps I was thinking also about what Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> had given to our nation. Good Service indeed.

Ken Downham

## All Saints fourth CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



**DECEMBER**  
**FRIDAY 9th**  
**SATURDAY 10th**  
**SUNDAY 11th**

Please keep the dates  
free—planning is well un-  
derway

If you would like to take part  
please get in touch !!

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# Prayer Diary

1 All Saints' Day Our Church family  
2 All Souls' Day Our loved ones departed this life  
3 Peace in Ukraine  
4 Missionaries throughout the world  
5 For the poverty stricken  
6

## 3rd Sunday before Advent

7 All who work in the emergency services  
7 Chaplains to the emergency services  
8 The Archbishops of Canterbury and York  
9 John, Bishop of Bradwell  
10 All prisoners  
11 All Judges and Magistrates  
12 The newly elected Mayor of the City of London  
13

## 2nd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday

14 All who suffer as a result of war  
14 The work of The Royal British Legion  
15 Our servicemen and women  
16 All Politicians  
17 Prison Chaplains  
18 Residents of the care homes in Maldon  
19 Probation Officers

## 20 Sunday next before Advent Christ the King

21 The Mission and Ministry of Churches at home  
21 Police Community Support Officers  
22 Those who live alone  
24 General Practitioners and those who work in GP Surgeries  
25 Charities working to provide shelter for the homeless  
26 Churches together in Maldon  
27 Our Ministry Team as they prepare for Advent and the Christmas Season

## 28 1st Sunday of Advent

28 All present day hymn and worship song writers  
28 Those recently ordained as Deacons  
29 The Missionary work of the Church  
30

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# FOR YOUR DIARY

## NOVEMBER

	<b>All Saints</b> 08.00	<b>All Saints</b> 09.30	<b>All Saints</b> 18.00	<b>St Giles</b> 09.30	<b>St Andrews</b> 11.15	<b>St Georges</b> 09.30
<b>First Sunday 6th</b>	Holy Communion Fr John Dickens	10.00am Worship for All Adrienne & Jordan at All Saints School		Holy Communion Fr John Dickens	Holy Communion Rev J Willmott	
<b>Monday 7th</b>						Holy Communion Rev J Willmott & Rev J Palmer
<b>Second Sunday 13th</b> REMEMBRANCE	Morning Prayer (BCP) Adrienne Knight	Holy Communion Rev K Hacker-Hughes	Evensong Alan Marjoram	MP&P 10.45 Irene Allen & Gerald Matthews	Holy Communion 9.30 Fr John Dickens	
<b>Monday 14th</b>						MP&P Joy Norman
<b>Third Sunday 20th</b>	Holy Communion Fr John Dickens	Holy Communion (Healing Service) Rev Noelle Taylor Preacher Alan Marjoram		Holy Communion Rev K Dunstan	MP&P Lynne Wood	
<b>Monday 21st</b>						Holy Communion Fr John Dickens
<b>Fourth Sunday 27th</b>	Morning Prayer (BCP) Alan Marjoram	Holy Communion Fr John Dickens Preacher Rev N Taylor	4pm From Darkness to Light Adrienne Knight & A Marjoram	MP&P Gerald Matthews	Holy Communion Patronal Festival Fr John Dickens	
<b>Monday 28th</b>						MP&P Joy Norman



# DECEMBER

	<b>All Saints</b> 08.00	<b>All Saints</b> 09.30	<b>All Saints</b> 18.00	<b>St Giles</b> 09.30	<b>St Andrews</b> 11.15	<b>St Georges</b> 09.30
<b>First Sunday 4th</b>	Holy Communion Fr John Dickens	Worship for All Mary & Hannah		Holy Communion Rev J Willmott	MP&P Rev J Willmott & Rev J Palmer	
<b>Monday 5th</b>						Holy Communion Rev J Willmott & Rev J Palmer
<b>Second Sunday 11th</b>	Morning Prayer (BCP) Adrienne Knight	Holy Communion Fr John Dickens	3pm Christingle Rev Jordan Palmer	MP&P Gerald Matthews & Irene Allen	Holy Communion Fr John Dickens	
<b>Monday 12th</b>						MP&P Joy Norman
<b>Saturday 17th</b>			3.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols Rev Noelle Taylor			
<b>Third Sunday 18th</b>	Holy Communion Fr John Dickens	Holy Communion Rev K Dunstan		3pm Carol Service Gerald Matthews	MP&P Julia McGreggor & Lynne Wood	
<b>Monday 19th</b>						Holy Communion Fr John Dickens
<b>Saturday 24th Christmas Eve</b>	3pm Crib Service WfA Team	5pm Service of Light WfA Team	11pm Midnight Mass Fr John Dickens		4pm Crib Service Lynne Wood	
<b>Fourth Sunday 25th Christmas Day</b>	NO SERVICE	10am Holy Communion Rev Noelle Taylor		Holy Communion TBA	Holy Communion Time to be confirmed Fr John Dickens	
<b>Monday 26th</b>						MP&P NO SERVICE



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Prayer Group		
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## From the Registers

**Wedding** 1st October  
Simon Heffer & Margaret Jones  
of Fambridge Road



## PARISH OFFICE

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