



November Newsletter

We welcome you to this month's publication, which we hope will be something to lift your spirits and be thought provoking too! There are printed copies available in Lady St Mary Church and these can be picked up at the 10am service and taken to people who do not have the internet and so if you can share it by posting a copy to a neighbour, but please be careful to practise all necessary precautions.

News from the Ministry Team ...

Creation is a gift from God. It is not ours to simply use as we wish, it is ours to nurture and safeguard so that we as Christians are part of bringing climate and ecological justice to all of creation, and hope for the future.

The Anglican Communion states that our fifth mark of mission is to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the Earth. In Glasgow between October 31st and November 12th COP 26 is happening.

This is a conference of all the parties who in 1994 signed up to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, a group whose stated aim is preventing "dangerous" human interference with the climate system." Leaders from around the world will gather to make decisions on behalf of all of us which if they get it right will bring fullness of life to all of creation. COP 26 matters. It has been called our "last best chance" as we head towards what the UN

secretary general recently called "the verge of the abyss."

The climate and ecological crisis is to my mind as much a



justice issue as anything else, and because of that, and bearing in mind Micah 6:8, which reminds us to "act justly, love mercy and walk humbly" with our God, I would love to see us as Christian community being involved with COP 26. I am going to Glasgow for the first week of the conference in order to be part of a faith vigil which will pray all day every day somewhere in the city, extending an open invitation for anyone who passes by to join us in silent prayer and meditation for our sacred planet. The vigil will also be online for anyone to join in, but of course you can hold the conference and all of us who are there in prayer on your own or with whoever you find yourself.

On Wednesday 27th at 7 pm I will be running a zoom meeting to tell anyone who is interested a little more about the climate and ecological emergency, COP 26, and ways of being involved - you should have already received an email from me with a link for that meeting if not, do ping me a message and I will get it to you.

The state of the world and our call as Christians to be part of bringing God's kingdom should bring us to our knees (either physically or metaphorically). I hope that you can find your part within this and will join me in prayer for our leaders as they make big decisions on our behalf.

<http://www.earthvigil.co.uk>

Hilary

NOVEMBER A TIME TO REFLECT

In the Church's calendar this month is a season of reflection and remembering. It starts with All Saints Day and is closely followed by All Souls (otherwise known as the commemoration of the faithful departed). We shall be celebrating All Saints on the 31st October, this is a time to remember all those who have led holy lives and been active in the ministry and mission of the Church, who aren't celebrated elsewhere in the Church's calendar.

The following week on Sunday 7th November, we shall be holding a special All Souls Service in Lady St Mary Church at 3pm. This is a service for all of those who have lost loved ones and who want to remember and celebrate their lives. Invitations are going out to those who have been bereaved in the past couple of years, but others are more than welcome to join us.

A week later it is Remembrance Sunday, and we are very much hoping that we will be able to hold the remembrance services around the parish. With Covid on the increase we are reluctant to have too many people in our church buildings and so we are exploring the possibility of holding these services outside. At the time of going to print it is still not clear exactly where in Wareham this might be allowed, but we will notify you as soon as a firm decision is made. Also, please pray for good weather!

Then, on the last Sunday of the month we have Advent Sunday, the beginning of the season that prepares us in heart, mind, and spirit for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas. It is a further time of reflection and challenge in our lives, and we mark the beginning of this season with a choral evening service, 'From Darkness to Light', in Lady St Mary church.

Of course, all of the above are subject to the Covid situation not deteriorating. The Ministry Team will be carefully following and implementing Government guidelines and Church of England recommendations but, hopefully, always being able to offer the choice of worship in our churches or online.

100 years of red poppies

Amid the mud, blood, and carnage of trench warfare in World War 1, tens of thousands of bright red poppies grew, marking the graves of the fallen. This led John McCrae, a Canadian army physician who had lost a colleague, to write “In Flanders Fields”,

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

This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. Exactly 100 years ago, on the 11th Nov 1921, poppies of remembrance were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries. Hostilities had actually ceased three years earlier at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

This year, on the 14th November, which is the nearest Sunday, a two-minute silence will be kept at war memorials throughout the country, and at the national ceremony at the Cenotaph in London’s Whitehall. The Queen will pay tribute alongside Members of the Cabinet, Opposition Party leaders, former Prime Ministers, the Mayor of London, and many others. Representatives of the Armed Forces, Fishing Fleets and Merchant Air and Navy will be there, as well as High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries. All will wear a red poppy.

Around 30 million poppies are sold each year in the UK by the Royal British Legion. All the proceeds are used to provide serving and ex-service personnel with financial support, advice, employment, mobility, housing, and mental health facilities.

Today we are more aware than ever that battles are fought mainly by young people, and many of those who survive bear scars for life. The act of ‘remembering’ will not only look back to mark their sacrifice, but also yearn to learn lessons for the future.

Reflecting on the poem, ‘In Flanders Fields’, the American professor Moina Michael, wrote:

*And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.*

New Worship at Lady St Mary church, on the Third Sunday of the month

Last month (October) we launched a new service in Lady St Mary Church combining old and new worship songs (hymns) with a less formal holy communion liturgy. It was wonderful to have the choir and the worship group giving the musical lead as well as others reading and leading intercessions. I am pleased to say that this was well received and will continue in the coming months.

Forthcoming Fundraising Events for your Diary Winter 2021



**SATURDAY 27th November 10am-12 noon
CHRISTMAS FAYRE - PARISH HALL**

A great chance to buy Christmas gifts and crafts. Tea and Coffee and Cakes, plus more!

FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER 6pm JUST CAROLS ON CHURCH GREEN

All of your favourite Carols for all of the family and the whole of the Community to enjoy and to get into the Festive Spirit.

**SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER 7 pm AT LADY ST MARY CHURCH THE
WORLEWIND BAND.**

Back by popular demand! Save the Date. Tickets £12 (inc refreshments)

For more details contact the Parish office: Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9.00 to 1.00pm or Telephone: 01929 550905.



Diary of Events for November

All Souls Service:

A reflective service in memory of those who have died in the last two years.

We plan to hold an All Souls Service on Sunday 7th November at 3pm in Lady St Mary Church, which will include an opportunity to remember all who have died in the last 2 years, and all who mourn for them. This will be a quiet, reflective service, with music, readings, prayers, and a short talk. Please do come along and invite any you know who have been bereaved. Please let the Parish Office know if there is someone whose name you would like to be read out during the service.



Every Tuesday 1.30pm (Term time only) - Sandford Seedlings Baby and Toddler Group, if you are interested in coming along, please book a place via Facebook



Every Thursday 10.00am (Term time only) - Wareham Baby and Toddler Group, if you are interested in coming along, please book a place via Facebook

Saturday 13th November at 8.30am at Not Just Sundaes - Over 25 men enjoyed a great cooked breakfast recently at our re-established Men's Breakfast. We have now arranged our next breakfast, on **Saturday 13th November at 8.30am at Not**



Just Sundaes. Whether you were a regular at men's breakfasts in the past, or have never been before, you are welcome to come along. The cost will be £5 per head, please

contact the Parish Office to book your place.

Saturday 20th November at 7.30pm - The Tearfund Big Quiz Night

After its success last year, we are again going to run the TearFund big quiz night on zoom on the evening of 20th November at 7.30pm. Please join us for an evening of fun and laughter. If you are on your own, you are welcome to pair up with someone else and help each other by phone or text during the quiz. If you would like to take part, please contact Debs for the zoom link.



Sunday 21st November at 6.30pm - This will be an opportunity to join together with folks from other Purbeck churches to worship and pray together, and hear from guest speaker Paul White from the Prayer House in Weymouth. Join us on **Sunday 21st November at 6.30pm at Sandford St Martin's**, in the school hall. There will be sung worship, some input from Paul White, followed by a time of ministry. Like the Purbeck Evening Praise events in the past, we hope this will be an encouraging and inspiring time to gather together after such a long time in which we've not been able to do this. All are welcome!

Thursday 25th November 2.00pm - Open House at Sandford St Martin's Church

BECOMING A FAIRTRADE CHURCH

Many of you at LSM support Fairtrade by buying specific items on a regular basis and the majority certainly believe in the ethos behind it, of making trade fair for all in the supply chain. However, coming together as a church family to show collective support makes more of a statement to the local community and is another demonstration of our faith.

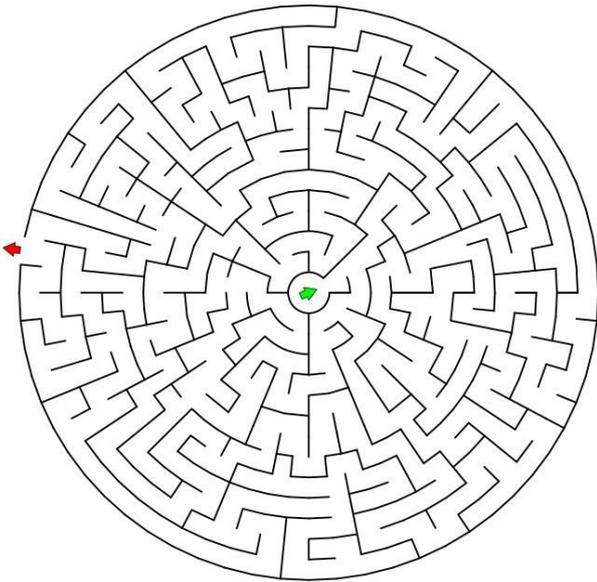
Behind the scenes a lot is already going on to meet the requirements of becoming a Fairtrade Church. We need to use Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar at all events organised by the church as a minimum. There may be other things which could be used too, like drinking chocolate and biscuits. And in the toilets, we could use Fairtrade liquid soap. Sunday and Saturday Coffee already use Fairtrade items but if there are any other groups which don't, please would you buy Fairtrade when your current stock has run out. You can buy from me or from a local supermarket, as long as it is Fairtrade.

We also need to be seen to be supporting Fairtrade through the year, especially during Fairtrade Fortnight in Feb/March. I will be running a Christmas stall at the end of November. The ministry team have also been asked to mention Fairtrade occasionally in their sermons, when appropriate. I also have copies of the Autumn/Christmas catalogue for anyone who would like a copy and soon I will be selling Christmas cards.

Finally, we must try and foster links with the local town council and schools. We are fortunate in having several church members who are on the Town Council who I am sure would advocate it when appropriate.

We, at LSM, are nearly there! We just have to be able to fill in the forms and then we will be awarded a certificate. Sandford Church committed some time ago to Fairtrade refreshments. Thank you for your support. Judith

Puzzles



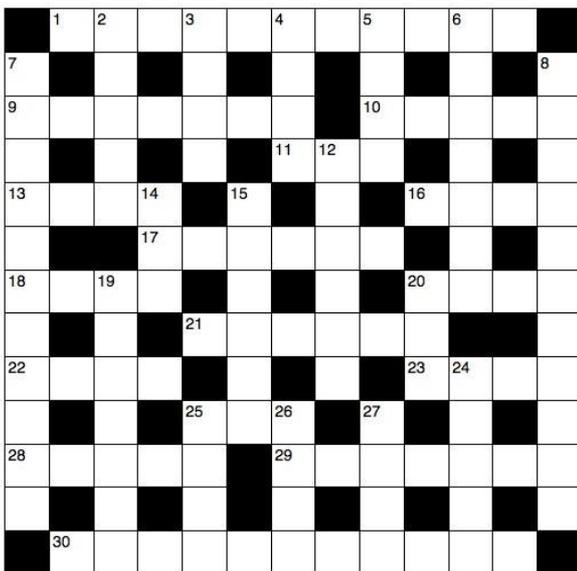
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Sudoku

Crossword



Clues Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)

- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Clues Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)

- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
15 Liverpool dialect (6)
19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
27 See 18 Across

Contact information

Parish Office

The Parish Office has now reopened to answer all face to face enquiries, telephone and email enquiries Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.

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