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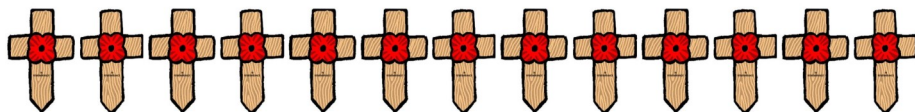
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## Acedie

As many of you know, my first career was as a teacher, I then became a social worker and counsellor, and finally, my calling to the priesthood. One of the threads running through this progression (and I really do see it as a progression, after all, Ministry in the church is mostly about teaching and social work), is listening. Listening to other people: pupils in school, my clients in social work and counselling, and to anyone and everyone in the privileged role as a Christian Minister.

I have sometimes said that I listen because I am incurably curious about other people, but mostly, I hope, it is because I love people, and I try to love all people, as Jesus calls us all to do. Sometimes loving all people is incredibly difficult, and perhaps especially at the moment because there seems to be such unlovable behaviour demonstrated by so many people, that it is hard to love them all. But, if we hang on to the teachings of Jesus, it is possible to love the person even if we cannot love what they do or say.

In my present ‘listening’, on screens, via telephones, or the occasional meeting in a garden (what will we do when it gets really cold?), one theme is very constant. I am hearing people say that some days they find it hard to do anything at all, or at least, anything constructive. Are we all having days when everything seems just so much effort?

This feeling that we just can’t do anything has been recognised as a human condition since at least the times of the ancient Greeks, and from then on, has been understood as a very real lived experience. It has been associated with rather negative attributes: laziness, apathy, sloth..., and in more psychologically aware times, in recent generations, as a component of depression. It even has a name: **Acedie**.

In this very curious and confusing time since the coronavirus really impacted our life and culture (at the time of writing this: 16th October, it is 217 days since ‘lockdown’ on March 13th), this very real reaction and consequential inertia is affecting almost all of us, to a lesser or greater extent. Much is now being observed and commented on about the negative effects of what we are all experiencing during this pandemic, and especially how it is affecting our Mental Health.

If possible, I think it might be helpful to be kind to ourselves when **Acedie**, that sense of inertia and incapability to do anything constructive, assails us. At the beginning of lockdown, many of us had mighty plans about what we were going to achieve in this time of enforced inaction. And now, our homes are still not decluttered; that novel that is,



allegedly, in all of us, still not written; the bathroom still not repainted. It is so easy to really beat ourselves up for being lazy, when we know we have had plenty of time, and have just not used it 'constructively'.

The winter ahead will not be easy for any of us, so perhaps we can remember the things we have done in the past when life has been tough, that have helped us to cope. For some, it might indeed be a new clearing out task, but for others, it could be to read that favourite book, again, watch a film you have previously enjoyed, and if you can add something nice to your weekly shop which will give you a treat....

One of the things we can all do for one another is to listen. Make a phone call to someone else: a friend, a family member, a neighbour. Ask them how they are, and listen, really listen when they tell you!

In the Bible, in the book of Jeremiah, is a much-loved verse 'I have plans for your well-being, not for your harm'. This was a promise to God's people who were really struggling with their situation, and just wanted God to sort it out. This was God's quiet assurance that although there were no instant solutions to their problems, He was there with them through it all, and they would see an end to their suffering.

'This too shall pass' is another piece of ancient wisdom, that we can all hang on to, because it will, and we can look forward to the things which made life so much sweeter—mostly, the close companionship or our family and friends.

We are approaching the Remembering Season: Remembrance Sunday—when there will be an Act of Remembrance at the war memorials in all three villages, and All Souls Day, when we traditionally remember those we have loved who have died. One of the most meaningful small acts of remembering is to light a candle and remember our loved ones. We can do this in our homes, perhaps with a photograph somewhere near. After all, it is in our homes that some of our best memories of loved ones happened.

So, if the **Acedie** of lethargy and aimlessness sometimes assails you, don't be angry with yourself, remember you are in the company of the whole company of the saints who kept the faith down the centuries, and many of us who are struggling, with you, in this difficult time. And, if you can, remember that this too will pass, and we will see happier and safer times again.

With every Blessing to you all.

*Pam*



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I would like to thank every one of you very special people, you know who you are, for the help and support you all gave to Dawn during the lockdown. The accompanied walks, the shopping (you all know just how important chicken flavoured crisps are), the phone calls and the cakes, all of this was such a great help in what was a very difficult time for her. Thank you all so much. *Jackie*

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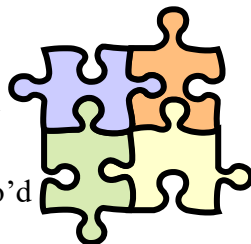
## SUNDAY CLUB NEWS

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### **Sunday Club: Come and join us!**

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### **Harvest in Horningsea**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to Horningsea Harvest Festival. As expected, the church was beautifully decorated with flowers and foliage gathered in the village. Local farmers Robin & Carolyn Truss sent a message about their harvest ... barley will be used for animal feed as it was not of sufficient quality for selling to breweries. The pea harvest was not a success! Michael Gingell brought some photographs of the earliest combine harvester used in Horningsea from the 1950s, a photograph of himself as a toddler sitting on his first pony and his father's Horningsea Home Guard uniform. This was a poignant moment for Michael as he is retiring from farming next year. His father came to Horningsea to Farm in 1936, so as Michael and Val retire to Northfields it will be the end of an era. The sale of produce in aid of Farm Africa raised £80. We have supported Farm Africa each harvest for many years. They work with farmers in DR Congo, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia. In addition to coping with droughts, floods and pandemics the farmers also have to cope with farming in time of war and political instability. This year we also gathered tins and dried goods to give to Cambridge food bank. Three boxes of food have been delivered.

## FEN DITTON GARDENING CLUB

The Annual General Meeting is still scheduled to go ahead by Zoom on Tuesday, 20th October but a report on this meeting will appear in the next edition of New Life, as the November magazine will have gone to print before the meeting has taken place.

It was mentioned in the last edition of New Life that as the Club has not been able to function in the usual way, current members will have their membership carried forward to the end of September 2021 at no extra cost. People who wish to join the Club now can do so for £7 for the year and should contact Pamela Hutt on 01223 292493.

The meeting on Tuesday, 17th November at 7.30pm will be a Talk, given by Sarah Beeson and the subject is 'Costa Rica: land of natural beauty and wildlife'. This will also be a Zoom Meeting and all 68 members will be contacted before this date to ensure that they can join in. Those members who do not have access to Zoom, or would like help to attend the meeting in an alternative way, should contact Pamela, details as above, as soon as possible.

Due to current Covid restrictions, the Committee is hoping that a Christmas Daytime Event can take place outside on Tuesday, 8th December. Further details will be sent out nearer the date of the event. Sadly, the normal Christmas Social will not be able to take place this year.



### FEN DITTON 200 CLUB

The lucky winners for **November** were:

£50 Pauline Fison (11)

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The Parishes of Fen Ditton, Horningsea, and Teversham

22 September 2020

Dear friends —

I am writing rather belatedly to thank everyone who contributed to such a generous leaving gift. I was rather taken aback. I have yet to get to the National Gallery but from the other part of your generosity I have ordered a handmade pocket knife from a cutler in Sheffield—some boys never grow up!—and there is still plenty remaining.

The first few weeks in the Bishop of Southwark's office have given me lots to do. The pace is fast; there is much to learn, and many new people to meet. Although I knew the Diocese was one of the three largest (depending on how you measure it), I hadn't really grasped what that meant on the ground. Bishop Christopher is prayerful, extraordinarily hard-working, and wise.

At the start of September, Carol and I were able to have a couple of weeks away in Northumberland. The weather was very kind to us and there were even a few days when the sea was still and the winds mild. We had a beautiful day on Holy Island and visited St Aidan's shrine at Bamburgh. You feel very close to the saints up there. It is good for the heart!

I hope you are all good spirits, despite the uncertainty of Covid. Do what you can, where you can; encourage one another; say your prayers; gather for the sacrament and, if you are unable, know that you carry one another in worship. As the hymn has it:

We thank you that your church, unsleeping  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.

You remain in my prayers and I am thankful for our companionship in faith.

All good things, as ever



Alun Ford

## Besom Christmas 2020

Our local Besom has been busier than ever this year. By the start of October we helped as many households (65) as we did in the whole of 2019 when a larger team was available to undertake deliveries and do projects. We anticipate that we shall have helped 80 households by Christmas. Many of these are people who have received emergency accommodation following domestic violence and abuse. We have also been privileged to help some homeless people settle in to homes and make a new start.

Although Covid has changed our lives considerably, Christmas is not cancelled! Besom would still like to give a Christmas gift to each of our clients which means that we shall be preparing 80 gifts. This year of course the collection of goods, packing of items and distribution to the Besom clients will be very different. Collection of goods in churches will be extremely difficult. Also Besom does not want to detract from any wider efforts to support food banks etc which churches are making.

After prayerful consideration Besom has decided that we shall be giving generic Christmas items only. This means that there will be a limited list of items we will receive and therefore store until they are packed in festive bags. The agreed list of items to place in each bag is: **Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, custard, biscuits (chocolate, shortbread or savoury), sweets, tea or coffee or drinking chocolate.** As always, it would be lovely if items could come from the luxury ranges which our clients would not normally be able to enjoy. Nothing should be homemade or alcoholic, and all the items must be in date until at least 1 January 2021.

Would you like to donate any of these items? We would like items in different sizes so that they can be given to single people or up to households of 8. Please note that we are NOT asking for any other food items or donations. We appreciate that people are limiting the amount of shopping they are doing at present and may not feel comfortable seeking out these items. In that case, Besom will accept monetary donations and will shop on behalf of the donors. Cheques should be made payable to The Besom in Histon & Impington. Jennie Pratt will be liaising with the churchwardens and hoping to collect from the 3 churches on Saturday morning, 28th November.

Thank you all for your support. Please pray that we shall receive enough goods and that when we deliver them we shall have opportunities to tell people the good news of God's great Christmas gift of Jesus, Saviour of the world.

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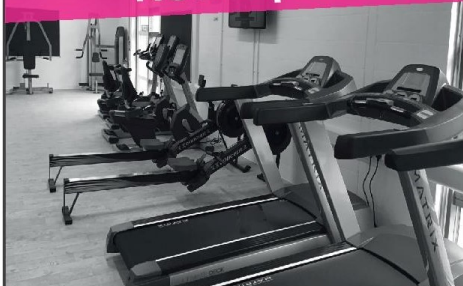
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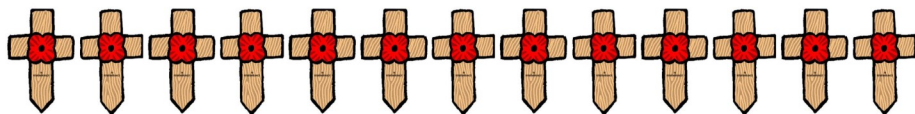
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## Remembrance Sunday in Horningsea

Sunday 8 November 10.30 in Jubilee Gardens. This year we have decided to hold the whole of the Service outdoors at the War Memorial in the Jubilee Gardens. It seems less complicated given the ever changing Covid rules. As usual the names of those from the village who died in the First and Second World Wars will be read out and wreaths will be laid. We will also remember those who died in other conflicts. We will recall all those who lived through the wars with a greater understanding following the way we have changed our lives since March of this year. Many veterans say that the War was nothing like this ... They “ kept calm and carried on” for five years, nevertheless, the last months have brought home to us all how important it is to us all to think about our communities and to try and become more self supporting as bread making and vegetable growing and sharing have risen in priority.

The Service will end with the Last Post played on the trumpet at 11.00. We won't be able to sing but might manage some recorded music.



## Real Advent Calendars

From the same people as the Real Easter Eggs (remember them? Seems a long time ago!), we are ordering 24 calendars. They are £3.99 each. If you would like one, please let your churchwarden know or contact Jennie Pratt direct. Jennie will get them to you/your church as needed. Any leftover will go to the Foodbank.

The 2020 calendar comes with a 24-page Christmas story-activity book illustrated by Martina Peluso. There is a page for every day of Advent and some fun Advent challenges along the way. There is a line from the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows. Foiled for freshness, palm oil free, recyclable box and tray and the company makes a donation to charity.

A great way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story – and they come in strong boxes designed for mailing if you need to send them in the post.

## Ancient Shepherds' Book Club

Via Zoom, email [carol\\_e\\_parker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carol_e_parker@yahoo.co.uk) for an invite.

**Wed, 4th November**, 7.30pm, 'Girl, Woman, Other' by Bernardine Evaristo

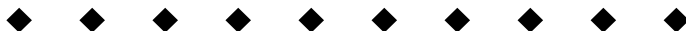
**Wed, 2nd December**, 7.30pm, 'Death Beside the Sea' by T E Kinsey



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## Will the Horningsea Candlelit Carol Service take place?

No one knows what the Covid rules will be in December but Horningsea PCC is working on a plan so that a form of Carol Service will take place at 6pm on Sunday 13 December, ... partly live and partly by Zoom. As we cannot sing as a congregation we hope we can have a small choir to sing some Carols, we hope to have a choir of Local children to sing and play Carols on their musical instruments. We will have Christmas readings in between the music. We will have some candles, but not as many as usual. We will need to restrict the numbers coming into the church, but may see if we can broadcast the service into the churchyard. If you have any other ideas or if you can help, especially with the technology, can you let the Horningsea Churchwardens know!

## REFLECTION ON CREATIONTIDE

At the beginning of October we passed the last few of the thirty-four days of 'Creationtide' (1st September – St Francis' Day 4th October), a comparatively new season in the church's calendar, but one which spans many denominations including Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist and Quaker.

This is a time to give us a chance to reflect on all that is wonderful about our planet – and to give thanks. So now, even though we are well past the end of Creationtide, I invite you to find the time to sit quietly for 5, 10 or 15 minutes to think about an instance of beauty in the natural world that has given rise to a 'Wow' moment for you. Then to thank God for it/ them, even though it may by now be a distant memory.

Pam and I were fortunate to experience one of those moments in the early stages of the lockdown when walking at the edge of Clayhithe's Millennium Cow Hollow Wood just adjacent to the car park at Waterbeach Station. There we spotted two deer (Roe, I think – but I am no expert in deer identification) in the adjacent field a little way off. We stood completely transfixed and watched. For several minutes they grazed closer and closer to us until they were perhaps 15 metres away from the fence that separated us. My breathing has never seemed so loud! Then suddenly they seemed to sense our presence, turned and glided away with those exquisite bounds that are often shown in films, but very rarely experienced at such close quarters. A beautiful day was rendered unique and thrilling. A day for both praise and thanksgiving for the beauty of creation. I hope you can recall similarly special occasions, maybe of wildlife, maybe of a drama of a mountain, a waterfall or other special place, and that such memories will encourage you to ponder how each one of us can contribute to the stewardship of this very precious planet, a role given to we human beings by God in the beautiful allegorical unfolding of the creation story in Genesis 2.15.

I imagine each time this topic arises, many of us wonder what we can realistically do to be engaged in this stewardship.

I have recently been trying to be much more careful than I have been in the past about using the second side of paper that has already been used for printing. I have to confess that until recently I been erratic in this so I am now trying to be much more rigorous. It's a tiny, tiny con-

tribution (and not my only contribution) but it prompts me to think that among those who read this reflection there will be some of you who have already taken some form of recycling to heart: and some will be actively engaged in demonstrations to build up awareness of the crisis that will be with us well after Covid 19 has run its angry course: that of global warming/ climate chaos.

So can I encourage you to drop me an email at [trevimeditate@gmail.com](mailto:trevimeditate@gmail.com) of any ideas you may have to reduce our adverse impact on our planet and I will put them together in a future 'New Life' article. I will also post our collective ideas to two different websites 'Ecoverse' and 'Living With Integrity'. Maybe after that, we'll look at how we can contribute differently by encouraging our leaders to exercise their stewardship by planning a 'nearer to Eden' post-Covid environment.

ALSO, here is another opportunity. If you have children or grandchildren or children of friends who you know to be interested in Climate change/ global warming, please let them see the invitation on page 20. Any comments they may make do not have to have a Christian focus: it would just be good to hear directly from those at school or in college, with whom any readers have contact, how they feel about this issue which is going to be crucial throughout their lives. It would also be good if they could stir me and others into greater efforts than we might be making at present.

*Trevor Thorn (Licensed Lay Reader)*



## **Horningsea Parish Charities**

As many people have been made redundant and other self employed businesses have struggled to keep going can we remind residents of Horningsea that the Parish Charities may be able to help with small grants. This may assist you with a week's worth of shopping or with feeding the children or payment of an electricity bill. Please let one of the Trustees know if you or anyone you know might benefit from a grant. If Cambridgeshire goes back into a lockdown we will restart the scheme of putting fruit and vegetables in the church porch for everyone to help themselves. The Trustees are Michael Gingell, John Wilson and Lindsay Davies. Email [ldathorningsea@gmail.com](mailto:ldathorningsea@gmail.com)

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## **Calling all young people in Fen Ditton, Horningsea and Teversham (those at school or at college)**

This magazine is read mainly by adults who attended school/college quite a number of years ago!

SO this is an invitation to **any young people** to let these, our readers, hear **your views** on

**Climate chaos : Global warming**

**Plastic waste : Loss of Species**

Please tell us your thoughts in not more than 300 words and, if you can, help our readers to think about something that can be done by us to make a contribution to these important issues.

The editors will have to be careful in using space, so will shorten anything that is too long (and please do not use any inconsiderate language.)

Please send your thoughts together with your name, age and number of words to [trevimeditate@gmail.com](mailto:trevimeditate@gmail.com)

**We look forward to hearing from you.**

### **The Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill**     *Lord John Bird*

*John Bird is co-founder of the Big Issue magazine. In 2015 he was made a Life Peer, a so-called “people’s Peer” focusing on the root causes of poverty in the UK, with an emphasis on the well-being of future generations. John lives in Horningsea.*

God in his ultimate wisdom gave us a very silly system called democracy, which at times feels like a mockery more than a democracy. But there it is and some people I am sure will say “man has a free hand to muck up; so don’t blame the ever-giving Lord.”

But in this ‘demockery’ shall we call it, decisions are made and lives are influenced and changed. Laws are passed that often are later to be seen as inadequate, or downright destructive, rather than protective and constructive.

I’ll give you an example quoted by Baroness Helena Kennedy. In her



campaigning and committed early years as a lawyer she campaigned to protect the rights of the accused. She was incredibly successful at it. Alas, quoting what she called ‘The Laws of unintended Consequences’ these very laws almost guarantee that it is impossible to get a successful rape conviction in the UK.

In short the past came to haunt and damage the future.

I myself suffered personally from the same laws when the Labour Government after the Second World War brought in Secondary Education. They moved the leaving age to 15 and then creamed off 11% of the working class able to pass the 11 Plus and put them into Grammar schools. And left the rest of us to flounder in a virtual educational, unskilled morass called Secondary Modern schooling.

No educational investment worth talking about; a babysitting service for working people until their children got out of school into unskilled or semi-skilled jobs. And generations later it is the children of those failed educationally that are caught in this social engineering failure called ‘low wage’; and being part of the working poor.

Of course there will be those, and I have met them, who had a sterling time among the ‘unchosen’. But largely that is to do with a good Head and good teachers, dedicated parents and dedicated children. Take any-one of these out of the equation and you have me, leaving school at 15 barely able to read and write (no tears please!).

My “Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill” passing through the Lords and with a Second reading in the Commons in November is an attempt to look at what damage could be done to future generations, often the great unborn, because of legislative short-sightedness.

If only we had had this legislation in place before Covid we might well have made a better fist of it. I am simply copying the Welsh act, which is slowly gathering force since being made law 5 years ago. Their Well-being of Future Generations Act requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change. Everything has to pass through the prism of future generations, and not the stop gap, the short-sighted or ad hoc.

Muck-ups are often unintentional mistakes resulting from a lack of deeper engagement with problems yet unseen or unknown. I will let you know the progress of this Bill and how near it is to becoming law. And remember: “The road to Hell is paved with good intentions!”

## **Spare a thought for your furry friend**

Many dogs have struggled to adjust to the changes that Covid-19 has brought to their owners this year, according to the Dogs Trust.

For one thing, coronavirus has meant greatly reduced walkies for many dogs, more people around the house all day, less quiet for rest, and little or no contact with other dogs. No wonder that the Dogs Trust has reported that 82 per cent of owners have reported an increase in barking or whining.



## **Remembrance Sunday 2020**

Sunday, November 8th. The day when we stand to honour those who died in World War I, World War II, and later conflicts.

This year has been particularly poignant, being 75 years since Victory in Europe on 8th May, and 15th August being the 75th anniversary of Victory in Japan. We celebrated the end of these conflicts, but always with thoughts of those who did not return home. Since then we have marked this Day by wearing a Poppy, and laying wreaths of poppies on countless war memorials throughout the country.

Each year during October and November, members of the Royal British Legion in Cherry Hinton organise a Poppy stall, courtesy of Sainsbury's supermarket in Brooks Road, to raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, who give so much needed help to veterans and their families.

My time spent helping on the Poppy stall taught me so much about people's amazing generosity. I met so many of those who wanted to share stories about members of their families, and what they had done in these wars.

Sadly, due to the coronavirus there will be no Poppy stall. This year it has never been more important that we donate to the Royal British Legion, and there will be poppies available at many local outlets.

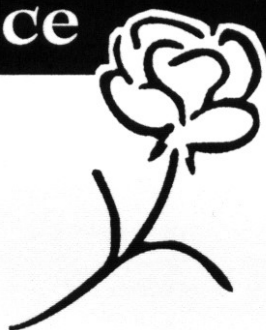
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The Poppy – by Paul Hunter

I am not a badge of honour  
I am not a racist smear  
I am not a fashion statement  
To be worn but once a year  
I am not a glorification  
Of conflict or of war  
I am not a paper ornament  
A token  
I am more  
I am a loving memory  
Of a Father or a Son  
A permanent reminder  
Of each and every one  
I'm paper or enamel  
I'm old or shining new  
I'm a way of saying thank you  
To every one of you  
I am a simple poppy  
A Reminder to you all  
That courage faith and honour  
Will stand where heroes fall.

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## Keep Safe

Imagine you were born in 1900.

When you are 14, World War I begins, and ends when you are 18, with 22 million dead.

Soon after, a global pandemic, Spanish 'flu appears, killing 50 million people worldwide.

And you are alive, and 20 years old.

When you are 29, you survive the global economic crisis that began with the collapse of the New York Stock Exchange, causing inflation, unemployment and famine.

When you are 33 years old, the Nazis came to power, and when you are 39 World War II begins. It ends when you are 45, with 60 million dead. In the Holocaust 6 million Jews died.

When you are 52 the Korean War begins.

When you are 64 the Vietnam War begins, and doesn't end until you are 75.

A child born in 1985 thinks his grandparents have no idea how difficult life can be. They have however survived many wars and catastrophes.

Today, we have all the comforts of a new world, in a new pandemic.

But we complain, because we need to wear a mask. We complain because we must stay confined to our homes. Where we have food, electricity, running water, wifi, even Netflix. None of which existed back in the day.

However, humanity survived those catastrophes, and never lost the joy of just living.

A small change in our perspective can generate miracles.

We should be thankful that we are alive. We should do everything we need to do to protect and help each other.

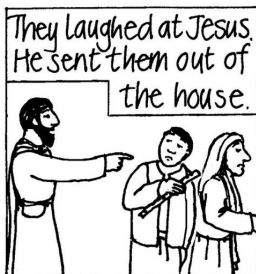
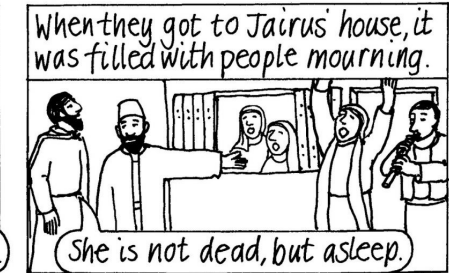
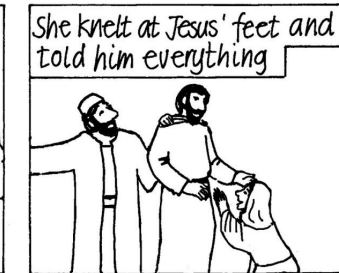
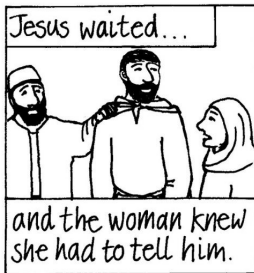
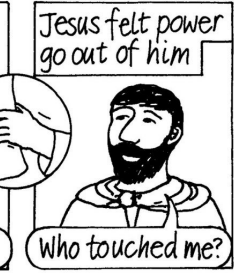
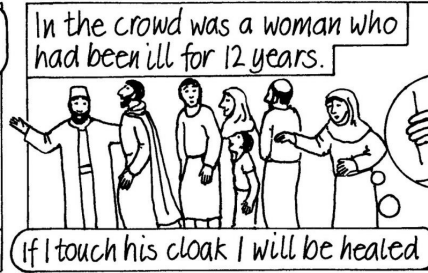
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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Lk 8:40-56, Mt 9:18-26, Mk 5:21-43

Jairus, a town leader, had a 12 year old daughter who was ill and about to die. He came to Jesus and knelt at his feet...



## **All in the month of November**

It was:

500 years ago, on 28th Nov 1520 that the Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan discovered and named the Pacific Ocean.

100 years ago, on 11th Nov 1920, that following World War I, Britain and France held ceremonies to dedicate a national monument known as the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

Also 100 years ago, on 21st Nov 1920 that Bloody Sunday took place during the Irish War of Independence. 31 people were killed.

80 years ago, on 14th Nov 1940 that German Luftwaffe bombers virtually destroyed the city of Coventry, including its medieval cathedral.

60 years ago, on 2nd Nov 1960 that a British jury cleared Penguin Books of obscenity for publishing D H Lawrence's novel Lady Chatterley's Lover.

Also 60 years ago, on 8th Nov 1960 that John F Kennedy was elected as the 35th President of the USA.

40 years ago, on 4th Nov 1980 that Ronald Reagan was elected as the 40th President of the USA.

Also 40 years ago, on 21st Nov 1980 that American TV soap opera Dallas revealed 'Who shot J.R.' after keeping viewers in suspense for eight months.

30 years ago, on 7th Nov 1990 that Mary Robinson became the first female President of Ireland.

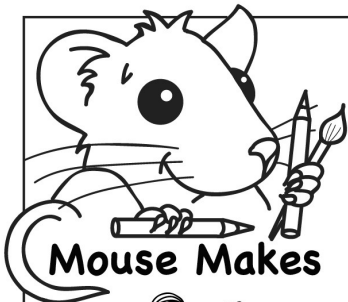
Also 30 years ago, on 22nd Nov 1990 that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher announced her resignation.

25 years ago, on 20th Nov 1995 that Princess Diana spoke openly about her separation from the Prince of Wales in a BBC interview.

20 years ago, on 7th Nov 2000 that George W Bush was elected as the 43rd President of the USA.

15 years ago, on 30th Nov 2005 that John Sentamu became Archbishop of York. He was the first black archbishop in the Church of England.

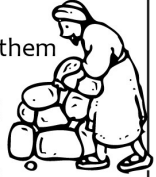




## REMEMBERING

How do you remember things?

In bible times God's people would remember what God had done for them by building monuments made of stones and by holding festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.

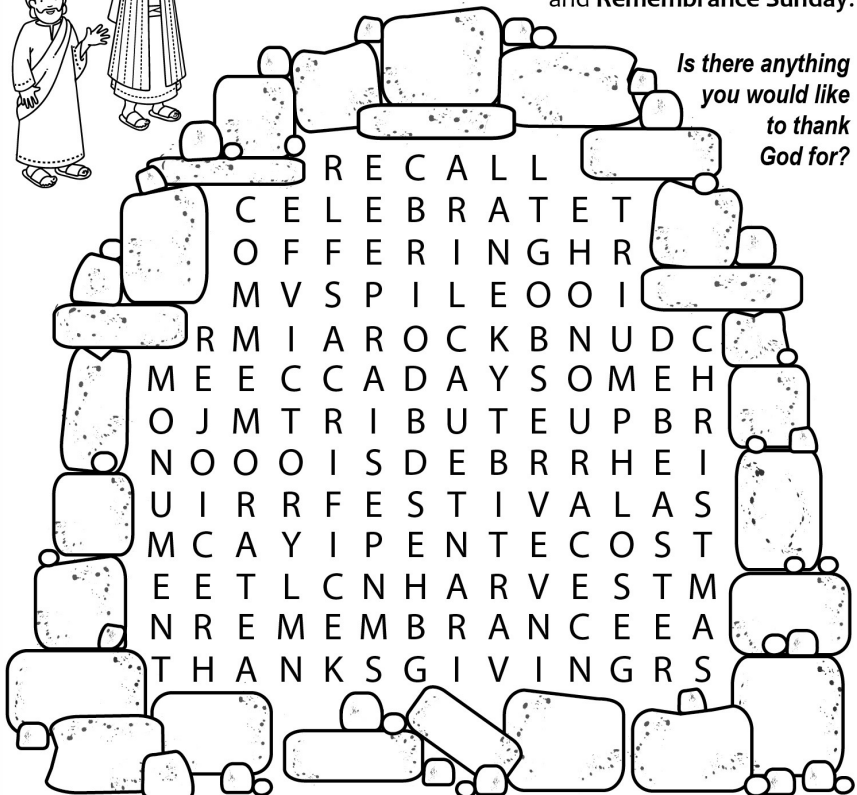


**READ** Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

Today we too build monuments to remember and hold services of thanksgiving like **Harvest** and **Remembrance Sunday**.

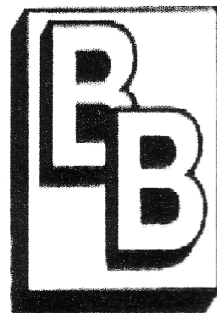


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## **ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, FEN DITTON**

November 8th	10.00	Remembrance Service
November 22nd	10.30	Joint Parish Eucharist
November 29th	10.30 <b>(Zoom)</b>	Online Joint Parish Eucharist

## **ST PETER, HORNINGSEA**

November 8th	10.15	Remembrance Service
November 15th	10.30	Joint Parish Eucharist
November 29th	10.30 <b>(Zoom)</b>	Online Joint Parish Eucharist

## **ALL SAINTS, TEVERSHAM**

November 1st	10.30	Joint Parish Eucharist
November 8th	10.50	Remembrance Service
November 29th	10.30 <b>(Zoom)</b>	Online Joint Parish Eucharist