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PARISH LETTER

November - a time of remembering

Remember, remember, the 5th of November! goes the familiar poem from my childhood. Of course in some ways the last thing we want to remember is a treasonous, terrorist plot to kill the King and his son and destroy parliament. I'm not sure how many people celebrating Bonfire Night with fireworks and bonfires know what it is about these days?

But that's not the only thing we remember in this month; the 1st of November sees us thinking about the Christian men and women who have gone before and lived out their faith in inspiring ways on All Saints Day, the 2nd reminds us of those people who have been special in our lives but are no longer here on All Souls Day (which we will remember in our Service of Light on the 3rd).

One of the main remembering events is not of Remembrance Sunday (10th) and Remembrance Day (11th) but as we remember and give thanks for all who gave their lives in the service of peace. Being in Grimsargh last year reminded me of how important this can be to local communities with our service in church with Scout and Guide groups and our village remembrance at the cross with our friends from Alston Lane Catholic Church. It has been a while since I've been in a church or community that took this time quite so seriously.

Remembering should be something Christians ought to be good at as it forms part of our faith. Our faith is based on remembering what God our Father did in Jesus to rescue us from being lost in sin. You could even say that if we don't remember that our faiths built on some kind of cheap sentimentality.

As with many aspects of remembering in November we are called to remember some kind of sacrifice; the sacrifice of martyrs of our faith, the sacrifice of our mentors and faith encouragers, the sacrifice of loved ones who gave so much to us, the sacrifice of the many men and women who have given up their freedom and lives to protect ours.

When we celebrate Holy Communion, we are called 'to do this in remembrance of Him'. The bread and the wine, our words of praise and thanksgiving, are all about Jesus and what He did for us. Without His death and resurrection there would be no rescue from sin and death, there would be no true faith in Him or new life.

As we join in remembrance let us remember above all what our faith cost our heavenly Father and His Son. May that remembrance draw us into a deeper and lively faith that we can share with others needing hope and new life.

Blessings, Andy



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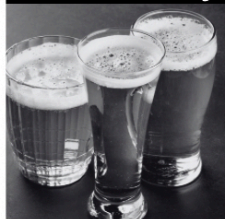
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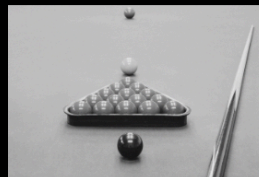


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Knitted Elephants for Milly's Smiles

Thank you to everyone in our craft group and MU members who have been making elephants for the childhood cancer charity Milly's Smiles over the last few months. Here's our herd of elephants ready to be sent off to their forever homes. The charity distributes 50 elephants a month in their patient support bags to children in cancer wards at hospitals throughout the North of England.

If you can help by knitting an elephant or two please let Louise Williams know and she will give you a pattern and tips for making up the elephants. To find out more about the amazing work of Milly's Smiles have a look at their website: www.millyssmiles.org

Louise Williams



News from FAF

Christmas Fair Saturday 7th December, 1pm, St. Michael's School.

We will be setting up from 10am onwards.

The Christmas Fair is an event for the whole community. There will be attractions for the whole family, including a visit from Father Christmas. As always, we need covered cakes for the cake stall, bottles for the bottle stall, items for the "Good as New" stall, and chocolate for the "Chocolate Bola".

If you think you can run a stall, have an idea for a new stall or just want to help out on the day, please contact any FAF member. Many hands make light work.

Come and celebrate the season at the Christmas Fair - the perfect place to find one-of-a-kind gifts for loved ones.

Come and Sing Carols!

Let's fill the air with Christmas cheer. Join us for carol singing around the village.

When: Friday 13th December

Where: 6.30pm, The Plough, 7pm, The Club, 7.30pm Haighton Manor, 8pm, Silver Birches. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served at the home of Cath and John Baron, following singing carols at Silver Birches

When: Saturday 21st December, 11am.

Where: The Farmers' Market, Grimsargh.

You'll have the opportunity to sing your favourite carols. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to celebrate Christmas, while bringing joy to the community. Just come along and join in the fun.

Flower Rota

The Flower Rota for 2025 will be available in the church porch from early November. Anyone

wishing to provide flowers in January next year please add your name to the rota before November 15th to ensure inclusion in the December/January magazine.

6th November – William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury

During the Second World War, Winston Churchill was Britain's Prime Minister. At the same time, William Temple was Archbishop of Canterbury. While Churchill led the country against Germany, Temple encouraged the British people to trust the Lord for their deliverance and strength. Like Churchill, Temple was a great leader, a gifted orator and a prolific writer. He was also a theologian and social activist.

Temple was born on 15th October 1881 in Exeter, Devon. He was educated at Rugby School and Balliol College, Oxford, from 1900 to 1904. He loved the music of Bach; the poetry of Browning and Shelley, and Shakespeare. He was an avid reader and possessed a near-photographic memory.

He became president of the Oxford Union and after graduation, was a lecturer in philosophy at Queen's College, Oxford. He was a member of the debating society and was a skilled and balanced debater. Following his ordination in 1909, and priesting in 1910, Temple was headmaster of Repton School for four years. He married Frances Anson in 1916. They were childless.

From 1921-29 Temple was Bishop of Manchester. During this time he was seen as a pioneer of the Ecumenical Movement and gradually became a national figure. In 1926 he urged the British government to seek a negotiated agreement to the General Strike.

Temple excelled as a moderator; a teacher and a preacher and his appointment as Archbishop of York (1929-40) was a popular one. His influence also led to the formation of the British Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. During the 2nd World War he jointly founded the Council of Christians and Jews to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice in Britain.

As Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-44) Temple became an outspoken advocate of social reform and became involved in the campaign against unemployment, poverty and poor housing. He believed in the rights of all people, whether rich or poor, and was a leading force for social justice. He was grounded in the problems of the working man and in his book *Christianity and Social Order* (1942) he shared his vision for all to have access to healthcare, education and decent housing. His radical thinking and activism played a foundational role in the formation of the British Welfare State.

Temple died aged 63 at Westgate-on-Sea, Kent on 26th October 1944. He was the first Primate of All England to be cremated and his ashes were buried in the cloister garden of Canterbury Cathedral. He is the last Archbishop of Canterbury to have died while in office.

10th November – The poppies of Remembrance Sunday

In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

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We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

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

St James the Least of All

On the perils of being a school governor

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I suppose it had to come, but combining parishes is now firmly on the agenda for our villages.

I had always wondered what the first Earl of Stowe was trying to prove, building a church here in 1347 to accommodate 800 people when the total population has never exceeded 250. In the short term – which in this village is measured in centuries - it seems to have been to house the tombs of his 13 successors. I now realise it was to make uniting with adjoining parishes in the 21st century more difficult. Clearly the first Earl had formidable foresight. None of our neighbouring churches seem too keen to share their reserves to help maintain our cathedral-sized building.

The threat of the closure of St Herve the Bard has, inevitably, caused outrage – not so much from its regular congregation of three, but from all those in the village who would never think of attending. People do so *like* to have a church not to go to.

The church of St Bregowine, built by a wealthy parishioner in the 19th century because she did not like the high church practices of the parish church of St Iwig, is refusing to re-unite, even though the two churches stand only 100 yards apart, in a village with a diameter of 300 yards. If only they could get over the trauma of seeing the incumbent putting water in the wine on Easter Day in 1894.

(Although it must be conceded that the Bregowinians were equally affronted that when the daughter church opened in 1895, they found that the Iwigers had provided no brass troughs at the end of the pews for umbrellas. That they have subsequently refused to install them has only compounded the offence.)

Meanwhile St Plegmund is in discussions with the Church of South India as a way of avoiding uniting with anyone. Should it happen, I will be interested to see what travelling expenses the new incumbent claims. It will be difficult to tell when the present incumbent resigns, as he has not been seen at a clerical meeting for the last 30 years. Some of my

colleagues suspect he is mythical, that a bloodless coup took place in the 1980s and that the church is now entirely run by the Mothers' Union.

The church of St Maximus of Constantinople in our nearest town has rather grandly offered to take all of our churches under its wing, but as a parishioner has pointed out: how could we possibly consider joining with a parish that fought on the other side at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.

In the meantime, we will serenely carry on, as we seem to have done for the past six centuries; parish mergers and reductions in numbers of clergy seem to be of less interest than debating the suggestion that we change the brand of coffee served after Services.

Your loving uncle
Eustace

MOTHERS' UNION

October Meeting Wave of Prayer Service

Jean gave a brief explanation about the Wave of Prayer.

All over the world on this day for 24 hours there are Mothers Union members praying for each other and their work in their diocese. Blackburn is linked to five specific ones. Then Jean and Liz helped us focus on each one by telling us a little about their countries, their needs, lit a candle and placed a flower for each one.

Bhopal in Central India a green city, with a national park, in which lions, tigers and leopards roam! But the side-effects of the chemical explosion in 1984, which killed thousands, still impacts on the lives of the people there, particularly the poorer shanty areas. A very small Christian community here.

Guinea West Africa is a country with rich mineral resources of gold and diamonds. However, agriculture and rural activities make up 75% of the country's employment. Again, a very small Christian Community.

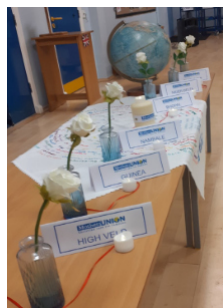
High Veld, South Africa covers a large part of Johannesburg. A high Christian presence here, though only a small Anglican number of churches.

Nambale , Kenya, well-known throughout Africa for its quality of schools and education. The primary religion is Anglican, there is a newly-appointed bishop. The indigenous people have adopted a Christian way of living.

Niger Delta Nigeria—made up of several states. Oil and gas are the main industries which, unfortunately create a great deal of pollution. A predominantly Christian area.

Mothers Union Notices

- A big thank you to all who helped and came to the Deanery Festival last month
- A big special thanks to all who contributed toiletries to Preston Women's refuge. The box is at the back of church for donations of women's and children's toiletries
- A big elephant sized thank you for the knitters of the elephants for Millie Smiles appeal
- Reminder of York Provincial End of Triennial service in Blackburn Cathedral on November 2nd at 2.00 pm. Preacher Bishop Philip. Andy & Louise will be attending & have room for 2 in their car.
- Mothers Union Subs Next year will be £31.50. Due in December.



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Catherine Robinson (June 13th) is a committee member but also is kept busy with looking after her grandchildren, which she loves doing. Her week starts with minding Cattie (Age 4 years) and Penny (Age 7 months) on Mondays. Then her week continues as Sophie, her 12-year-old grand-daughter, comes for tea after school on Tuesdays to Thursday! Plenty to keep her young!



Margery Baxenden (July 23rd) lives next door but one to Marlene! She was brought up in Preston, living above a bank at the top of Fishergate. She loves living in Grimsargh, and often sees her sister who lives next door to Jayne. Her son lives in Spain but made a surprise visit when she was in hospital. Her husband, Malcolm was a firefighter and she is still meets up with some of his old colleagues. Margery still likes to write in shorthand!



Glenice Bramley (July 28th) also lives near Marlene, with her husband, Ronny, who had a fight with his chain-saw recently. They're very thankful that he is recovering well from his injuries with hot & cold therapy. Ronny will celebrate his 80th next year and their son, Mark is planning to come over from Australia to join in the party with the rest of the family, Keith and Sarah and their sons (Glenice's grandchildren) Arthur and Tom.



Jean Burr August 23rd) lived in Spain for several years with her husband. She misses the blue skies! She returned to be near her daughter, Stephanie and her family on Cow Hill. Not quite so near her daughter, Alison, who lives in Tanzania, teaching! Jean enjoys knitting and is busy completing hedgehogs for the Christmas fair! Look out for them!



Linda Eccleston (August 27th) Born at Alston. Married to Jim for 52 years. (Had to include him in the photo! He's always ready for a laugh) They lived at Elston Old Hall Farm for 30 years, passing it onto their son to run now. They now live in Longridge, and have 5 children & 2 grandchildren. Linda loves walking Maisie the farm dog, along the Ribble and meeting up with her 4 sisters weekly



Doris Parkinson (August 28th)
Our most senior member! Doris received her 45 years Mothers Union certificate last month! (although apparently, she has been in the Mothers Union for 47 years, and would have joined earlier but was unhappy about their policy in connection with divorcees then!) Doris has always been a thinker and maybe even be considered a bit of a rebel! She has a big family, totalling 14 when they all get together, that she appreciates and feels very blessed by them.

And finallyA prayer to encourage us to keep praying!

Lord Jesus, we ask you now to intercede and bring peace of mind to those who pray for countries at war with each other. Let them be aware that their prayers are not in vain. For those in war-torn areas we pray that God will ease their pain, in Jesus' name, Amen

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SCHOOL REPORT

As I write this October report, we have just entered our final week of this, our first half term. Our children have had plenty opportunities to let their lights shine since my September report.

Rev Andy Williams lead us in both our Harvest and St Michael's Day celebrations. It was great to gather together to worship as a whole school in St Michael's Church and was also great to see some of our parents/carers and families celebrating and worshipping with us too. Some of our children took lead roles within these two celebrations and had the opportunity to speak in front of the entire school, in Church, which takes courage. The children who had this opportunity read clearly and confidently.



Our extra-curricular clubs are in full swing- we have numerous sports clubs, a choir, a bible fun club, a Athletics club, a reading club, Coding club and much more. All clubs are very well attended which is great to see.

We have also competed in all inter-school sporting opportunities so far this school year and are, again, competing in the highest and thus most challenging of inter-school leagues.



We have recently appointed our new head boy and girl and their deputies. We were delighted to announce Ruby W as our head girl and Ellie R as our deputy head girl; Areeb A as our head boy and Zsolt H as our deputy head boy. They had to go through a rigorous

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process to be elected, which included a letter of application and presentation to year 5 and 6 pupils and staff. Our Pupil Leadership Team have already given a tour of our school to prospective parents as part of our October 'Show Rounds'. They have made an excellent start to their important roles.



In classes, pupils voted for new representatives for our School and Eco Councils. Congratulations to those who were elected onto the councils. The children received their badges in worship. In School Council this year, we are looking forward to planning charity events and representing the views and ideas of their classes. Our Eco Council will be considering ways to make our school more sustainable and will continue to consider and plan for how we can reduce our school's carbon footprint. Both councils will become a powerful voice for their peers and will also keep parents up to date via social media and the newsletter.

Our PTFA's first fundraiser of the year- 'The Colour Run'- was a huge success, with many of our children and staff, attending school the following Monday morning with colour still in their hair!

Search '[grimsarghstmichaels](#)' on Instagram and '[Grimsargh St Michael's C of E Primary School](#)' on Facebook to have a snapshot of some of the things our children have been doing.

On behalf of our school staff, I wish everyone within our Grimsargh community well and hope you all continue to support each other and stay safe.

Mr Stuart Booth

Headteacher

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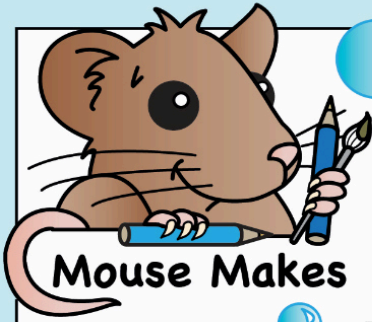
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the story in
John 13:1-17

"DO AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU."

The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their dusty feet. Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing, wrapped a towel around his waist and began to wash the disciples' feet just like a servant would do.

Then Jesus said:

"Do you understand what I have done for you? Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done for you."



By washing his disciples' feet, Jesus showed that as God's people we are never too important to serve and care for others.

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FLOWER ROTA

Nov	3rd	Dawn Desai
Nov	10th	Vacant
Nov	17th	Nellie Cowell
Nov	24th	Sheena Cartmell

SIDESPERSONS, READERS AND COFFEE ROTAS

	8.30am	10.00am	Communion Assistant	Readers	Coffee
Nov	3rd	R Woollam		D Rusling S Cowell	
Nov	10th	N Maudsley	N Cowell	L Wood M Lamberty	
Nov	17th	R Buckley		B Mackley J Eccles	
Nov	24th	K Thompson	B Mackley	L Desai B Holt	

FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

	Leader	Duty		Welcome	
Nov	1st	Jean	Christine	Marlene	Janet
Nov	8th	Jennifer	Nellie	Helen	Linda
Nov	15th	Kate	Maureen	Eileen	Janet
Nov	22nd	Jean	Marlene	Christine	Linda
Nov	29th	Nellie	Jennifer	Eileen	Janet

Holy Baptism

Jesus said "Let the children come unto me"

Sept	22nd	Stuart Fillingham (Adult)
Oct	6th	Olive Parkinson
Oct	13th	Isla Biggs

Confirmation

Sept	22nd	Bob Galbraith Sue Chapman Stuart Fillingham
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Funerals

"I am the resurrection and the life" says the Lord.

Oct	21st	Barbara Moore 97 years
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ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 1st** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
5.30pm eyes down 6.00pm - Bingo and Pizza in school
- 3rd** **4th Sunday before Advent**
10.00am Morning Worship
4.00pm Service of Light
- 6th** 2.00pm Craft and Chat at 6 Douglas Lane
- 8th** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 10th** **3rd Sunday before Advent**
10.00am Holy Communion for Remembrance
11.45am Remembrance Service at Stone Cross
- 11th** 7.30pm FAF meeting at 270 Longridge Road
- 14th** 7.30pm Bible Study at 6 Douglas Lane
- 15th** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 17th** **2nd Sunday before Advent**
10.00am Morning Worship
11.30am Baptism of Harvey Bridge
- 18th** 7.30pm PCC Meeting in School
- 20th** 12 noon MU Christmas Meal at The Cross Keys
- 21st** 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 22nd** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 24th** **Sunday next before Advent**
10.00am Holy Communion
- 29th** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club

DEADLINE for the December/January magazine is 15th November.
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