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Nov	4	9.30am	Revd Sue Burton – including Holy Communion
	11	9.30am	Mrs Elaine Nixon – Remembrance Sunday, Parade Service
	18	9.30am	Mrs Barbara Rochester
	25	9.30am	Revd Philip Barnett - including Holy Communion

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Dear Friends

‘Remember, remember the Fifth of November’. I expect we all know the rhyme – I was interested to discover its origins: gathering wood for bonfires in Victorian times was very much the province of the children from poorer families in any community. They would go round their neighbours persuading them to part with any combustible materials, also food and drink, in exchange for the singing of a song. This was the most well-known one, but there was also ‘The fifth of November, since I can remember, was Guy Fawkes, poke him in the eye, shove him up the chimney-pot, and there let him die’. A charming ditty!

November is also a time when we remember those we have loved and lost. My father was born on All Saints Day, the first of November, and so this is always a poignant time, when I remember the love he shared with me. Although officially a day when we remember the various Saints and martyrs in the history of the church across the ages, perhaps it’s also a time when we remember the ‘Saints’ in our own lives, those people who brought meaning to our lives and influenced us by the way they lived.

November, of course, is also the time when we commemorate the wars in which Britain has been involved; this year there have been particular events to remember those who fought and those who died in the First World War, one hundred years ago. We have now lost all those who were directly involved in the conflict, but their stories live on. And sadly, conflict continues too. And conflict affects everyone - men, women and children. A poem, written by a child in Syria is a powerful reminder of this:

‘When I look at the purple-blue sky at night,
I want to see stars, not bombers, circling in the moonlight.
I want to watch shooting stars or comets instead of the flare
Of the crashing bombs on the streets out there.’

So, remembering – a feature of our lives and a feature of the early Christian movement too. Jesus said to the disciples, as recorded in John 14, ‘These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you’. The stories of what he had said and done were passed on by eye-witnesses to his life and ministry to those who came after. And down to us today, through the words of our Scriptures and through the celebration of Holy Communion, in which we remember and celebrate Jesus with us in our lives today, as he has been with people through the ages.

November – a time of remembering for all of us in different ways, whether it is the joy of bonfire parties as a child, the memories of loved ones, remembrance marked by wreaths of poppies placed at war memorials around the country.

In the words of the Christian writer, Frank Topping: ‘Times remembered are times when the eternal love which surrounds us is experienced for a brief moment’. May it be so for all of us this November.

With best wishes
Sue

Own Arrangement Services

As you will have noticed we now have more ‘Own Arrangement Services’. The Worship Leaders would be happy to accept any ideas from which they could base one of these services on – they are running out of ideas themselves!

Flower List

Nov	4	Mildred Walker	18	Haydn Wood
	11	Poppies	25	Catherine & John Davison

Welcomers in Vestibule

Nov	4	Catherine Davison & Mildred Walker	18	Ted & Dorothy Duggan
	11	Graham, Jennifer & Victoria Hirst	25	Beryl Woodward & Pat Harling

Cleaning Rota

Nov	4	Jennifer Hirst & Janine Fielding	18	Margaret Moriarty & Maureen Stead
	11	Mairi MacKay & Sue Howard	25	

Thursday Fellowship at 2.30pm

Nov	1	Ian Baxter	Video Snapshots
	15	Annual Lunch	Greenhead Masonic Hall Lunch at 1pm
	29	Lynn Conway	My Life in Yoga

Diary

Sun	Nov	4	Old Folk's Treat AGM at 2.30pm
Sat	Nov	10	Messy Church 4pm – 6pm. Theme this month 'Light and Dark' Everyone welcome
Tues	Nov	13	Pastoral Meeting at Jennifer's at 7.30pm
Fri	Nov	16}	The 59th Haydn Wood Musical Festival will be held in our Church Centre
Sat	Nov	17}	
			Competition classes will be held on Fri and Sat, and the Winners' Concert on Saturday evening at 7pm. Maureen would welcome any offers of cakes for refreshments on sale during the festival. Everyone is invited to come along to the classes and hear the wealth of talent from the young competitors.
Sun	Nov	25	Start of Angel week
Sun	Dec	2	Toy Service and Prizegiving at 9.30am. See note below

Friendship Hour

Our weekly friendship meetings, Tuesdays from 11.30am – 12.45pm in the Primary room are proving very popular. Everyone welcome to come along and have coffee and biscuits (£1.50), join in the singing and share time with others. Also on the first Tuesday of the month we have a lady to teach us armchair Zumba – come along and give it a go!

Toy Service

On Sunday 2nd December we are holding our usual Toy Service even though our Sunday School is virtually non-existent at the moment. Whether we continue with this service next year will be a matter for future discussion. But on this day we will gratefully receive gifts of new or good used toys which will be taken to the Domestic Violence unit offices for their use. I will ask for any donations from Messy Church parents and carers and invite them to the service.

Sue Howard

Oberammergau 2020

The following invitation has been received from Tom Ferguson, with a request that it be publicised in our church.

I have arranged for a group holiday to the Oberammergau Passion Play and Austria in August 2020, taking a group from the Aire and Calder Circuit. There are still some places available and, should you be interested, you would be made very welcome. Having visited twice before, I can confirm it is a very moving and unique experience.

Further details are available on the website at

<http://www.aireandcaldercircuit.org.uk/churches/altofts/oberammergau-2020>

Thanks

Jean Pearson sends her thanks for the lovely flowers she received from church recently. They were much appreciated.

Dorothy Duggan thanks everyone for giving so generously for the RNLI fund.

Methodist Women in Britain. Many thanks to everyone who returned their Sunshine Bag. I took a cheque for £180 to the dedication service held at Cowcliffe Methodist Church on Sept 27th. The collection was slightly up on last year's total.

Jackie Calverley

Money Matters

Our Sunday collections for September amounted to £1317.60. These were for church funds and as usual include offerings paid directly into the bank.

Jenny Sutherland Church Treasurer

Shoebboxes

Once again the Scouts are preparing shoebboxes and would appreciate your support. Ideas for filling are:-

Small toys, pens, paper, crayons etc. Toiletries (**but no liquids eg shower gel**) hats, gloves, scarves.

Small packets of sweets but **no chocolate**.

Any financial donations would also be appreciated. Please bring all contributions to church

Thank you

Linda Nuttall

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS AROUND YOU IN THE AIR THAT YOU BREATHE

HIS GLORY IN THE LIGHT THAT YOU SEE AND IN THE FRUITFULNESS OF THE EARTH AND THE JOY OF ITS

CREATURES. HE HAS WRITTEN FOR YOU DAY BY DAY HIS REVELATION AS HE HAS GRANTED YOU

DAY BY DAY YOUR DAILY BREAD

If you had time to read this quotation in our harvest window display you might have wondered about its origin. At the end of September, Mairi and I were lucky enough to spend a glorious week in the Lake District. One day, Mairi decided to walk the full circumference of Derwentwater. 10 miles is too far for me, so we walked a short way together, then I deviated from her route to look for geocaches. I went to investigate Friar's Crag about ½ mile from the Theatre by the Lake. As I neared the small rocky outcrop I saw a monolith which appeared to be inscribed on two sides. On one side was a quotation which I understand was from the writings of John Ruskin who was an art critic, watercolourist, prominent social thinker and philanthropist in the 19th century. His father brought him up to appreciate the arts but his mother was a devout Christian and from an early age he was taught to read the bible. I used the quotation in one of the Harvest windows as the sentiments struck a chord with me looking across the beautiful lake. On the other side of the stone is a story which tells that one of Ruskin's earliest memories was of being taken by his 'nurse' to Friar's Crag when he was about 4 years old. I presume the memory stayed with him even when he left Keswick and moved around the country.

Sue Howard

Did You Know? By Mike Shaw

It's surprising how many people outside Linthwaite read the Link in one form or another. A recent example of someone outside the locality picking up a copy on social media concerned John Whiteley, of Shelf, near Halifax. As he moved into his present home in 1974 he came across a brick in his front garden. Instead of disposing of it, like other unwanted debris, he kept the brick because it bore the initials JW, the same as his own, indented in it so he put it in a prominent place. After much research he found out that there was once a brickworks near Manchester Road in Linthwaite called John Walker. "It was a surprise to me to find out that the company had operated in Colne Valley, so far away from Shelf", he said, after looking at the Link on our website, "I'd expected the internet to bring up a local brickworker". Now the Linthwaite-made brick, identical to the one pictured in the Link, has pride of place in his garden and Mr Whiteley is able to tell friends and visitors about its origin. He is particularly proud that bricks exactly like his were used to line the inside of Standedge canal and railway tunnels.

Please Turn Over

Messy Church Double Baptism

As part of October's Messy Church celebration we were pleased to include the baptism of Eddie and Elsie Smith who have both joined us regularly since Eddie was very young. During the first part of Messy Church the children, including many who had been invited by the christening party, took part in various activities based on the theme of Noah. We began the celebration with one of Eddie's favourite songs, Our God is a great big God, and then I told the story of Noah and talked about the promise God made with the rainbow. This led into Revd Sue's part of the proceedings and the baptisms. She encouraged Eddie and Elsie to look around the church for two small jugs of water which would be used within the service. To accommodate the eleven Godparents we had brought the altar table down onto the main floor which gave a feeling of everyone being part of the special time. Messy Church always ends with food and on this occasion we had a feast. Even though a Messy Baptism is rather more informal than a traditional service it is a wonderful way to officially welcome children into God's family.



Sue Howard

The John Myers Historic Vehicle Collection

Many thanks to John and his team for all their hard work in preparing the collection and allowing us to hold an 'Open Afternoon.' We had a very busy afternoon, with lots of visitors enjoying the chance to see this wonderful collection, and also have the opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea and cake. There was so much to see – there were two items of particular interest to me - the first was the 'Twinlock' ledger, which I used when I first started working back in 1970 all handwritten using a fountain pen. The second item was a Comptometer – the precursor to adding machines with a print out - which back then were used mainly by the auditors, we had to add up in our heads! Long before computers.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event, we raised £400.

Mairi MacKay

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