

# St John the Divine Rastrick

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**Parish of St John the Divine, Rastrick**  
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**PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH**

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,  
wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our churches to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment  
to you, and in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## WHAT'S GOING ON HERE

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

Please contact Group Leaders for details of their activities.

### Sunday Services in Church

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

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

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

### Mondays in the Community Hall

6:00 p.m. Rainbows and Brownies

7:30 p.m. Guides

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

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

### Tuesdays in Church

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

### Tuesdays in the Community Hall

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

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

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

6:30 p.m. Cubs

8:00 p.m. Scouts

### Wednesday Service in Church

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

### Wednesdays in the Community Hall

7:30 p.m. Wednesday Nighters (1st Wednesday in the month)  
in the Conference Suite.

### Fridays

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

*Rev'd Michelle writes .....*



November brings a time of remembering in the church.

We begin on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> with our All- Saints service in the morning – remembering all those famous saints who have devotedly gone before us in the faith. On this date we will be joined by members of the St John's Pantomime Society. Please do join us for what will be a joyful celebration.

In the afternoon at 4pm on the same date is our Loved Not Lost service. Many people tell me they find this a very moving and special annual service. It is a time to remember those we have known and loved but see no more. There is a list in church to write the names of loved ones you would like to be remembered at this service. See the poster elsewhere in this magazine for more information, and do invite family, friends and neighbours to come along too.

The following Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember those who have given their lives in times of conflict, allowing us the freedoms we enjoy today. As last year, there will be a Joint Benefice parade service at St Matthew's at 10am followed by wreath laying at the memorial in Rastrick Library at 11am.

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

As we remember all these things during November, let's also take time to remember and give thanks to God for his constant love for us and for all his creation.

With my prayers and every blessing

*Michelle*

## SERVICES AND CHURCH INFO

### SUNDAY SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd Nov. - 11:00 - All Age Morning Worship (Pantomime Soc.)

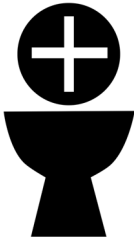
Sunday 3rd Nov. - 16:00 - Loved not Lost

Sunday 10th Nov. - 10:00 - Remembrance - *St M's & at War Memorial*

Sunday 10th Nov. - 19:00 - Eucharist for Peace

Sunday 17th Nov. - 11:00 - 2nd before Advent - Holy Communion

Sunday 24th Nov. - 11:00 - Christ the King - Holy Communion



### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - NOVEMBER

Wednesday 6th- 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 13th- 10:30 - St John's

Wednesday 20th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 27th - 10:30 - St John's

### FORTHCOMING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES

- ◇ Sunday November 10th - Remembrance Sunday - St Matthew's
- ◇ Sunday November 10th - evening - Eucharist for Peace - St John's
- ◇ Sunday December 29th - 10:30 - Joint Benefice - St John's

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



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

## Daily Lectionary Readings November 2024

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>28-Oct</b>	<b>29-Oct</b>	<b>30-Oct</b>	<b>31-Oct</b>	<b>01-Nov</b>	<b>02-Nov</b>
Simon and Jude Ephesians 2:19-end John 15: 17-end	Psalms 32 Leviticus 23.1-22 2 Timothy 4.9-end	Psalms 34 Leviticus 23.23-end Titus 1	Psalms 37* Leviticus 24.1-9 Titus 2	Psalms 31 Leviticus 25.1-24 Titus 3	Psalms 41 Numbers 6.1-5 Philemon
<b>04-Nov</b>	<b>05-Nov</b>	<b>06-Nov</b>	<b>07-Nov</b>	<b>08-Nov</b>	<b>09-Nov</b>
Psalms 92 Isaiah 1.1-20 Matthew 1.18-end	Psalms 98 Isaiah 1.21-end Matthew 2.1-15	Psalms 111 Isaiah 2.1-11 Matthew 2.16-end	Psalms 118 (or) 61 Isaiah 2.12-end Matthew 3	Psalms 137 Isaiah 3.1-15 Matthew 4.1-11	Psalms 145 (or) 65 Isaiah 4.2 – 5.7 Matthew 4.12-22
<b>11-Nov</b>	<b>12-Nov</b>	<b>13-Nov</b>	<b>14-Nov</b>	<b>15-Nov</b>	<b>16-Nov</b>
Psalms 34 Isaiah 5.8-24 Matthew 4.23 – 5.12	Psalms 36 Isaiah 5.25-end Matthew 5.13-20	Psalms 37 Isaiah 6 Matthew 5.21-37	Psalms 42 Isaiah 7.1-17 Matthew 5.38-end	Psalms 31 Isaiah 8.1-15 Matthew 6.1-18	Psalms 84 Isaiah 8.16 – 9.7 Matthew 6.19-end
<b>18-Nov</b>	<b>19-Nov</b>	<b>20-Nov</b>	<b>21-Nov</b>	<b>22-Nov</b>	<b>23-Nov</b>
Psalms 70 Isaiah 9.8 – 10.4 Matthew 7.1-12	Psalms 67 Isaiah 10.5-19 Matthew 7.13-end	Psalms 73 Isaiah 10.20-32 Matthew 8.1-13	Psalms 74 Isaiah 10.33 – 11.9 Matthew 8.14-22	Psalms 77 Isaiah 11.10 – end of 12 Matthew 8.23-end	Psalms 104 Isaiah 13.1-13 Matthew 9.1-17
<b>25-Nov</b>	<b>26-Nov</b>	<b>27-Nov</b>	<b>28-Nov</b>	<b>29-Nov</b>	<b>30-Nov</b>
Psalms 80 Isaiah 14.3-20 Matthew 9.18-34	Psalms 99 Isaiah 17 Matthew 9.35 – 10.15	Psalms 121 Isaiah 19 Matthew 10.16-33	Psalms 131 Isaiah 21.1-12 Matthew 10.34 – 11.1	Psalms 146 Isaiah 22.1-14 Matthew 11.2-19	Andrew the Apostle Zechariah 8: 20-3rd John 1: 35-42

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnthedivinerastrick>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Join Michelle on line Tuesday - Saturday:  
Or use the Church of England Daily Prayer:  
All readings in full can be found by downloading the 'Lectionary: from the CofE' App on your mobile or PC

## PRAYER PAGE

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

This month's prayer looks towards our Eucharist for Peace  
7:00 at St John's on November 10th.

### **A German Prayer for Peace** *(translated)*

Almighty, kind and merciful God,  
with all people of good will we ask  
for peace in this world,  
in all countries,  
but especially in  
*those places experiencing conflict now.*

Touch people's hearts  
and give us thoughts of peace and reconciliation.  
Fill people with awe for the life of each individual,  
for the life of all peoples, religions and nations  
and for the gift of creation.

Grant that the will for peace overcomes hatred  
and revenge gives way to reconciliation.  
Let people know that they are all your children  
and brothers and sisters to whom you give your love.

And let us live in this love ourselves.  
Good God, make me and all people  
instruments of your peace!

**Amen**

United benefice of St John the  
Divine and St Matthews  
Rastrick



All are welcome to:

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

# Loved, not lost

Sundays 27th October  
at St Matthew's  
and 3rd November  
at St John's.  
Both at 4.00 pm

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



## Prayer Ministry



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

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

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

Upcoming dates are as follows:

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

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



## Introduction to Christian Meditation

### 4 week course

Are you searching for peace and a deeper stillness in your life?

Find out how meditation was rediscovered within the Christian tradition as a form of contemplative prayer and how it is practiced today by many Christians around the world. Each session will have a time of meditation.

Mondays 7.00 – 8.30 pm 11th November—2nd December 2024

Venue: The Blackley Centre  
Prospect View  
Blackley, Elland  
HX5 0TD

Suggested donation £5 per session (£15 full course)  
To book a place and for more information contact:  
Rev Sue Clarke **Email:** [sueclarke538@gmail.com](mailto:sueclarke538@gmail.com)  
**Phone** 07896464417



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## MISSIONS AND CHARITIES

### SHOE BOX APPEAL.

This year St Johns is once again taking part in the shoe box appeal in November. Leaflets are available in church.



Deadline for bringing your shoeboxes to church is the 11:00 service on 3rd November. Thank you.

*Gill Mills.*



### BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

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

- Cans of minced beef, stewing steak, macaroni cheese and carrots.
- Packets of cream crackers.

Thank you so much for your support.

*Rosemary & Norman*



John 13:34

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

From the mobile phone app:  
'3-minute retreat'

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



**Eucharist For Peace**

**At St. John's, Sunday 10th Nov. - 7:00 pm**

## St. JOHN'S RUCKSACK CLUB

### RUCKSACK CLUB WALK

Leaders: Judith and Eric Ogden 01484 716652 & 07777 494 68

Distance: 5 miles

Date: Saturday 16th November 2024

Area: **MARSDEN & MOORLAND**

Leave Church 9.00.



Drive to Standedge car park (adjacent to railway station and NT exhibition room) at Marsden. First part of the walk is by following the canal to Tunnel End. On to Easter Gate Bridge, up the packhorse trail for a mile then we turn to March Haigh Reservoir. Crossing the moor via small paths we pass Lower Green Owlers, then continue following the contours of the moor towards Marsden, before picking up a path that descends to Tunnel End and back to the cars.



# Coffee and Conversation

**Next Date:  
Friday 29th November  
12:30 -1:30**

**Come and join me each month  
for lunch/coffee  
in The Platform Café  
Railway Bridge View**



**Very informal - may include:**

**exchanging news**

**prayer**

**a discussion around the Gospel reading  
for the following Sunday**

There's a new weekly group starting 4<sup>th</sup> November:

## Monday Meet 2pm – 4pm

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

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

**Faith, fun and fellowship**

For further information call Shirley on Tel. 01484-714209

All welcome

St John the Divine, Rastrick

A service of prayer and thanksgiving for

## Healing and Wholeness

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 4pm

An opportunity

to give thanks for, to pray for and to receive prayer for:

Our community, our world, for others and for ourselves.

For further information contact Alan 07756035591

All welcome

## Have you ever wondered why people read the Bible?

You aren't alone. Maybe you're not sure where to begin reading. Maybe it seems outdated to you. Reading the Bible is how you learn who God is, it contains His message about life, relationships, work — really all the things that give your life meaning.



1. It shows how God Cares for us
2. It Gives Instruction for Daily Life
3. It Teaches You How to Pray
4. It Explains the Gospel Story
5. It Explains How to Share the Gospel
6. It Teaches You How to Trust God
7. It Shows What God's Will Is
8. It Is Full of God's Promises
9. It's Historically Accurate
10. It Teaches You How to Forgive
11. It's Full of Truth
12. It Asks and Answers Big Questions
13. It's Culturally Relevant for Today
14. It Reveals How Much God Loves You

### SOME SUGGESTIONS:

- pick a regular time and place to read your bible
- you could light a candle
- start with a 10 minute read and a 5 minute reflection
- follow a reading plan such as the lectionary or an online guide
- missing a day(s) bible reading is not an offence, so just carry on when you can.



### Which reasons from the list mean the most to you?

Write them on a note and see if this motivates you to spend time learning more about God. God knows we will not always be motivated to read the Bible, remind yourself of the value of reading the Bible.

For the word of God is living and active, Hebrew 4:12



## ECO CHURCH

### **Eco Church (by John) – on Waste**

Did you know that the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, in the ocean between Hawaii and California, is 3 times the area of France? And that plastic in the oceans kills 100,000 marine mammals each year?

In November 2024, governments will come together in Busan, S. Korea, for the fifth and last round of negotiations for a global treaty to end plastic pollution. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a global solution to this worsening crisis.

Can *any of us* influence what happens there, beyond adding our names to petitions and taking part in the Big Plastic Count? Well, I've written a little story from the viewpoint of three plastic cartons (p.25) that explains how our lifestyle choices can result in vastly different outcomes.

The story also relates to reducing food waste, where – once again – our buying choices and our attitude to leftovers have considerable influence. Here are a few questions to ponder:

- Why do I buy bottled water (in plastic bottles)? Yorkshire Water is known for its excellent quality, and you can fizz it using a Sodastream.
- How can I avoid buying plastic bags when I shop for food? Perhaps buy loose fruit and veg and place in my own bag, rather than buying packs?
- Do I write a menu, and keep a list of items where I've used my spare?
- Can I organise my larder and fridge to avoid over-stocking and having my food go past its Use By Date?
- How can I re-use my odd bits of unused food and leftovers? Make a stir fry? Or a vegetable soup?







## Music News

Our musicians work very hard and give a lot of their time to helping us worship at St John's.

As we enter November things start to get busy and a bit complicated, so the most useful thing for me to print this month is a 'Who & When' page for those involved.

**MUSIC GROUP:** A reminder of the services when we're playing:

- Nov 03 - 11:00 AAMW - Pantomime Special Service
- Nov 03 - 4:00 Loved not Lost (St John's)
- Nov 10 - 7:00 Eucharist for Peace
- Dec 01 - Advent 1 - AAHC
- Dec 22 - 3:00 St Matthew's Nativity/Christingle
- Dec 24 - 3:00 & 5:00 St John's Christingles
- Dec 29 - 10:30 Benefice Service (St John's)



I know you can't all make it to everything, so just let me know if you're not going to be there. Thanks.

**RASTRICK VOICES:** All rehearsals, performances and services:

- Nov 09 - 12:00 Celebration of Graham Kelly's Life**
- Nov 17 - Rehearsal after the morning service
- Nov 24 - Rehearsal after the morning service
- Dec 01 - Rehearsal after the morning service
- Dec 07 - Afternoon - Paddock Orchestra Concert**
- Dec 08 - Rehearsal after the morning service
- Dec 15 - Rehearsal after the morning service
- Dec 22 - 7:00 Nine Lessons and Carols**



There will also be Carols in the Care Homes in December, but that's open to the whole congregation. More info NEXT month.

*Pam*

## What the Vicar got up to last month

Just a selection...



Bishop George's visit. MU Day  
(Right at the end of September!)

Bishop's Clergy  
Study Day at  
Ripon Cathedral



Coffee & Conversation at  
Railway Bridge View

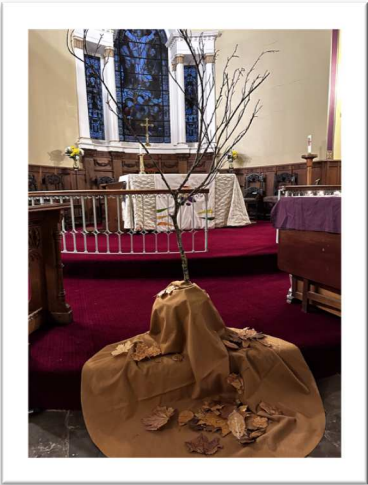


Harvest at  
Carr Green School

Spiritual Directors'  
Annual Gathering,  
Ilkley



Community Lunch  
and the  
Pantomime Parish Lunch!



Loved, not Lost  
at St. Matthew's



## St. John's Pantomime Society

### Panto Parish Lunch

The annual panto parish lunch was held on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October and was well attended. It opened with a sherry (or fruit juice) reception and the attendees were then entertained by our own Sam Jones who gave wonderful renditions of three numbers from Les Miserables. Reverend Michelle gave a rather unique and humorous Grace and it was then down to everyone to tuck into their starters, main courses and desserts, which I must say were delicious. All desserts had been generously provided by members and friends of the society and congregation; a huge thank you to you all.

The meal and camaraderie all went well and comments received were all extremely favourable, so we must still be doing something right. Special thanks go to the small, but dedicated, team of eight who managed to prepare and serve all the food before, eventually, sitting down in the late afternoon to enjoy their well-earned and deserved meal.

Thank you to everyone who attended and we hope to see you all again next year.

*Graham Readshaw*

### Forthcoming Panto Events

**On Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November we are having a Bacon Butty morning event before and after the Pantomime Corporate Service.**



Please come along and support us as some of our committee strive to achieve their usual culinary delights (Haigh's Bacon Butties!). It would also be lovely to see a good turnout at the service to support your St John's Pantomime Society.

**Tickets for this year's show, which starts on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, will be on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> November.** Even though the society has spent a significant sum of money over the past twelve months installing new lights and a new piano for the benefit of anyone using the hall, we have kept the prices as they were last year at a mere £9 (full), £7 (concession) and £28 family (two adults and 2 children). *Tickets can be obtained by ringing 07596 068413 or going to [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-pantomime-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-pantomime-society)*

## Raffle Prizes

It doesn't matter where you go, people are always asking you to buy raffle tickets; well, as Cilla used to say "surprise, surprise", we're no different, so, if you have anything that would be suitable for a raffle prize please pass it to Graham Readshaw at church or at 27, Daisy Road, Brighouse. Everything will be gratefully received and running a successful raffle ensures that we can keep our show prices at a minimum. Thanking you in anticipation.

*Graham Readshaw*

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## Open Console

**Sunday 17th November**

**14:00 -16:00**



**For all organists and organ enthusiasts**

An open afternoon for you to come and have a play  
*(in both senses of the word)* at you leisure.

If you would like to try the organ but are not free on the 17th November, please contact Graham: [gfyorkshire@gmail.com](mailto:gfyorkshire@gmail.com)



# AFTERNOON TEA

Were you there?

The Afternoon Tea was a great success everyone enjoying the sandwiches and Ann B's lovely scones and the various cakes.

Friends found people they hadn't seen for ages and others met with people they didn't know. All in all a great afternoon, with people staying forever chatting and catching up.

*Cherry, Julia*

*and Margaret France*

Definitely not the last one!



# The Men of the Churches of Rastrick Host

## Beer and Banter 2024/25



**Mondays at  
The Four Sons, Rastrick 7pm**

18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yorkshire Air Ambulance – Pat Lee

18<sup>h</sup> Dec (Wednesday) – Annual Dinner @ The 4 Sons

(Names to Alan: 07756 035591

by 18<sup>th</sup> November Please)

20<sup>th</sup> Jan – tba



**Pie and**

**All Men Welcome**

Further Details call Alan 07756035591

# Easy ways to make a donation to St Johns Church

## Contactless Donations

Making a donation to church using our contactless payment machine at the back of church is very straight forward. Just select an amount and swipe your card. If you supply your email address the machine will automatically send you a receipt for your donation and you are able to record all your details for claiming gift aid if this is something that you are able to do.



## Regular Giving by Direct Debit



PARISHGIVINGSCHEME™

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to church on a regular monthly basis. It works by making a Direct Debit from your bank account on the 1st of the month, which is credited to St Johns bank account by the 10th of the month. For those who can add Gift Aid, PGS claims this on our behalf every month.

For those who have not signed up for the parish giving scheme please consider doing so. By giving in this way it saves a lot of admin time and also means that gift aid is claimed immediately. For further information speak to Cherry Fancourt or Alan Hoggard or pick up a leaflet from the back of church

**Thank you for considering these options in your support of St John the Divine. Rastrick**



## Three Plastic Cartons

...Les, Phil and Chris, sat on a kitchen shelf at the Golden Dragon takeaway.

In wandered a young man wearing a smart leather jacket and his high-heeled girlfriend, bedecked with bangles and a pretty necklace. He fancied Chow Mein, she a Chicken Curry. The chef went to work, eventually grabbing Les, filling him with rice, squeezing a top onto him and placing him in a white plastic bag. Les felt happy to be useful, and hoped the couple would appreciate their meal.



But, just as he was feeling the loss of half his load of rice, the young woman shouted, “okay, I’ve had enough of that stuff” and lobbed him and his contents disdainfully over a hedge where he joined several other discarded items of packaging. That night came a gale, tossing Chris and his new friends in every direction before he clattered across the main street, over a low wall and into the river.

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Phil was delighted when he was called into action. The customers were an elderly gentleman who had chosen Fried Rice laden with King Prawns, and his wife, who had chosen Chop Suey. The couple drove home where plates were warming in a cosy oven, ready to be filled with the feast. They kindly shared their choices with each other, but from the rate at which they tackled the prawn crackers it was obvious they wouldn’t have the appetite to devour it all.

Phil watched with a twinge of disappointment as half his precious cargo was unloaded into a square brown tub, before he was unceremoniously dumped into a waste bin along with tissues, bits of rolled up foil and dirty containers.

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P.T.O.

### Three Plastic Cartons *Cont.*

“Am I to be left on the shelf tonight?” wondered Chris. At that moment, in walked a middle-aged man accompanied by a girl, giggling at a video on her phone. “Come on, Cassie,” said the man, “let’s concentrate on ordering our food.” They ordered three meals between them plus a bag of spring rolls. Chris was filled with rice to accompany ‘Beef with Satay Sauce’. They also ordered a Mushroom dish with Chips, and Pork with Spring Onion and Ginger. Back home, the cartons were placed in the oven to warm. Chris looked out on a table which was set with five plates for Mum, Dad, Cassie and two younger boys. Whilst they waited, all heads were bowed and the room fell silent. And then Chris saw Cassie speak, as if thanking someone unseen for the lovely meal they were about to enjoy.



And enjoy it they did! Chris felt so much at home; the family ate generous portions, yet almost every morsel was enthusiastically eaten. A tub of ice cream with raspberries and chocolate sauce appeared afterwards, whereupon ‘full’ tummies miraculously made room for a wee bit more.

Dad washed up afterwards, with one of the boys. Just as Chris was expecting to be binned, Dad placed him in the bowl and said, “Let’s clean this carton up. It’ll make a good container for your sandwiches next week.” And Chris was used, then washed, a dozen more times – once even going into the freezer with soup inside - before he developed a crack. He was cleaned one last time, then placed in a recycling bin.

What became of Les, Phil and Chris? Let's follow their stories.

Two days later, Les bobbed out to sea. Battered by ocean currents, he sailed for a year on the oceans of the world, carried to and fro by the currents, gradually disintegrating into thousands of pieces, some of which were eaten by fish, others finding their resting place in the great oceanic garbage dumps (see picture). The remains of the meal were eaten by a rat, contributing to the nuisance factor of their increasing population across the town.



Phil's fate was quickly sealed. The waste bag containing him was placed in a wheelie bin, then emptied into a dustbin lorry. The lorry's contents were tipped onto a conveyor belt at an 'Energy from Waste' site. Phil is now part of the atmosphere, having been incinerated at 850°C. The rice he carried fared slightly better; the contents of the food waste bin were emptied into an anaerobic digester where bacteria converted it into methane, CO<sub>2</sub> and compost. The methane was fed into the natural gas grid.

And Chris? He was taken to a material recovery facility where he was separated into the polythene recycling stream, sliced into chips and returned to a plastic bottle manufacturing plant to begin life all over again!

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Les – and the food he contained - became pollutants. Phil and his contents were disposed of safely and converted into energy. But Chris was both re-used and recycled, and no food was wasted.

*John Hearson*

# Coffee & Cake

An opportunity for all Organisations to make a little money for their organisation...



...by hosting a Coffee & Cake morning in church on the 2nd Saturday in the month, 10.00 - 12 noon

Church will provide Tea and Coffee. You will just need milk and cakes - 2 people can host this event.

## **Dates available for 2025:**

January 11th, February 8th, March 8th, April 12th, June 14th, August 9th, Sept 13th, Oct 11th, Nov 8th, Dec 13th.

This a good opportunity to meet together for a good natter.

The Brownies hosted July this year and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and collected enough for the Brownies Christmas Party, so need to ask the brownies for a contribution, and have booked July 2025.

Christian Aid will hold their contribution on May 10th which will include lunch.

Please contact: Cherry if you are interested: 07816 757334



# Eco Church - Swap Stall

The next  
Eco  
Church  
Swap  
Stall

**No swap stall in November.  
The next will be 11th-12th January**



## COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch  
is on Tuesday 5th November 12:00



## COFFEE & CAKE

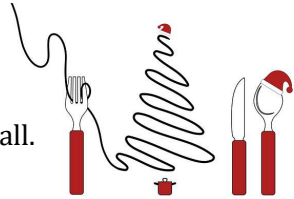
The next Coffee & Cake  
is on Saturday 14th December in church. 10:00 - 12:00



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The annual Christmas Lunch  
is on Tuesday 3rd December, in the Community Hall.  
*Booking essential: £20*

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**SATURDAY 8TH FEB 2025**

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**Tickets £15 (cash only) From Ryecorn Wholefoods 33/35 Bethel St, Brighouse or Scan QR Code above**

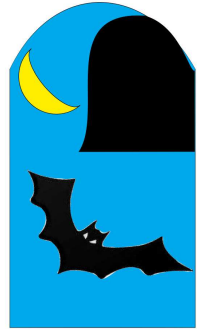
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Tickets also available from church

## *PUZZLE PAGE by the Bat in the Beltry*

Remember, remember the fifth of November.  
 Hope you have a good Bonfire Night.  
 Try these in-between the gingerbread men  
 and parkin pigs.



### **24 – 19 November bits and pieces**

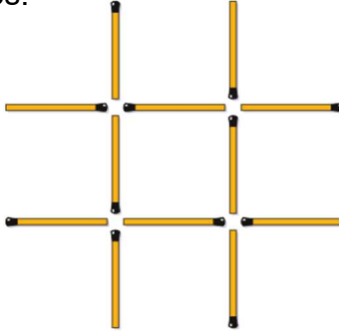
See if you can answer all these about November.

- 1) What name was given to the revolution that took place through an armed insurrection in Petrograd on 7 November, 1917?
- 2) What are the two zodiac signs for the month of November?
- 3) Which flower's name derives from the Greek words meaning golden flower? It's also the birth flower for November.
- 4) Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5th of November, but in which year was the Gunpowder Plot?
- 5) The November class of submarine was a nuclear-powered attack submarine in service from 1958 to 1990 for which country?
- 6) The national Remembrance Sunday ceremony is held in the UK at 11 a.m. on the second Sunday in November at the Cenotaph on Whitehall. Who designed the Cenotaph?
- 7) On the 28th of November 1919, Nancy Astor becomes Britain's first woman MP. She was elected Member of Parliament for which city?
- 8) "The house was very quiet, and the fog—we are in November now—pressed against the windows like an excluded ghost." is a line from which book that was first published in 1910?
- 9) What number month was November in the ancient Roman calendar?
- 10) What officially opened for the first time on November 17, 1869?

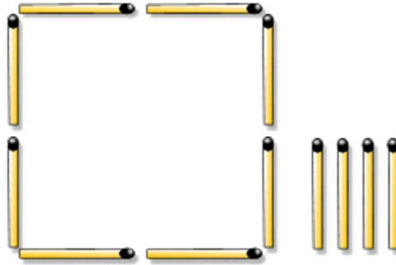
## 24 – 20 Matchstick Mystery

Can you solve the following puzzles involving matchsticks?

- 1) Take twelve matchsticks and arrange them into the grid shown below. Now move only three matchsticks to get exactly three perfect squares.



- 2) Use the four matches to divide the large square into 2 parts of the same shape. Use the matches without breaking or overlapping them.



- 2) Move 3 matches to make 4 equilateral triangles, no overlapping





## ***Last month's answers***

### **24 – 17 Dickensian**

- 1) ARTFUL DODGER 2) CHARLES DARNAY 3) BOB CRATCHIT 4) LADY HONORIA DEDLOCK 5) BENTLEY DRUMMLE 6) AGNES WICKFIELD 7) WACKFORD SQUEERS 8) SAM WELLER 9) DANIEL QUILP 10) CHARITY PECKSNIFF

### **24 – 18 Hallowe'en**

- 1) Son of the Devil
- 2) Robert Burns
- 3) The face of their future husband [although if they saw a skull they were to die before being wed!!!].
- 4) A spider, it was thought to be the spirit of a departed loved one.
- 5) Samhainophobia [named after the original Celtic festival]
- 6) "The Two Gentlemen of Verona".
- 7) Turnips.
- 8) Apples
- 9) Barmbrack
- 10) The ability to see and talk to spirits.

**MORE NEXT MONTH**



## SHIRLEY...

**Gosh, how quickly this year is passing. It will soon be Christmas!**

As I started writing, I was thinking about Halloween which has just been celebrated, or ignored, and I cannot remember it having such an impact when I was young. It is good fun for children, I suppose, and of course for the sale of all the stores' merchandise but as a Christian I have mixed feelings about Halloween. The witches make me think of the temptations and wickedness in the world, and the black spiders' webs the traps we can fall into. However, the pumpkin reminds me of the lovely coach which transported Cinderella to the ball and the happy times for which we all strive; and hopefully there were more treats than tricks! But this is now a memory and we have Advent and Christmas to look forward to. I wonder if these will have as many young supporters as Halloween?

The other day I had arranged for my car to have its winter check – Oil, windscreen wipers, antifreeze and tyre pressures etcetera. As it does not take long, I was waiting in the reception when my mobile phone rang. It was my daughter ringing for a chat. When I told her where I was, she told me she was doing the slight changes to her book requested by the publisher's editor. I said I was trying to decide what to write for our church magazine. Without hesitation she said "What about comparing your car's inner checks to your spiritual inner checks to make sure you are up and running in good faith!" Wow. What a surprisingly good suggestion. Do we keep an eye on our **spiritual input** as we do when we check fuel in the car? Do we pray and ask God for His guidance to make sure we are spreading the Good News by **lubricating** our minds? And what about antifreeze? Are our hearts **warm** towards the needs of others? And, do we keep the **pressure** of our church commitments under control so we can share our parochial life outside with others? Gosh. What a challenge she set me. I am happy to say my car seemed to run much better towards home. I hope I do too!!!

After a restless night's sleep and completing my necessary morning tasks, I was tempted by the late Autumn sunshine to have a walk. Steadily I walked up Woodhouse Lane, which takes me much longer than it used to do! At the top I turned left towards the Scout camp site.

After only a few steps along the road I was aware of the stillness and the quiet drone of the Motorway in the distance. It was so pleasurable to see the open fields edged with blackberry bushes as I continued slowly, childishly kicking the crisp autumn leaves as I went. They were such delightful, vibrant colours. How lucky I was to have such beauty on my doorstep. **See New England in the Fall the travel brochure suggested** - "We'd be hard pushed to single any one place out as the home of New England's best autumn foliage, but New Hampshire's White Mountains are strong contenders. Or travel to Franconia Notch State Park to witness the seasonal extravaganza at its most flamboyant." I silently thought, not as good as the Fall witnessed by Brighthouse folk! No need to travel abroad to see God's artistic pallet of colour.



All things bright and beautiful, the Lord God made them all.

*Shirley*

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## AND FINALLY....

I think you could probably say that about US too! Pam

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - November

## Friday/Saturday 1st/2nd November

Brighthouse Theatre Productions - The Ghost Train 7:30

## Sunday 3rd November

Deadline for Shoeboxes (Morning service)

Pantomime Society Bacon Butties before & after the 11:00 service

Loved, not lost 4:00

## Monday 4th November (& every Monday)

Monday Meet (Shirley's) 2:00

## Tuesday 5th November

Community Lunch 12:00

## Thursday 7th November

Remembrance Service, Railway Bridge View 2:00

## Sunday 10th November

Remembrance Service (at St M's) & then the War Memorial 10:00

Eucharist for Peace 7:00 pm

## Saturday 16th November

Rucksack Club Walk (Marsden & Moorland) 9:00

## Saturday 17th November

Open Console Afternoon 2:00

## Monday 18th November

Beer & Banter - Yorkshire Air Ambulance 7:00 (*The Four Sons*)

## Wednesday 20th November

PCC 7:00

## Thursday 28th November

MU Crafts - Railway Bridge View 2:00

## Friday 29th November

Coffee & Conversation - Railway Bridge View 12:30



*Sorry - I'm short of time this month!*

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by 9:00 a.m. **Wed 20th Nov.** please. Thanks.



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