

Services November/December 2015

- 01-Nov-15 All Saints' Day
8.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday Club 10.00 am – Family Communion
6.30 pm – no service
- 08-Nov-15 3rd Sunday before Advent (Remembrance)
8.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am – Parade with HC following
6.30 pm – Bereavement Service
- 15-Nov-15 2nd Sunday before Advent
8.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am – Holy Communion
6.30 pm – no service
- 22-Nov-15 Sunday next before Advent
8.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am – Holy Communion
6.30 pm – Holy Communion
- 29-Nov-15 1st Sunday of Advent
8.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am – Holy Communion
6.30 pm – no service at Christ Church
- 06-Dec-15 2nd Sunday of Advent
8.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday Club 10.00 am – Family Communion
6.30 pm – no service at Christ Church



Christ Church News

November 2015



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If you would like to contribute or to receive a copy via email

Deadline for receipt of contributions for December issue:

Friday 20th November

CALENDAR November 2015

DATE	TIME	EVENT
3rd	10.15am - 11.45	Coffee Morning
4th	12.00	Lunch Club
10th	10.15am - 11.45	Coffee Morning
10th	7pm	Ladies Group Open Night - page 16
11th	12.00	Lunch Club
15th	7pm	PCC Meeting
22nd	5.40pm	Service at Hazlewood Care Home, Skeavingtons Lane
17th	10.15am - 11.45	Coffee Morning
17th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
18th	12.00	Lunch Club
24th	10.15am - 11.45	Coffee Morning
25th	12.00	Lunch Club

Lunch Club - Communion Service usually takes place monthly

Dates for your diary

Christmas Fayre Saturday 5th December at 2pm



Next **TRAIDCRAFT** stall on:

Sunday 6th December

Dates of some Services at Christmas:

Christingle Service - Sunday 13th December 10am

Carol Service - Sunday 20th December 6.30pm

Crib Service - Christmas Eve 4pm with children's party

People serving in church this month

Date	Welcomers	Reader	Prayers	Assisting at Communion *
1st Nov	Ann Hooker Sally Hrycyk	Family Communion Planning Group (FCPG)	Family Communion Planning Group (FCPG)	Viv Sumner
8th Nov	Uniformed Groups	Uniformed Groups	Uniformed Groups	Val Norgain
15th Nov	David Martin Ele McGhee	Viv Sumner	Val Norgain	-
22nd Nov	Sue Wood Dreena Simpson	Val Norgain (10am) Glenice Boulton (6.30pm)	Ann Hooker	Julie Hart
29th Nov	Maurice Lynn Will Allen	Julie Hart	Sally Hrycyk	Mary Bottomley
6th Dec	Shirley Read Eleanor Read	FCPG	FCPG	David Jones

* With one other person, depending on clergy presence

November News from Geoffrey Halliday

Remember, remember

This is the season of poppies and falling leaves. As the year winds down so there is no better month than November for remembrance. And the older we grow the more there is to remember.

John Keats' famous poem also associates this time of year with the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. I cannot remember a better and more colourful Autumn than this one with its fiery reds and subtle yellows, and hollies burgeoning with berries. Even as late as October 20th I saw the flashing blue of a dragonfly.



Remember, remember

First, on the first, we recall all the saints of the Christian Church, all those people who have remained anonymous, known only to God, who have been Christ's true disciples.

Then on Remembrance Sunday, we have a day of a double remembrance. We gather in church and round our churchyard memorial to remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country in two World Wars, especially local people, and to remember those who continue to serve the best interests of our national life.

Later that day several families will attend the special bereavement service to remember their loved ones who have died during the past year.

The memory is a wonderful tool because it absorbs more and more information the older you grow. We are bombarded with information from the very first day of our lives.

Although we have probably forgotten more than we could retain, we still retain a vast amount, particularly of the people we have come across in our lives.

And the service on that day is decidedly about people. We remember those who have loved us, and who have had a real influence on us but for whom we have said our final goodbye. Indeed, God go with you. Each one of us will have personal memories to cherish, and this service is intended to remember them with thanksgiving in our hearts, and to enable us to come to terms with our loss, and move on in our own lives.

All in all, we seek peace: peace for those we have known and loved, peace within ourselves, and the peace of the world.

When we pray for peace of the world, as we do all the time, just what are we asking God for? True prayer for peace will make us think, of the evils that lead to war, and the steps that must be taken to eliminate them.

To pray for peace, really to pray, involves us in a constant effort to promote the welfare of the community, the justice, the understanding, and the power of reconciliation that are the content of God's shalom - His Peace. And it begins right where we are.

Every Blessing,

Geoffrey

(Read more about the Bereavement Service on page 16)



Tuesday Coffee Morning

10.15am - 11.45am

Held in the small hall beyond the kitchen.

Coffee Morning is a time to relax and chat with a drink and home made cake - £1 only!

Please come and bring a friend.



DAISY CHAIN

Play session for children 0 - 3 years and their parents/carers.

Held during term time only.

Cost £1 for first child, 50p each for subsequent children.

Refreshments included.

Tuesday session 1: 9.15am - 11.15am

Tuesday session 2: 1pm - 3pm

Friday 'Time Out' coffee break 10.00 am - 11.15am

'Time Out' coffee break is on a smaller scale than the Tuesday sessions - a chance for parents and carers to relax whilst the children play together. 50p per session.

Please contact Iris Roe (07715 958403) for more information



Christmas Fayre

Bottle Stall contributions wanted!

Lu and Denise Vitale will be holding a bottle stall at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5th December.

They would welcome donations of bottles. Champagne, orange squash, water, wine - anything, as long as it is in a bottle - please start collecting now!



Ladies' Group - Open Night!

Tuesday 10 November at 7pm

Musical entertainment by **WARIZIT**

A fun night with music from the 40's, 50's and 60's.

Ladies' group members £2 ; Guests £3

Light refreshments included.

Uniformed Groups normally meet during term-time:

Wednesday - 6pm Beavers

- 6.45pm Cubs

- 7.45pm Scouts

Thursday - 6.15pm Rainbows & Brownies

Friday - 7pm Guides

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Baptism

On October 18th we were delighted to welcome Riley Hart, with mum Kati, into our church family.

Riley is grandson of Julie Hart and great grandson of Joan Austin! It was a lovely service with celebrations continuing afterwards in the church hall.

Bishop's Badge

The annual **Bishop's Badge Service** took place at the end of September at Derby Cathedral and we are delighted that Christ Church members Bill Langton and Peter Beardow both received their Bishop's Badges on this day.

The Bishop's Badge award recognises the outstanding contribution made to the community by people around the diocese and a list of all those recognised this year is available on the Derby Cathedral website:

www.derby.anglican.org.

Many congratulations to both Peter and Bill on achieving this well deserved award.

Young People and Sunday Services

As you look round church you can see something of an age imbalance: let's face it, most of us gathered for Common Worship Communion on a Sunday morning are not in the first flush of youth. On the other hand, we have good contacts with young people through Daisy Chain, Sunday Club and the uniformed organisations.

We would like to improve our provision for young people in a couple of ways. Firstly, we are moving the All Age service to the same Sunday as Sunday Club. This is because we hope that the rather more relaxed atmosphere of that service will encourage parents of Sunday Club children to join us in church.

Secondly, in the New Year, we hope to introduce an additional 'Messy Church' service once a month on a Sunday afternoon.

In order for those things aimed at young people to be spread throughout the month, we are changing the order of services. October has been a transitional month but from November the standard pattern will be as shown in the table opposite.

Children and Communion

Some years ago the Church of England made provision for churches to welcome children to take communion before being confirmed.

This seems quite radical but to put it in context, the Roman Catholic church allows children to take communion from 6 or 7 following a period of preparation and the Orthodox Churches allow baptized infants to take communion as soon as they are weaned. The practice in many Baptist churches is to allow



"Show You Care"

"Show You Care" is **TRAIDCRAFT's** autumn campaign.

There are different ways you can be involved: send a Traidcraft Christmas card or give a Fairtrade gift.

Spread the word by including an information leaflet, available from Lynne.

The next stall is on: **Sunday 6th December**

Lynne Tomlinson

Alzheimer's Society

Memory Walk 2015

I should like to thank everybody who supported me in this event. I am delighted to report that between us Rick and I raised around £250.00 for the Alzheimer's Society.

Of this, over £100.00 was sponsorship from members of Christ Church.

Thank you once again and God bless you all.

Val Norgain

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC met on Tuesday 15th September 2015 and here is a summary:

Fire Door in Church: Mike Bromby will be writing to the Church Architects for a price for the provision of building drawings.

Hall Toilets: On-going discussion took place about their refurbishment.

Deposit account: The PCC passed on to the Finance and Fabric Committee, to further discuss, investment of part of our deposit account.

Hall Rents: These were agreed for 2016.

Safeguarding: Mike Bromby reported that applications are now online and seem simpler with clearer guidelines. A number of applications will be due soon.

Baptism Services: After looking at other churches, the PCC decided to keep the current format and timing.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th November

David Martin

children to take communion before they are baptized.

The PCC feels strongly that welcoming children to communion would be a positive step, and I have been asked to investigate the practicalities with the Bishop's office and the diocesan Children's Advisor.

No final decision has been reached and, if we decide to go ahead, we won't be able to introduce the changes before sometime in the New Year. We will let you know how things progress.

Peter

NEW PATTERN OF SERVICES

Wk	8am	10am	Afternoon	6.30pm
1	HC (BCP)	Family Communion (formerly All Age Worship) with Sunday Club		
2	HC (BCP)	Parade or Parade with Communion		
3	HC (BCP)	Holy Communion (Common Worship)	Messy Church (3pm from New Year)	
4	HC (BCP)	Morning Prayer with Baptism	Hazelwood (5.40pm)	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
5	HC (BCP)	Holy Communion (C W) or Other		

Syrian Appeal Collection

The collection raised £165 which was sent to TEARFUND's Refugee Crisis Fund. The fund is used for vital work across Europe and The Middle East offering hope and aid to families and individuals who have left everything behind, fleeing violence and persecution.

Specifically, this money is used for urgent food, shelter, sanitation facilities, trauma counselling and medical support.

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

The coffee morning on Tuesday 22nd September was given over to The **Biggest Coffee Morning** - the annual fundraising event for MacMillan nurses.

We had a good turnout and as well as coffee and cakes we held a raffle. Thanks go to a number of generous folk who gave contributions of delicious cakes, raffle prizes and their time.

Between us we raised just over £162. Everyone enjoyed the morning - what a fun way to raise money!

Thanks to all who made this event so successful.

Margaret Bromby

PRAYER FOCUS - The Rooftop

Glenice Boulton

Around mid-September Mick and I usually take a 2 week break at a family member's apartment in southern Spain. Set on a steep hillside in a quiet residential area it is approached by a flight of marble steps overhung with beautiful bougainvillea. Inside another flight of marble steps leads to the rooftop.

This spacious rooftop area has become a very special place to me. Bounded on three sides by low walls, if you look east you can see the sea four miles in the distance and to the south and west mountains on the horizon. While relaxing here you can look up to the most amazing expanse of blue sky during the day or millions of stars in the night sky. I have watched spectacular lightening displays from here.

Being so high up and surrounded by all this peacefulness and beauty it is the most wonderful place to pray. Of course, we can and often do pray where there is noise, possibility of interruption or lack of time. Sometimes we need to send up "arrow prayers" when confronted with a sudden need or when time is at a premium. We can also choose to dedicate everything we have to do to God as described in Brother Lawrence's "Practice of Presence of God".

But this rooftop has become a place of such peace to me where I can spend time in prayer and contemplation and become more deeply and spiritually close to God. It has become a spiritual "filling station" from where I always return home strengthened and renewed.

Bereavement Service

Our annual bereavement service will be held on:

Sunday 8th November at 6.30pm.

The service provides an opportunity to remember our loved ones, to enable us to take a step further in the journey of grieving and to find strength in our compassionate God.

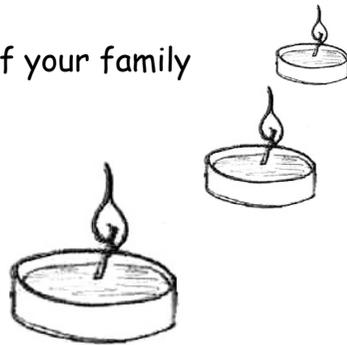
During the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of those who have died.

We write to each family whose funeral we have taken in the past year, but the service is open to any who would like to come and you would be warmly welcome. If you do plan to come, it would help us to plan if you could return one of the slips at the back of church.

Please pass on this invitation to others of your family and friends who might like to join us.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Peter and Geoffrey

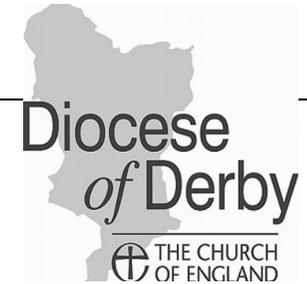


Derby Cathedral

Festal Evensong

1st November at 6pm

Following the restoration of the cathedral's interior we are all invited to attend this special service of thanksgiving.



Bishop Alastair in Advent

Bishop Alastair is coming to Ilkeston each Sunday evening in Advent. Details to follow, but do make a note in your diary.

Bishop's Harvest Appeal

Building Bridges Project - supporting girls and young women in Angola.

We are delighted that the Harvest Supper raised £356 for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal!

A big thank you to all those who organised the delicious supper and to all who donated items or bid at auction.

Home Group - beginning Monday 2nd November

An evening study group on the book of Ephesians. Please contact Iris Roe on T: 07715 958403 for full details.

'Greater love.....'



In September I was given the opportunity to take part in a First World War Centenary Battlefield Tours trip to France and Belgium. Having already visited my great-uncles' graves in Etaples, France in 2014, I jumped at the chance to go back.

This is part of the government's plan to give two pupils from every school in Great Britain the chance to visit some of the key areas of conflict. I would like to share with you some of the highlights of the tour.

Day 1: We travelled on the Eurotunnel to Calais and drove to Ypres, in western Belgium, to visit the Flanders Field Museum. This contains exhibits relating to the experiences of all the people affected by the War - Allied and German soldiers and Belgian civilians. On leaving the museum, there are reminders of all the wars that have taken place since 1918 - sadly, a very stark reminder that it was not 'the war to end all wars'.

From here, we visited the first of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) cemeteries at Lijssenthoek and Poperinge. Here, the grave of Nellie Spindler, a nurse, one of only two British women buried in Belgium. Following this, the coach took us to Poperinge Town Hall, where we were able to see the cell for condemned men, along with the execution post in the courtyard where men were shot by firing squad ('shot at dawn'). Leaving here with very mixed emotions, I found it both

The world considers them brave and smart,
But you've all they had when they made their start.

You can triumph and come to skill,

You can be great if you only will.

You're well equipped for what fight you choose.

You have legs and arms and a brain to use,
And the man who has risen great deeds to do

Began his life with no more than you.

You are the handicap you must face,
You are the one who must choose your place.

You must say where you want to go,
How much you will study the truth to know.

God has equipped you for life, and He

Let's you decide what you will be.

Courage must come from the soul within.

The man must furnish the will to win.

So figure it out for yourself, my lad,

You were born with all that the great have had.

With your equipment they all began,

Get hold of yourself and say, "I can".

When Peter concluded his talk he asked if we knew what the initials JDI stood for. The answer - Just Do It! Perhaps an appropriate ending for this piece too.

Iris Roe

A Person Just Like Us!

Peter took this title for his theme on 27th September referring to the prophet Elijah. It reminded me of the favourite poem of a man named *George Washington Carver*.

George Washington Carver was a man born into slavery around the year 1861. After slavery was abolished he stayed on with the farmer and his wife where he had previously been a slave.

The farmer's wife taught him to read and write and his thirst for knowledge eventually resulted in him becoming a leading botanist, chemist, scientist and inventor - a man who became an advisor to presidents.

George Washington Carver had a favourite poem which he would often quote, a poem which echoes the theme of 'a person just like us'.

Equipment – Edgar A. Guest

Figure it out for yourself, my lad,
You've all that the greatest of men have had.
Two arms, two hands, two legs, two eyes,
And a brain to use if you would be wise,
With all this equipment they all began,
So start for the top and say, "I can".

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Look them over, the wise and great
They take their food from a common plate,
And similar knives and forks they use,
With similar laces they tie their shoes.

extremely thought-provoking and moving. (In 2006, the British government gave these men a posthumous pardon).

The day ended with the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres. Recorded here are the names of over 54,406 soldiers from Britain and the Commonwealth who lost their lives and have no known grave in this part of Belgium. This unique act of remembrance takes place every night at 8pm attended by hundreds of people.

Day 2: After breakfast and another early start, we travelled back in to France and stood in places that turned out to be disastrous for the British army. The Battle of the Somme in 1916, in which more than one million men were killed or wounded, made it one of the bloodiest battles in history.

Standing on part of the German Front Line and looking at what archaeology can tell us about the First World War was a time for us to reflect and try to understand what it must have actually been like to live in the trenches. It was here, at the Ulster Memorial Tower, that I came across a familiar Bible text, "**Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends**" (John 15 v 13).

Nearby, we drove on up to the Thiépval Memorial. This is an impressive memorial to the 72,192 missing British and South African men who died on the Somme battlefields between 1915 and 1918 and who have no known grave. Their names are carved on the pillars inside, including some from the Notts and Derbys Regiment - the two pupils who went from our

school have relatives remembered there. We were asked to think about how the death of one soldier named here affected his family and friends. Then to think about how many people were affected by the other 72,191 who died.

This day ended looking at the equipment of a British soldier - a 'hand's-on' session allowing students and teachers to compare soldier's equipment then and now. Some serving members of the Army made this session very interesting, giving first-hand knowledge.

Day 3: The last day of the tour started at the Memorial Museum at Passchendaele. Here we were able to go into a reconstructed First World War shelter, known as a dugout, and see many artefacts on display. Close to the museum are a series of reconstructed British and German trenches, which we were able to walk through and imagine how terrible conditions would have been.

After visiting a few other CWGC cemeteries we were taken to Langemark Cemetery. This showed us how the German people remember their war dead. In contrast to the CWGC cemeteries, all the gravestones here are laid flat on the ground; there are no flowers or plants, just trees.

Our last place to visit was Tyne Cot Cemetery in Belgium. This is a staggering place and almost too much to take in. It is the largest British and Commonwealth War Cemetery in the world. In all, 11,956 soldiers are buried here. Added to this are the names of a further 34,927 soldiers whose

bodies were never found. The Cross of Sacrifice is in the centre, a focal point of the cemetery and indeed something that features in many cemeteries. Most UK families during the First World War were from Christian backgrounds, hence the cross.

Seeing row after row of 'soldiers on parade' (the gravestones) has left a long-lasting impact on me. A very humbling and moving experience, leaving me with an enormous feeling of gratitude. Our visit here finished with a short Act of Remembrance, with some of the pupils laying a wreath on the memorial stone.

Leaving France and Belgium, we all came away with mixed emotions. I am so pleased that I was given this opportunity to learn more about how the First World War affected the lives of ordinary people. Also, why remembrance is still important 100 years on by remembering those who have lost their lives or been injured in the service since 1918 up to the present day and the effect on their families.

This year's Remembrance Day will be an extra special one for me. The poppy that I wear this year will remind me of those we saw blowing in the breeze in Flanders Fields, back in September.

'We will remember them....'

Chris Allen

