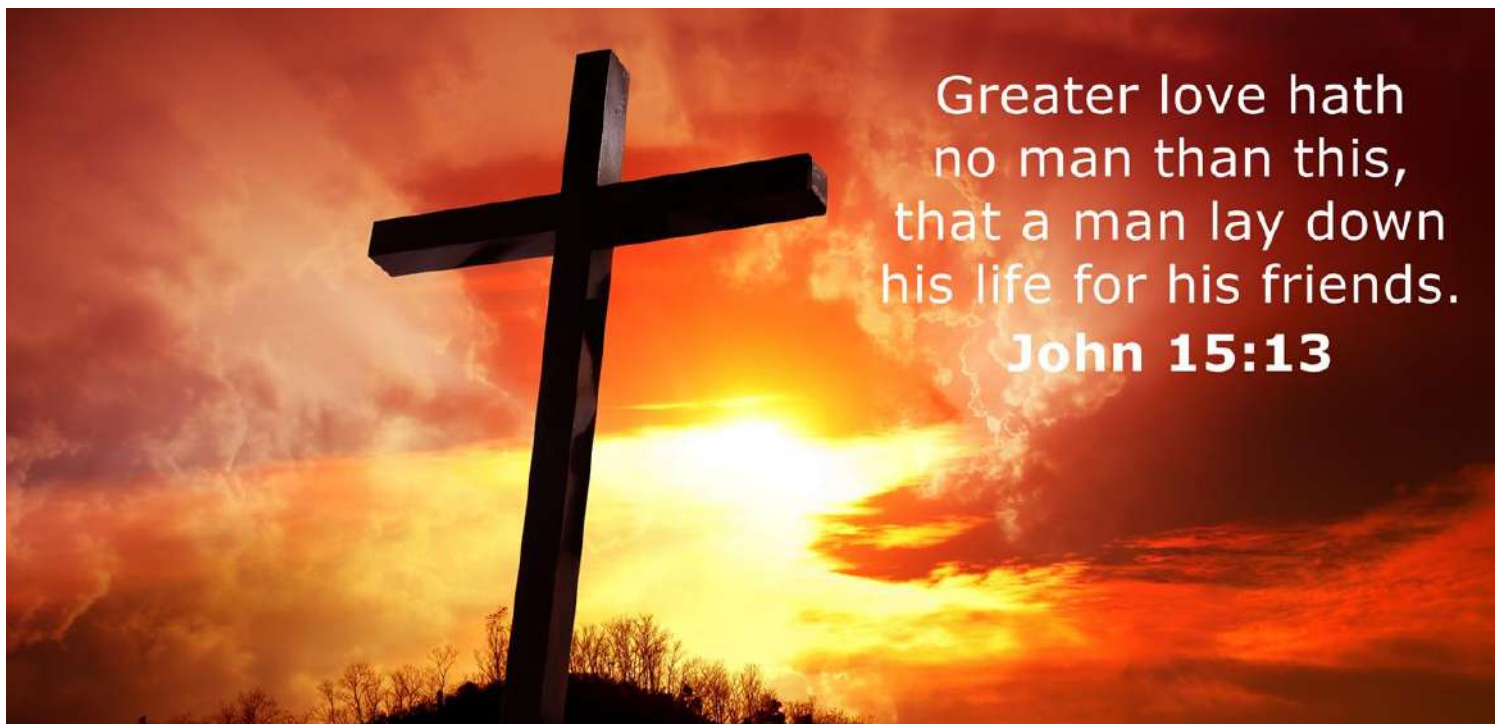


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Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms (also called Christenings) are held around the Parish throughout the month. Please come along to the morning service at the church of your choice, and you can talk about booking a date that works well for you and church. Godparents must have been baptised themselves and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session with the parents.

Funerals

Every parishioner has the right to a service in church, followed by a committal.

Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met.

If you would like further information or to book a funeral, wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the magazine

Magazine Deadlines

Please send any material for the magazine to your local assistant editor (see contact details at the back) or magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk.

	December	January	February
Deadline for material	17 November	15 December	19 January
Publication date	27 November	25 December	29 January

**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.

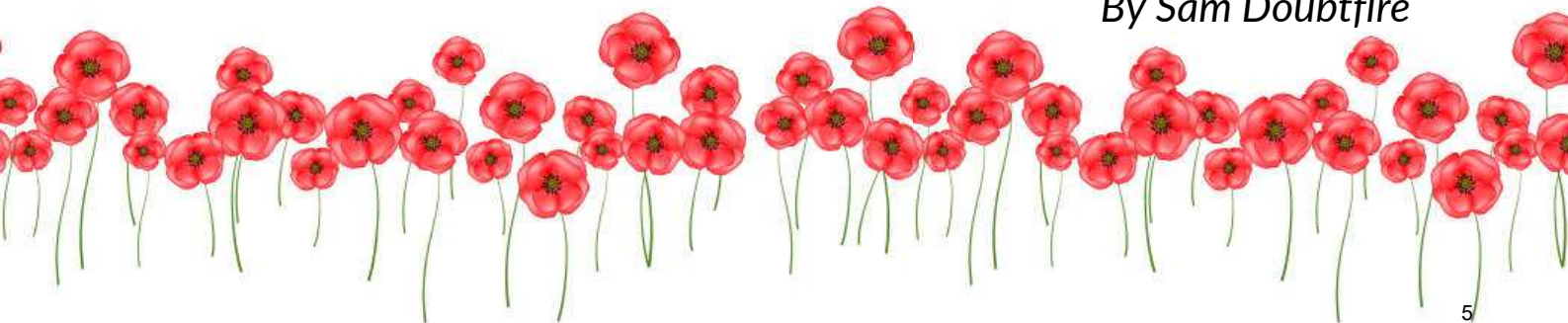
Remember me –
In the music played,
In the clapping of the audience keeping time
And uniforms so proudly worn.

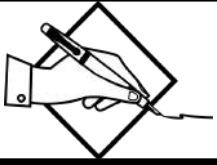
Remember me –
In the stories told,
Most from the distant past, but others new,
Each one rehearsing memories stored

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.

By Sam Doubtfire





A Letter from Izzy

We have just celebrated Harvest and it was so good to see the generosity of the people of Ashton and Billinge, as our churches were filled with so much food, collected by our schools and church congregations. We welcome this much needed food which will be distributed to those families in our community who are struggling at the moment and on their behalf can I thank you all for your kindness.



The poet John Keats described Autumn as 'the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness', a time to gather in the grain harvest and the fruits for storing or preserving for the coming winter. But it is also a time when we notice a drop in temperature as the weather changes and it becomes colder.



As the temperature drops, I know that many people are anxious about the price increases for gas electricity and food and all the other price rises that seem to be happening one after another. But it is important to stay warm and whilst we can try and economise, we must not let the temperature drop in our homes to such a degree that we become ill. We should also make sure we have our Flu and Covid vaccinations and for those of us with elderly neighbours, a phone call or a visit to check on them would I am sure be welcomed.

Matt 9 v 37 says:

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore to send out workers into his harvest field.

When Jesus speaks about harvest in the bible he is often referring to the harvest of believers and with that in mind, this Autumn we are running an Alpha course at St Luke's Church, Stubshaw Cross. For those who do not know about Alpha, it is a course that helps us to understand the Christian faith better. We meet on a Wednesday evening from 7pm to 9pm and everyone is welcome. For some people who have done Alpha there is a real awakening of their faith and some people actually come to faith and begin a relationship with Jesus why not give it a try.

Love Izzy x

Parish News

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

A Christmas Tree Festival is being held at St Aidan's CE Church in Billinge. This popular event will take place on

Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December 2022.

The trees are sponsored by local businesses, groups, individuals and families. The cost to sponsor a tree is £26. We provide the tree and then it is up to you to decorate the tree as you please.



For **businesses**, it is an opportunity to advertise your business, you can leave business cards and advertisements near the tree for people to take.

For **local groups** – **Scouts/ Rainbows/ Sports Clubs, Health Clubs**, etc. this is a great time to advertise your group and encourage local people to join you!

For **families**, it is a chance to decorate the tree as you please. You may have a theme that is special to your hearts.

Everyone is welcome to come and see the church decorated by the beautiful trees over the weekend. Please see the Programme of Events.

If you are interested in sponsoring a tree, please contact Alison Corkill 07837549722
alisoncorkill@sky.com Thank You!



[St Andrew's 90th celebration](#)

Dear friends,
St. Andrew's Church Family would like to invite you to join them on

Sunday 27th November at 2pm in the Mission Hall, Garswood

We shall be celebrating 90 years of worshipful service within the community of Garswood.
When Mission Hall was built it was a temporary building but we are still here.

Please join us for a wonderful celebration followed by light refreshments.

Blessings to you all,
Rosalyn and the Garswood Team xx

Archives: Wigan & Leigh Our Town Pop Up Exhibition
Friday 11 November 1pm – 5pm, Ashton Library



Have you ever wondered what life was like in Ashton in the 1600s? How about what the symbols in the Ashton coat-of-arms mean? Archives: Wigan & Leigh are celebrating the rich history of Our Town with a brand-new exhibition exploring the archive collections of local townships, from Ashton to Orrell, launching in October.

The Archives will also be taking the collection on the road! Come join us and explore archival items covering hundreds of years of Ashton history! Whilst we are there, we will be asking you to help create a community display celebrating the history of your local area, so come on down and enjoy a unique opportunity to celebrate your local history.

You can also visit our permanent exhibition celebrating local history in Leigh Town Hall, open 10 – 4 Tuesday to Saturday.



LADIES - SAVE THE DATE

The annual Christmas meal for ladies will be held on

**TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 6.30PM FOR 7PM
AT MASONIC HALL, BRYN.**

This is always a most enjoyable evening and an opportunity to meet up with friends from other churches. Menus available from Christine Moorfield. We offer our thanks to Christine for organising this annual event.



On 16th October St Luke's celebrated 20 years since the opening of the Church on the current site. Everyone celebrated with a lovely service, prize giving for the children and a celebration lunch.

Happy Birthday St Lukes!





CAN YOU HELP WRAP UP WIGAN?

As the weather turns colder, we are inviting supporters and businesses to help vulnerable families and individuals facing crisis this winter. With the cost-of-living crisis, rising energy and fuel bills, increasing food prices and rising inflation the winter months are looking bleak for many families and individuals in our borough. The harsh reality is many people will be cold, hungry, or destitute as they are plunged deeper into poverty.

We urgently need your help so families and individuals can stay warm and fed in Wigan. Can you donate any of the following to support the most vulnerable members of our community?

Electric blankets (new pls) / warm blankets
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 Thermal clothing (adults & children)

Padded coats / body warmers / fleeces
 Hats / gloves / socks / slippers
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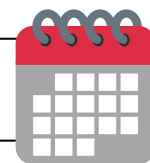
You can donate or collect warm winter items at any of our retail shops:

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Services & Events in November



Parish Events

Saturday 19th	11.00am - 2.00pm: Christmas market including Christmas lunches	St Andrew's Mission Hall
Saturday 19th	11.00am - 2.00pm: Christmas craft and cake fayre	St Thomas'
Thursday 24th	2.00pm Friendship Group	St Aidan's
Friday 25th	Quiz Night - £5pp (see Jan or Carol)	St Thomas'
Sunday 27th	2.00pm Celebration of 90 years at St Andrew's (see page 8 for further details)	St Andrew's Mission Hall
Tuesday 29th	1.30pm - 3.00pm Peace of Mind (Dementia Cafe) with Peter and his guitar	St Andrew's Mission Hall
Wednesday 30th	Wreath Making (£15 - booking in advance necessary, see Carol Pye or Jan Cornthwaite)	St Thomas'



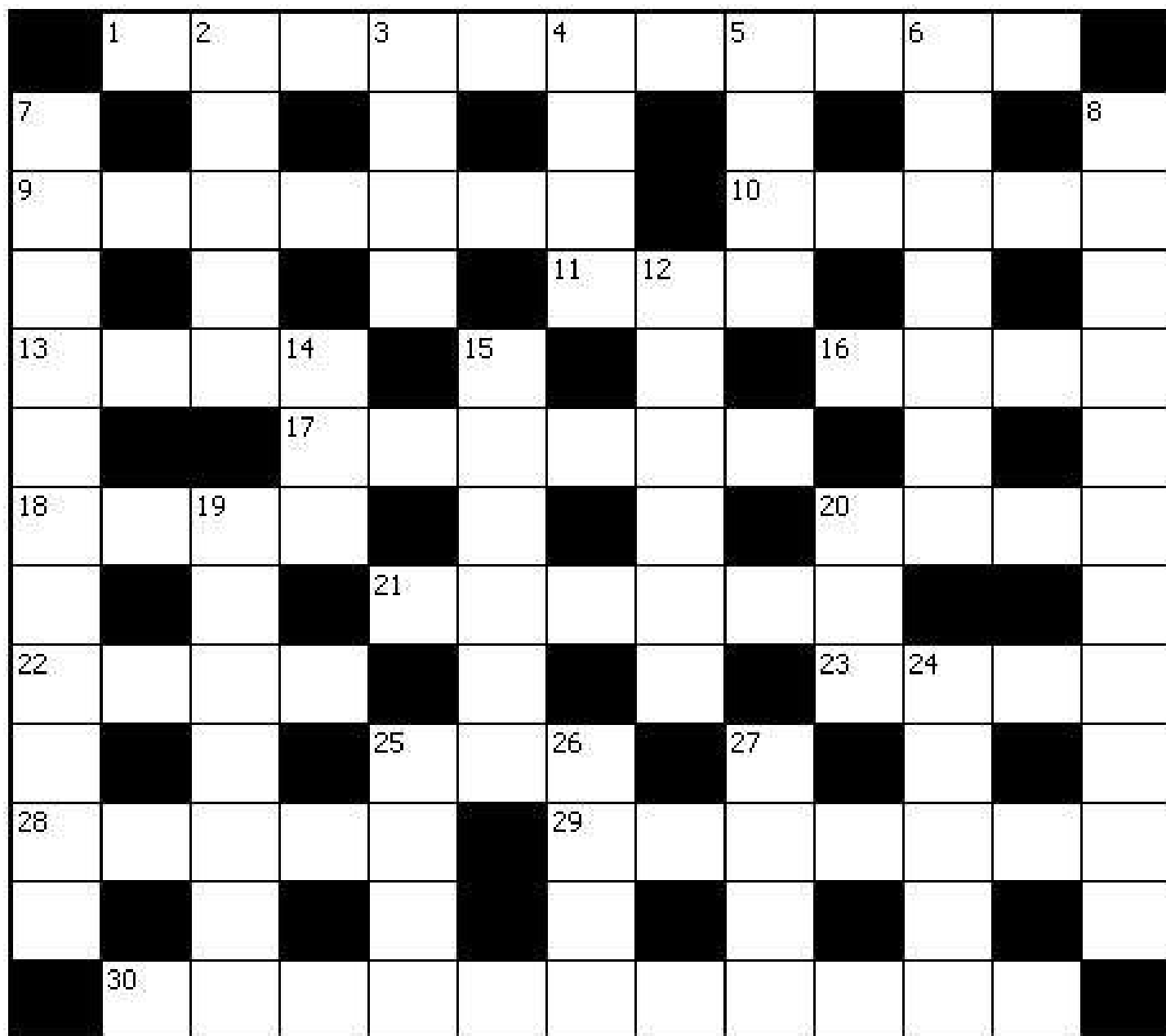
Weekday Services

Wednesday 2nd	10.00am Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 3rd	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Wednesday 9th	10.00am Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 10th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Wednesday 16th	10.00am Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 17th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Wednesday 23rd	10.00am Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 24th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'

Sunday Services in November

6th	<p>9.00am Morning Worship 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together 11.00am Family Worship 6.30pm Holy Communion</p>	<p>St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's Holy Trinity St Peter's St Thomas' St Luke's St Thomas'</p>
13th	<p>9.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Sta's4all 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Morning Prayer 10.45am Worship Together 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Remembrance Service</p>	<p>St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's Holy Trinity St Peter's St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's</p>
20th	<p>9.00am Morning Worship 9.30am Café Church 10.00am Morning Worship 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Prayer 10.45am Holy Communion 11.00am Family Worship 6.30pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's Holy Trinity St Peter's St Thomas' St Luke's St Thomas'</p>
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Crossword



Answers on page 18

Across

- 1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _, Lord of all _, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)
- 9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)
- 10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline _ (2,3)
- 11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)
- 13 A descendant of Gad (xNumbers 26:16) (4)
- 16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
- 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
- 18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _ God rather than men!'(Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
- 22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
- 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25 Tree (3)
- 28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you'(Job 33:7) (5)
- 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
- 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

- 2 'O Jerusalem _ how _ I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3 Way out (4)
- 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5 Done (anag.) (4)
- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- 14 Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
- 20 See 1 Across
- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)
- 26 Lists choice of meals (4)
- 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord'(Romans 6:23) (4)

November Holy Days

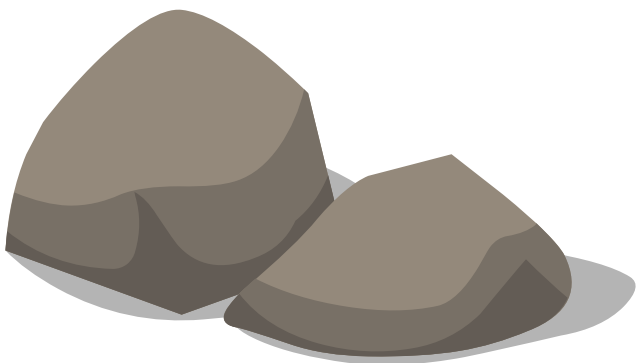
8th November: Four Crowned Martyrs

Has your boss ever tried to get you to do something that is against your Christian faith? If so, here are some saints for you. They chose to make a Christian 'stand' at work, even though it really irritated their boss.

Claudius, Nicostratus, Simpronian and Castorius were simple stonemasons in early 4th century Rome. They worked in the imperial quarries and workshops of Sirmium. They made a number of carvings for the Emperor Diocletian, who had a passion for building.

Then Diocletian decided he wanted a statue of Aesculapius, the ancient Greek god of medicine. Here Claudius, Nicostratus, Simpronian and Castorius hesitated: they were Christians, and not comfortable about making a 'god'. They demurred. Their line manager Lampadius was furious, and soon had them imprisoned for refusing to sacrifice to the gods. Claudius and his friends were in bad trouble – and then it got worse. Lampadius suddenly died. His family were distraught, and so blamed the stonemasons. Claudius and his companions were killed by drowning.

The courage of these four simple stonemasons to risk everything rather than make a stone statue of a god, was a great inspiration in the early Church. Their story was told and retold down the centuries.... eventually Claudius and his friends became the patron saints of guilds of stonemasons in England.



16th November St Margaret of Scotland

Some women have power, and some women are good. When a woman with power is also good, she can achieve an astonishing amount.

Margaret of Scotland has been called 'The Pearl of Scotland', but she began life in Hungary about 1045. She was born to the expatriate English prince Edward the Exile, and so was an English princess. The family returned to Wessex in 1057, when she was 13, and following the death of King Harold II at the Battle of Hastings in 1066, her brother Edgar Aetheling should have been King of England, but he was never crowned. Instead, the family fled north, to Scotland, where she was married to Malcolm III of Scotland by 1070. As a Scottish queen she went on to become mother of three kings of Scotland, and of a queen consort of England.

Margaret was a Christian, and became a good friend of Lanfranc, a future archbishop of Canterbury. Her biographer tells of how she read narratives from the Bible to her husband, thus helping to 'civilise' him. He was illiterate, but so admired her reading, that he had her books decorated with gold and silver. She was also credited with helping her youngest son, the future King David I of Scotland, towards becoming a just and holy ruler.

Margaret introduced the worship and practise of the Church of Rome into Scotland. She also wanted to help the many pilgrims travelling in Scotland, and so she established a ferry across the Firth of Forth, which is where the towns South Queensferry and North Queensferry got their names.

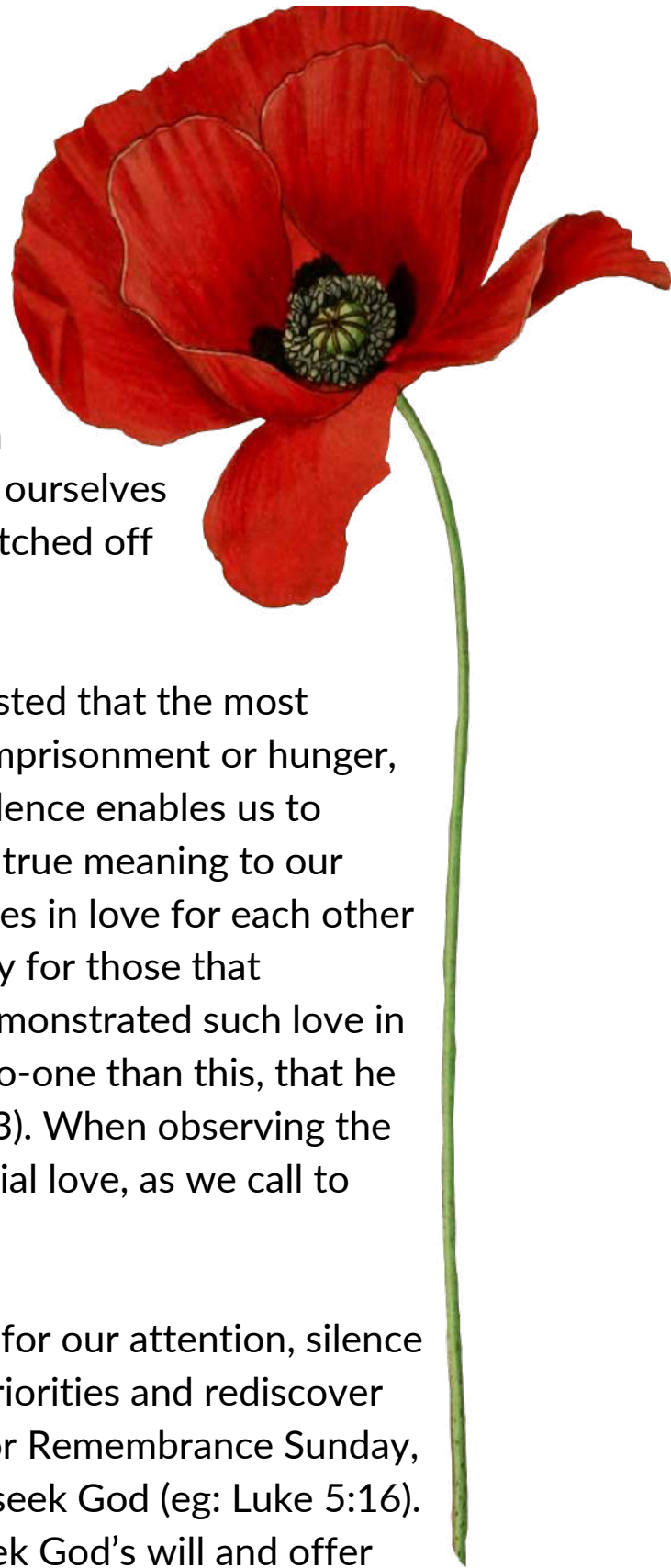
Margaret performed many charitable works for the poor, and she interceded for the release of English exiles who had been forced into serfdom following the Norman conquest. She also began the restoration of Iona Abbey.

In private life, Margaret spent much of her time in prayer, using a cave on the banks of the Tower Burn in Dunfermline as a place of devotion and prayers. St Margaret's Cave is still there today, covered beneath a municipal car park.

Margaret died in 1093, and in 1250 Pope Innocent IV canonised her. Her relics were dispersed after the Scottish Reformation, but at one time Mary, Queen of Scots, owned her head.

The Two Minutes Silence

In the month when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the Two Minutes Silence is a significant act of remembrance. The silence provides an opportunity to remember those who have suffered in war and how we can work for a peaceful world. However, we can also find ourselves thinking about lunch or whether we've switched off our phone?



Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes of silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, 'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). When observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we call to mind those who have laid down their lives.

In our busy lives, where so much clamours for our attention, silence gives us an opportunity to reflect on our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives. This is not just for Remembrance Sunday, as Jesus often withdrew to find silence to seek God (eg: Luke 5:16). Let's use silence in our lives as space to seek God's will and offer ourselves to Him, just as those who gave themselves in conflict through the years.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'

Canon Paul Hardingham

Celebrating the life of Brother Andrew (1928-2022)



Brother Andrew, the founder of Open Doors, died on 27th September, aged 94.

Famous around the world as 'God's smuggler', he began his ministry in 1957 by smuggling Bibles across the Iron Curtain in a blue Volkswagen Beetle. That trip was the beginning of Open Doors which, more than 65 years later, is now supporting persecuted Christians around the world.

The remarkable story of his Bible 'smuggling' was told in his best-selling autobiography God's Smuggler.

After the fall of the Iron Curtain, Brother Andrew turned his attention to the Islamic World, saying that the rapid spread of Islam posed the greatest challenge yet to the Christian church worldwide. He travelled to the Middle East and South Asia and had private meetings with leaders of several Islamic fundamentalist groups. However, Brother Andrew preached against retaliation – repeatedly declaring 'I sincerely love all Muslims' as a counter to the rising Islamophobia in the west.

Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands knighted Brother Andrew in 1993. In 1997, he received the World Evangelical Alliance's Religious Liberty Award, recognising his lifetime of service to suffering Christians.

But Open Doors UK reveals that "perhaps the recognition that pleased him most was the copies of KGB reports, which he obtained after the fall of the Iron Curtain. There were more than 150 pages about him, detailing his work in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Despite this, they were still unable to stop his work."

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Hopefulness. 9, Hitting. 10, du Pre. 11, Ere. 13, Ozni. 16, Wait. 17, Climbs. 18, Obey. 20, Joni. 21, Cuckoo. 22, In it. 23, Yaws. 25, Elm. 28, Alarm. 29, Epistle. 30, Whitsuntide.

DOWN: 2, Often. 3, Exit. 4, Urge. 5, Node. 6, Soprano. 7, Theological. 8, Westminster. 12, Rebuke. 14, Icy. 15, Ritual. 19, Epitaph. 20, Joy. 24, Acted. 25, Emít. 26, Menu. 27, Gift.

All Saints' Day – the feast day of all the redeemed

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,
And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
Shall safely in thy haven meet...

The heavenly hosts, world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
Who shall divide me from thy love?*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.



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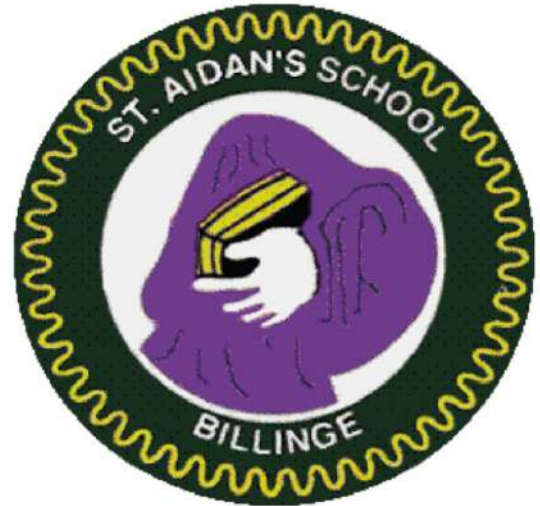
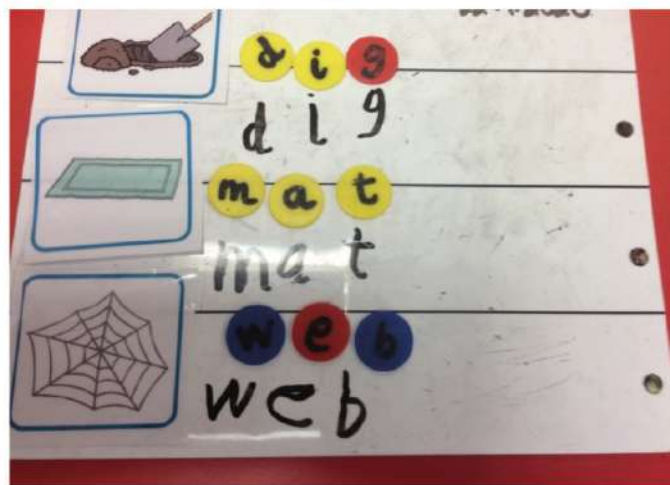
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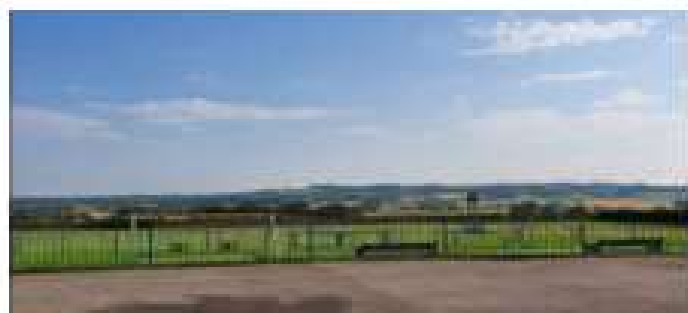
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*...love the new notice board, Vicar...
...just not quite so sure about the wording...*

News from our churches

6th November	10.00am 12.45pm	Holy Communion Baptism Service
13th November	10.30am 4.00pm	No morning service in church Sta's4all in school Remembrance Service
20th November	10.00am	Morning Worship
27th November	10.00am 4.00pm	St Aidan's Beacon Evening Prayer
2nd November	10.00am	Holy Communion
9th November	10.00am	Holy Communion

2nd Sunday 10.30 am Sta's4all will held at St Aidan's School. There will be activities and worship for all ages, particularly the young at heart.

The Civic Remembrance Service will take place at 4pm on November 13th . As in other years, wreaths will be presented by Councillors and our MP. And a trumpeter will play the last post. This will be a very special service as we mark the 100 years since the church Organ was installed as a War Memorial for the village.

Regretfully the representative from Compassion UK, Phil Briggs, was not able to speak at our Communion Service on October 2nd as he had Covid. This will be rearranged at a future time.

Church Committee

St. Aidan's Committee meets alternate months and the next meeting is on November 17th. If you wish to raise any issue for our meeting please contact Grant Dixon (Health and Safety), Joan Roberts (Finance), Barbara Goulden and Peter Hughes (Assistant Wardens) or Helen Steele (Reader).

We are deeply saddened by the death of Jack Boardman, who passed away peacefully at home at the end of September. Jack gave so much of his time to St Aidan's, not only serving as Church Warden for 9 years, but also serving on the PCC for many, many years, worshipping with his family, helping with the care of our church building and the documentation of the graveyard, printing of the magazine recently and much more. Our prayers rest with Marion and the family.



St Aidan's CE Primary School

Everyone has settled into their new classes and we would like to welcome new children in Nursery, Reception, Year 2, 3 and 4. For all our families welcome to our St Aidan's Family.

In September our Year 6 went on a Residential Trip to PGL Winmarleigh Hall. We all had a great time and enjoyed spending time together and building new friendships. It was a fun packed weekend of activities such as raft building, zip wire and wall climbing.

St Aidan's School hold a Toddler Group every Wednesday morning in term time. It starts at 9am and finishes at 10.30 am. It is £2 per child and includes hot drink for adult and juice and snacks for children. It finishes with a sing song with Bern our Piano Teacher at the end of the session. Everyone is welcome – come along and join us.

Save the Date: Tuesday 6th December 2022 – Christmas Fayre – 3pm to 5pm at St Aidan's CE Primary School.



Sta's4all on November 13th will be exploring Noah's Ark. Lets hope that the weather is kind to us!

Beacon

Our service on 27th November is the start of Advent! This will be our annual Toy service. You are asked to bring gifts suitable for children and teenagers in the parish who are in need this Christmas. This will be given to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal. Please do not wrap the gifts, this will be done by volunteers. There is a special need for gifts for the teenagers! Thank you in anticipation of your great generosity.



The Friendship Group meet on Thursday 24th November at 2pm. The guest speaker, Helen Steele will be giving an illustrated talk about her holiday.

K4C (Kids 4 Christ) this month will be on Wednesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th November, starting at 10am, for pre-school children with their carers. This operates on line. If you want an invitation to join this please email harrywareing@talktalk.net

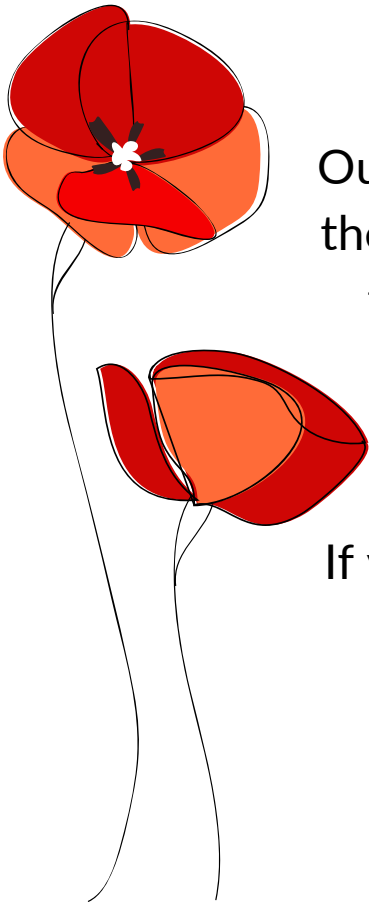
St Aidan's Emergency Prayer Group

Do you know someone in need of prayer support? Sickness, anxious, unloved, bereaved, depressed? Prayer enables us to be encircled in love. This emergency prayer group will pray in confidence for your loved on. Ring Jennifer on 01942 537325 or Brenda on 01744 894528 to share the need.

Thank You - I wish to thank you all for your prayers, cards, practical help and kind wishes concerning the sad loss of Jack Boardman, It has been a great comfort to all of our family.

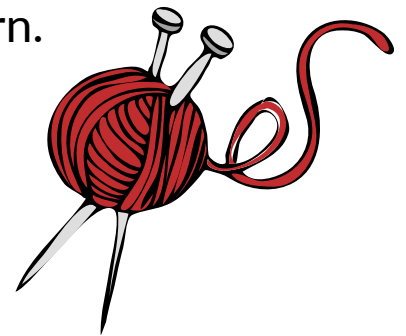
**God Bless
Marion Boardman**

Do you knit?



Our events committee are planning to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Church Organ and the village War memorial on Remembrance Sunday by decorating church with knitted poppies.

If you can help please contact Barbara Goulden (894694) for a pattern.



CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

We are again holding our toy appeal for those families who will be struggling over Christmas. Our aim is that no child should go without at Christmas and would therefore like as many people as possible to make donations of new toys unwrapped towards the appeal. We will be collecting these at the next Beacon Service on the 27th November when we hope the Mayor will be in attendance to receive them. The toys are being collected as part of the Mayor of St Helens toy appeal to make sure that any local children in need will receive these gifts.



Christmas Cards

After an absence of 2 years, I am pleased to say the Christmas Card Baskets will be back in church on Saturday 3rd December

Jean Breeze

For those who have not used these before, you can place Christmas cards for church members into the alphabetically labelled baskets for them to pick up when they attend, saving on postage! They are not delivered to the homes of those named on the envelope.

We will also have the large charity Christmas card up for you to sign a greeting to other church members. This saves on cards as well as postage! You are asked to give a donation to a nominated charity when using this card. If you would like to nominate a local charity for this year please contact Barbara Goulden. The charity will be chosen by a clear majority or by drawing the name out of a hat.

Christmas Market

At the Mason's Arms on Sunday 4th December 12 noon till 5pm. Could you help us to run our stall? Please contact Joan Roberts on 01744 895151 if you could give an hour of your time. It's a great way to chat to our community and to help us to raise much needed funds. If you are passing on the day do stop and have a chat!

Christmas Tree festival

It will cost just £26 to sponsor a tree, which you can decorate to your own theme. Families can do their favourites, Businesses can leave business cards with their tree - let the community know about your business! See advert for the activities and programme. If you would like to sponsor and decorate a tree please contact Alison Corkill email alisoncorkill@sky.com or ring 07837549722, evenings and weekends.



Christmas Tree Festival 2022

Friday 9th, Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th December

St Aidan's Church is holding a Christmas Tree Festival once more. Trees can be sponsored by local businesses, groups and families.

(Only £26 a tree, we provide the tree and you decorate it as you wish)



Over the three days refreshments will be served during the days and local schools will perform in Church.



Please come along and support the festival!



Programme of Events

Friday 9th December

1.30pm: Opening Service with the local schools - all welcome

7.30pm: Pemberton Brass Concert - tickets £5 (including refreshments)

Saturday 10th December

Church open from **10.30am to 4pm** - refreshments will be available during the day.

4pm: Christmas Family Movie Event - wear your pjs, snuggle down for a family fun movie. Tickets are £2 or £5 per family. Includes refreshments of hot chocolates and goodies.

Sunday 11th December

10.30am: STA's4ALL Service - all welcome.

Church open between **12noon and 4pm** for people to come and see the wonderful spectacle of decorated trees!

4pm: Carol by Candlelight Service - all welcome!

Please contact Alison Corkill if you would like to sponsor a tree -

07837549722

We look forward to welcoming you!



Note from Treasurer

If you would like to make a donation you can do this on line, by bank transfer.

the account details are:

Sort Code: 60-24-02

Account number: 04035135

Please insert the name of the person you wish us to remember as the reference.

Cheques can be made payable to St Aidan's Parish Church, or cash donations in an envelope. These can be dropped off at 4 Alder Ave, Billinge, WN5 7PY. If you are unable to get out, please ring me on 01744 895151

If you wish to make an anonymous donation then we will respect that, just write Anon in name of giver and just write the name of the person you wish to be remembered. Please note that we never quote the amount given.

CAN YOU LEAVE CHURCH A GIFT?

The word finance for some Churches and their parishioners can be a real turn off as some may be concerned their monies will not go to their designated church under the new re-organisation. Giving to the church does remain a vital and essential part of our church life, it always has done and even goes back to when Jesus was alive on earth.

Over the past year, and in fact over the past 20-30 years, St. Aidan's has received legacies which have been used for the upkeep of the church and towards our mission and ministry. This has reminded us just how important these legacies are in our mission.

We have included this little reminder in the notices to encourage our church members to consider making a provision for a legacy to St Aidan's in their own wills.

I would be only to be pleased to advise in confidence. I am contactable on 01744 895151 or 07743408390

Donations & Remembrance



St. Aidan's Treasurer and Church Committee would like to acknowledge with thanks the kind donations: -

ORGAN FUND

In thanks for my 90th Birthday and thanks be to God for all my years
Margaret Gibbons

With thanks from John Nicol

Anon donation to wards heating bill.



The Registers



Funerals or Burials of Ashes 'May they rest in peace'

26th September	Norman Arthur Lowe	81
14th October	Joan McFayden	93
18th October	John (Jack) Boardman	86
19th October	Helena Mary Emmerson	92
25th October	Kenneth Roberts	68

Memorials

Names of deceased loved ones whose ashes have been interred in the memorial garden can be inscribed on the large granite memorial stone. Entries on the stone cost £200. If the partner or other relative wishes to reserve an adjacent space this can also be arranged, the cost being the same as the original entry and with no further charge when the inscription is completed. In order to ensure that the reserved line is kept the date of birth of the person for whom it is reserved will be added. The fee/s must be paid before any inscription is added.

Anyone wishing to make use of this memorial should contact Barbara Goulden (894694). Please give details in writing and include a telephone number on which you can be contacted.

St Aidan's Remembrance Book

Applications for Entries to the Remembrance Book can be made by filling in the request form, which gives full details of how to go about it.

Fees for entries cost £10.00. Forms are obtainable from the back of Church with details of what to do and who to return the form to.

The Opened Book shows 4 days dates per view and the pages are turned on a regular basis according to that day's date. The Book is on Display in the Glass topped Cabinet, in the Prayer corner. It has a Hinged glass top, which allows people to turn the page or pages so that their entry can be viewed at any time. Please use the pair of white cotton gloves provided to turn the pages. If you turn the pages to see a particular entry please return it to the day's date before leaving. All the entries are written in the Calligraphic style of writing with the First Letter in colour.

Church Grounds

Please note that any enquiries about graves or the burial of ashes must go to our Assistant Warden Barbara Goulden on 01744 894694 or email - staidansbillingeveryer@gmail.com. not the team who work to keep the graveyard tidy.

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