

**Lord God,
our refuge and strength,
bring near the day
when wars cease,
suffering and pain end
and all the earth knows
the peace of heaven.**

From the Vicarage....

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us..."
(Psalm 67)

Dear Friends,

The month of November conjures up for me images of bonfires, the smell of hot dogs and onions, the shrill noise of fireworks, the feeling of woolly hats and scarves. The nights are drawing in and perhaps you find yourself settling down a bit earlier in the evening. Nature also responds; the squirrels start stowing away precious food supplies for the winter, hedgehogs prepare for hibernation and the leaves on the trees start changing to their brilliant autumnal colours of reds, oranges, browns and yellows. Every day on the school run I pass by beautifully coloured trees that demonstrate a variety of hues as the weather grows cooler and we enter into the autumnal season.

During the next few weeks, we will begin to sense changes in our church calendar and liturgy as we moved from ordinary time to the end of the church year. To conclude our church year, we celebrate those great Christian festivals of All Saints and All Souls when we remember people who devoted themselves to following the good news of Jesus Christ, whose lives of prayer and faithfulness have continued to inspire and encourage us today. A week later we gather for Remembrance Sunday where the civic and wider community come together in order to mourn those who have lost their lives in the World Wars and more recent

conflicts and re-commit ourselves to working for peace. The church year concludes with the festival of Christ the King, the French priest Henri Nouwen in his book *Sabbatical Journey* wrote : "*on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Christ is presented to us as the mocked King on the Cross as well of the King of the universe. The greatest humiliation and the greatest victory are both shown to us in today's liturgy. It is important to look at this humiliated and victorious Christ before we start the new liturgical year with the celebration of Advent*".

The first Sunday of Advent is at the end of this month, with a seasonal emphasis on waiting and hope, the changes of seasonal colours from green to red to purple. And whilst it feels like many people are celebrating Christmas earlier and earlier, it's good for us as a church family to hold that tension- between waiting and arrival.

During Advent, we will be holding a weekly study group using the 'Growing Good' material from the Church Urban Fund. It's a small group resource designed to help churches to connect the dots between social action, discipleship, and growth. Please check the noticeboard for dates and meeting times, or just contact myself or Revd Margaret Jones for more information.

We should have also just hosted our first Soup Sunday event, which is an initiative for winter which we hope will combine simple refreshment and social time- you might like to bring your craft, a favourite board-game, jigsaw along. It might be something that we host a couple of times a month or even weekly if there proves to be a demand. If you can offer assistance whether by soup-making, helping move furniture, washing up or happy to have a chat with folks please do get involved.

As you've probably heard in the news, this winter is going to be a particularly difficult one for many more families and those affected by the cost of living crisis. As always we are expected to look to Jesus' teaching around social justice issues and care for our neighbours and each other.

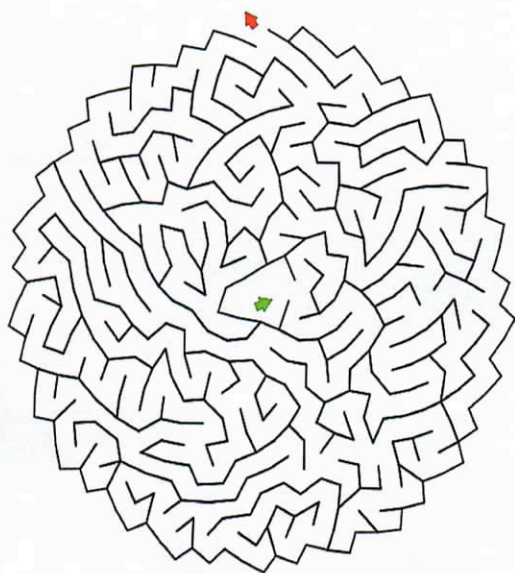
Yours in faith,
Vicar Becky

David Law

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me through David's illness and since his passing. It has been a great comfort to me and I know that through the difficult days ahead you will be with me.

May my darling David rest in peace knowing he is now with the Lord.

God bless you all.
Jean



Tuesday Group

In October Mr Peter Green gave us a very interesting talk on his time working with Christians on the Streets in Manchester. He was instrumental in managing to fund raise to buy a property in the Gay Village and to convert it so that there were washing facilities in the cellar and a cafe on the ground floor. Realising that what else was desperately needed were medical facilities he persuaded the authorities to donate an ex London bus! What an amazing man!

In November our own Jean Law will be showing us how to make some sort of Christmas table decoration and she has asked us to bring a pair of scissors.

Please make a note of the date.
8th November 1.15pm in the church hall.

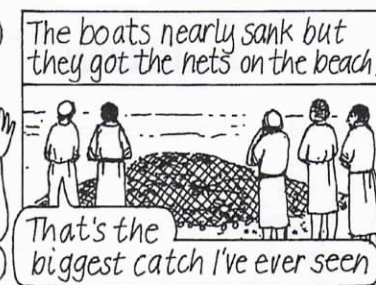
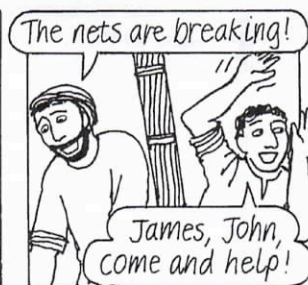
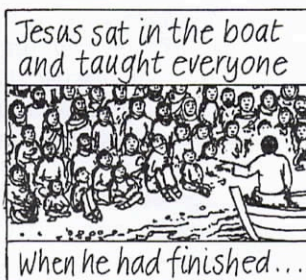
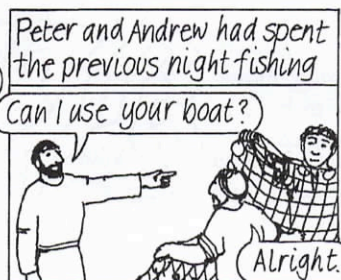
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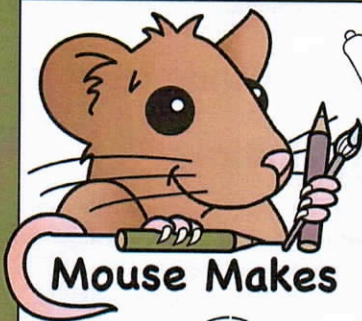
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 5:1-11, Mt. 4:18-22, Mk 1:16-20

On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus was trying to teach people but there were so many that he couldn't be heard.





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



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



What happened
to Elizabeth
when Mary
went to
visit her?

Luke 1:41



Find the words
in the word
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Christian Basics : How Does God Guide Us?

We are all faced with daily decisions about our jobs, future, money, relationships etc. Yet God promises to guide those who listen to Him: *'My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.'* (John 10:27). There are five key aspects of hearing God's voice.

1. Scripture:

The primary way God guides us is through the Bible: *'Your word is lamp for my feet, and a light on my path'* (Psalm 119: 105). The Scriptures give us general guidance for life eg whether to pay taxes, give or forgive others, as well as what to do in particular situations.

2. Holy Spirit:

'And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem' (Acts 20:22). The Holy Spirit helps us to hear God's voice through Scripture, prayer or pictures, and also by prompting us in particular situations.

3. Common Sense:

We must not abandon common sense: *'Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this'* (2 Tim. 2:7). In making most decisions, God uses our thinking about what to do. *'God's promises of guidance were not given to save us the problem of thinking'* (John Stott).

4. Wise Advice:

'Make plans by seeking advice' (Proverbs 20:18). Although we're responsible for decision making, it's good to talk to others about the choices we are making.

5. Circumstances:

God also guides us through circumstances, *'In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps'* (Proverbs 16:9). He will open or close doors in particular circumstances.

We won't always get it right, but God can include our mistakes in his bigger plan: *'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him'* (Romans 8:28).



...love the new notice board, Vicar...
...just not quite so sure about the wording...



Growing Good Course

Produced by the Church Urban Fund, 'Growing Good' is a course helping churches explore the connection between social action, discipleship and growth. Through six flexible, interactive small group sessions, we explore how our churches can be faithful and fruitful in our local communities. St Paul's will be hosting sessions during Advent and we hope as many as possible will commit some time to being part of these conversations. Sign up sheets will be available at the back of church for folks to indicate their preference for meeting.



You are my Memorial – my Legacy

(Some thoughts on remembering)

Remember me –
As the poppies fall on the shoulders,
heads, and at the feet
Of young and old
All gathered for the Festival.

Remember me –
In the music played,
In the clapping of the audience keeping
time
And uniforms so proudly worn.

Remember me –
In the stories told,
Most from the distant past, but others new,
Each one rehearsing memories stored

Remember me -
And if a tear should chance to flow
Then let it flow for the world in pain,
And dedicate yourself to peace

Remember me -
And let the sun, moon, stars, shine bright
To bring my love to you like the light
That shines in the darkness all around.

We Remember

The Somme, Dunkirk and Passchendaele
Cause us to think of times of war,
When men and boys went bravely out
They fought, some died and returned no more.

They gave their all that we should live,
We never should forget such cost,
Remembering with thankful hearts
Our freedom gained as lives were lost.

Another Man gave up His life,
Another war, another fight,
With all mankind held fast in chains
As darkness fell as black as night.

The cost was high, a sinless life
To break the chains and set us free,
The Lamb of God on Calvary's cross
Paid that price for you, for me.

By Megan Carter

By Sam Doubtfire

Budget fails to tackle global cost of living crisis, Christian Aid says

The Government's Autumn Statement has been criticised by Christian Aid.

Pete Moorey, the Head of Campaigns and UK Advocacy at Christian Aid, says: "The cost-of-living crisis is devastating for the poorest people in the UK and globally. For millions of people living with drought

and struggling to buy food in East Africa and in many other parts of the world, it is catastrophic.

"We should not have to choose between responding at home and fulfilling our responsibilities to the world's poorest people facing extreme hunger."

44 million struggling with cost-of-living crisis

In what has been described as 'a landmark poll', CAP (Christians Against Poverty) has found that nearly half of us living in the UK are being impacted by rising costs. The poll, carried out for CAP by YouGov, found:

Impacted - 84% (about 44 million) of us have been financially affected by the cost-of-living crisis.

Rising prices - 49% of us (about 25.9 million) have seen our bills rise by between £101 and £500 a month.

Struggling financially - 15% of us (about 7.9 million) admit we were already struggling financially. But this has risen quickly, until by now it seems that just under half of us, or 48% (about 25 million) are struggling to some extent.

Cutting back - an estimated 61% of us (more than 32 million) of us have reduced our energy use to save money. More than 46% of us (about 24 million) are shopping around more and using cheaper supermarkets.

Desperation - Sadly, about 15% of us, (almost 8 million) people are now thought to be going without heating or electricity completely. A similar amount of us are even skipping some meals.

About 37% of us (or 19 million) have cut out socialising and leisure altogether.

Debt & borrowing - About 6.9 million people (13%) are behind on their bills, and more than 42% of us (about 22 million) have borrowed money to cope with rising costs. Of those who have borrowed money this year, 40% have borrowed £1000 or more, with 15% borrowing more than £3000 during 2022.

Long term impact - Over a third us who owe money expect that it will take us more than a year to pay it back.

As one spokesman for CAP says: "*Living shouldn't cost everything. But for millions, it does.*"

"We need more targeted help for people living in poverty who have less money coming in than they need just to stay alive and out of serious debt. This could be delivered in discounts of household bills, more one-off grants and increased benefit payments to help people survive winter."

"CAP is helping thousands of people become debt free across the UK.

Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 16th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th December 2022



Preparations are under way for our first ever Christmas Tree Festival. We're starting on a small scale this year with 25 trees which can be sponsored by

local organisations for a small donation. We provide the trees and stands and the cost will be £20 for non-profit groups and £30 for businesses. Participating organisations are asked to provide decorations and battery only lights and can decorate to a style and theme that reflects their organisation. During the festival, the public are invited to wander along the decorated trees, enjoying live music and refreshments. The building will be kept open during the day to provide a warm welcoming space and there is no limit to how long people stay. Trees can be taken away after the festival or donated to those who might not otherwise have a tree this year.

If you can help with stewarding, helping with refreshments or decorating trees please contact Becky.

There will be lists at the back of church with timing schedules and rotas.

If you have any connections with local care homes, residential centres or local nurseries or pre-schools please do let them know as they may like to organise a visit to the tree festival.

If you are part of any music groups or know any musicians that would be happy to play some festive music for a session please get in touch. I'd like to fill as many slots as possible!



The Christmas Grotto will be taking place on Saturday 10th December all day, Sunday 11th December during the afternoon and Saturday 17th December all day. Many thanks to all those volunteering their help and support, please contact Carole Shakeshaft for more information and tickets.



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An introduction to the organ, aimed at pianists.

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Many pianists are put off by the apparent complexity of even the most basic organ, the fact that no two instruments are the same, and the horrible sounds that can come out if you don't know what you're doing!

We will introduce the basic working of a typical church pipeorgan, help you understand how to get a pleasing sound by selecting the right stops and give advice on preparing a piano piece for performance on the organ. At the end of the session, you will feel confident enough to play hymns and voluntaries on any organ at short notice. We hope you will be inspired to take it further...

2pm-4pm Saturday 19th November 2022
St Paul's Church, 15 Springfield Rd, Sale M33 7YA

There is no charge, and guests are welcome. For further information, or to reserve a place, please email kfayle@icloud.com. Tea and coffee will be provided and there will be extra playing time available at the end.

Reflected Faith Series : Initials That Talk Our Faith Language

We have started to see the new King's cypher on a variety of items, including post boxes. Look at the way 'they' have entwined the letters C R and the Latin numeral III.

Now think about what you so often see in church buildings - letters entwined together. These are either from the Latin or the Greek languages.

Here's a starter for you:

XP – often joined together so the P is standing halfway behind the X.

This symbol - called the chi rho symbol - was used from earliest times and was often simplified into a six-pointed figure. You can see it on some silver spoons found at Mildenhall, and now in the British Museum dating from about 350 AD.

'X' called 'chi' in Greek is said 'Kh' as in khaki. 'P' called 'rho' in Greek is said 'r'. If you put the two together what do they sound like? Khr

What word connected with being a Christian starts with that sound? Of course – Christ. The original Greek would be 'Christoe'.

Another common set of initials often seen on altar linen and probably the most misunderstood is 'IHC'.

People often suggest it comes from the Latin 'Jesus Hominum Salvator' meaning, 'Jesus, Saviour of the World', or even the English 'In His Service'. But they don't. They are the first three letters of the Greek for JESUS - which in Greek was IHC OY C.



It doesn't help that Greek has two ways of writing the sound 's' as in the middle of Jesus. It can be either a 'C' or what looks like a rather stylised 'E'.

To confuse you more, when you translate the Greek letters IHC into Latin they come out as 'IHS'. So you can see both spellings that mean the same thing.

This month

Have a look around your church building – both inside and outside for initials or even whole words. Would knowing what they represent aid you in your worship, and how much do they reflect your faith?

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November

2022

1 st November	Tuesday	9.30am
2 nd November	Wednesday	10.00am
		7.45pm
4 th November	Friday	1.30pm
6 th November	Sunday	10.00am
		6.00pm
8 th November	Tuesday	9.30am
		1.15pm
9 th November	Wednesday	10.00am
11 th November	Friday	1.30pm
13 th November	Sunday	10.00am
Remembrance Sunday		10.35am
		6.00pm

15 th November	Tuesday	9.30am
16 th November	Wednesday	10.00am
18 th November	Friday	1.30pm
19 th November	Saturday	2.00pm
20 th November	Sunday	10.00am
		12.15pm

Christ the King

22 nd November	Tuesday	9.30am
23 rd November	Wednesday	10.00am
25 th November	Friday	1.30pm
27 th November	Sunday	10.00am
Advent Sunday		6.00pm
		7.00pm

29 th November	Tuesday	9.30am
30 th November	Wednesday	10.00am

Babes & Tots
 Midweek Communion (CW)
 PCC Meeting
 Community Choir
 Parish Eucharist
 Taize Style Evening Prayer
 Babes & Tots
 Tuesday Group
 Midweek Communion
 Community Choir
 Parish Eucharist Service of the Word
 Depart for the Cenotaph
 Evening Prayer

Deadline for the December Parish News

Babes & Tots
 Midweek Communion
 Community Choir
 Demystifying the Organ!
 Parish Eucharist
 Soup & Roll Lunch
 Evening Prayer
 Babes & Tots
 Midweek Communion
 Community Choir
 Parish Eucharist
 No Evening Prayer
 Churches Together in Sale
 Taize Service at St. Joseph's
 Babes & Tots
 Midweek Communion



Next Month:-

1 st December	Thursday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
2 nd December	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
4 th December	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Taize Style Evening Prayer



Please check the weekly pew sheets for any service changes that may occur.

A prayer of remembering and looking forward

Loving Father,
Here we are in November, the month of short days and mist
and remembering.

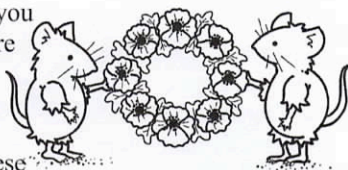
And this year we have so much to remember. The year our
Servant Queen left us and came to be with you, the King of
Kings she had served so faithfully.

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



Future Dates and Events

Christmas Tree Festival—Friday to Sunday
16th to 18th December

Running alongside Santa's Grotto
Carols In The Trees Sunday 18th December

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Parish Organisations affiliated to St Paul's

The following groups meet in St Paul's Church Hall unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday	9.30am-11am	St. Paul's Babes & Tots (school term time)
	1.15pm	Women's Tuesday Group (2 nd of every month)
	6.15pm	4 th Sale Central (St. Paul's) Brownies
	7.30pm	4 th Sale Central (St. Paul's) Guides
Thursday	9.30am-11am	St. Paul's Babes & Tots (<i>currently not meeting</i>)
	7.30pm	Chorister Training and Choir Practice
	8.00pm	Men's Society (last of every month Sept to May but not Dec)
Friday	1.30pm-2.30pm	Community Choir (school term time)
	5.30pm	4 th Sale Central (St Paul's) Rainbows