

November Letter

Dear Friends,

At the Harvest Festival last month, we heard a reading from the Jewish Law (Lev.19.9-10, Dt 24.19) about leaving the edge of fields after harvest so that the poor and disadvantaged, specifically orphans, widows and aliens, can find some food for themselves. The operation of this law is well illustrated in the Book of Ruth. Naomi has emigrated to the land of Moab, where her two sons have married. In time her husband died as did her sons so she returned to her family in Bethlehem along with Ruth, her daughter-in-law, a Moabite. She goes to the harvest field to gather what she can and Boaz, the landowner, shows compassion for her.

Two words jump out at me; the first is compassion, an attribute that seems in very short supply in the world today. We show it in our gifts, for instance, at the Harvest thanksgiving when we bring food which goes to the less fortunate through the agency of the Food Bank and Box Tree Cottage, as well as at other times throughout the year. We see in some cultures where the poor are scorned because they are seen to deserve their poverty - a strange concept to us. We also show compassion in supporting charities, though sometimes with bated breath in case the gift triggers a torrent of requests for even more.

The other word to strike me is aliens - people away from their homelands, their families and friends, and in a strange and possibly hostile environment. What sort of treatment do we afford them? Individually, we may be helpful and welcoming, but society as a whole would prefer to keep them at arms length and preferably on someone else's shores. I feel there should be a way of giving sanctuary to such numbers as we can reasonably accommodate without them being treated as an invading horde.

If you can find the time, read Ruth. It's worth it!

Patrick

NOVEMBER PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 1st	10.45 a.m.	Holy Communion at Crossley House
	7.30 p.m.	Social Committee meeting
Wednesday 2nd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 3rd	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

SUNDAY 6TH 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

	9.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion
	10.00 a.m.	Refreshments in hall
	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Tuesday 8th	10.00 a.m.	Bring and Fill Day
	12 noon	Knit and Natter
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 9th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ing's Way Lunch Day
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 10th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
Friday 11th	6.30 p.m.	Scout Group Remembrance Service
Saturday 12th	12 noon	Christmas Fair

SUNDAY 13TH 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT/REMEMBRANCE

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	3.00 p.m.	Service of Remembrance in Ladyhill Park
Tuesday 15th	12 noon	Knit and Natter
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 16th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 17th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	PCC meeting

SUNDAY 20TH CHRIST THE KING

	10.00 a.m.	Parade and Family Service
Tuesday 22nd	12 noon	Knit and Natter
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 23rd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 24th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

SUNDAY 27th ADVENT SUNDAY

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Messy Church
Tuesday 29th	12 noon	Knit and Natter
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 30th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Bible Study group

Remembrance

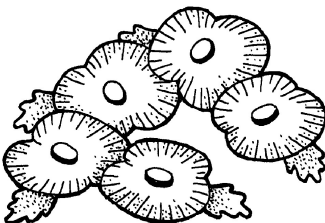
There will be several occasions at which you can take part in an act of remembrance during November.

The Scout Group will hold a special service in church on Friday 11th November at 6.30 p.m. (*See details in their report*).

As always, there will be a part of the 10.00 a.m. service on 13th December at which we observe the 2 minutes' silence and hear the last post and reveille.

At 3.00 p.m. on the same day, 13th November, Churches Together in Allerton and Fairweather Green are holding a service of Remembrance at the cenotaph in Ladyhill Park, Allerton - led by the Revd. Richard Bailey.

Please come along to any or all of these - and let others know they are taking place.



We are 50!

We had a splendid couple of weeks celebrating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our present building. It was lovely to see so many visitors; to welcome back old friends and say “hello” to new ones! The festivities were kicked off with a rather wonderful afternoon tea on 10th September which launched our Festival of Crosses. The hall looked magnificent with the tables set with fancy cloths, floral decorations, cake stands brimming with dainty cakes and finger sandwiches, in true afternoon tea tradition.

Crosses had been donated from all over and took many different forms. It was a most interesting display and photos of most of the crosses can be viewed on our website. Visitors were welcomed each day during the week and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

On Sunday 18th, we welcomed the Bishop of Bradford, the Rt. Revd. Toby Howarth, as our preacher and celebrant at the 10.00 a.m. service. He was joined by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bradford, Councillor Geoff and Mrs. Chris Reid, former incumbents and parishioners and friends from other churches. It was a lovely, happy service and we all adjourned to the hall afterwards for a sustaining buffet.

A visit by the wonderful Steeton Male Voice Choir on 24th September rounded off the celebrations in fine style. They gave us a truly entertaining evening of rousing singing, amusing anecdotes and lively musical items. We are grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for sponsoring this event, and we can report that whatever else needs doing in church, the rafters were well and truly tested by the powerful singing and were found to be equal to the task. Thanks go to all who worked so hard to make it all possible, who lent crosses and who came along to support us.

Shoeboxes

After all the months of getting things ready, November is the time for finally sending out the filled shoeboxes to the depots ready for transporting to their final destinations.

We have a large supply of covered boxes in church, so please feel free to take one to fill. We are holding a Bring and Fill Day on **Tuesday 8th November** from 10.00 a.m. to about 4.00 p.m. (or until we run out of boxes, or items to fill them with). All are most welcome to come along to sort out items to go in the boxes. Drinks will be provided - please bring your own food.

We should, of course, be grateful for any items you can donate to go in the boxes—or, if you prefer, - monetary donations towards the cost of transporting the boxes. The deadline for filled boxes is Sunday 13th November.

Thank you so much for all your help!

Hubert Walter (C. 1160 - 1205), An Amazing Archbishop.

Ian Mc Alpine.

I expect many readers know the tragic story of St Thomas a Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who was brutally murdered in his own Cathedral by four knights as a result of his opposition to King Henry II. Just over 20 years after Becket's death in 1170 another Archbishop of Canterbury was appointed who was no less remarkable than Becket but is largely forgotten today.

Hubert Walter, the brother of my 25 x greats-grandfather Hamon Walter, was born in Suffolk around 1160. He came from a wealthy family and the ancestors of both his parents, Hervey Walter and Maud de Valoignes, (pronounced "Mode de Val-wan") had come to England from France soon after the Norman Conquest. The Domesday Book shows that both sides of the family owned large estates in Suffolk by 1086.

Hamon seems to have been content to remain in Suffolk, manage his

family estates and witness various charters but Walter had a very different and far more interesting career.

Hubert was ordained in the early 1180s and became Dean of York in 1186. The Norman York Minster was extensively altered and improved from the 13th century and was very different in Hubert's time from the building we all know and love today. Hubert's rise through the Church was quite meteoric - comparable, perhaps to that of Cardinal Wolsey centuries later. After only three or four years at York Hubert was appointed Bishop of Salisbury where he remained until 1193. King Richard I (the Lionheart) had succeeded his father Henry II in 1189 and Hubert's career developed still further in Richard's reign. In 1193 he attained the highest church position in England when, aged only about 33, he was made Archbishop of Canterbury.

Hubert clearly had a close friendship with the King who gave him a series of prestigious posts which had absolutely nothing to do with his being Archbishop of Canterbury. Walter accompanied Richard on the Third Crusade, was involved in the Siege of Acre in Israel in 1191, and was one of the main people involved in raising Richard's ransom after the king was captured in Germany on his return from the Holy Land. He also served as Richard's Justiciar (chief legal administrator) until 1198, and was responsible for raising the money Richard needed for his wars in France. Hubert set up a system that lay the foundations for the modern Justices of the Peace and made many other legal reforms. He even set up a central archive of legal documents, a sort of public record office. After Richard's death in 1199 Hubert continued to hold high office during the reign of his brother John (of Magna Carta fame), actually putting the crown on John's head at his coronation. Perhaps most significantly of all Hubert acted as regent - effectively ruling the country - when Richard and John were abroad in France. However, Hubert was extremely ambitious and sometimes he got into trouble for exceeding his authority.

In this short article it is impossible to cover all of Hubert's activities and it is a pity that this truly remarkable man is so little known today. He died aged about 45 on 13th July 1205, after a long illness and was buried in the Trinity Chapel in Canterbury Cathedral, next to Thomas a

Becket, where his tomb can still be seen. The tomb was opened in 1890 and Hubert's beautiful silver chalice, paten and crozier head were discovered, all dating from the 12th century

Hubert was the subject of jokes about his lack of learning, and was the target of a series of tales by the chronicler Gerald of Wales, an enemy of the archbishop. Even Hubert's supporters could only state that he was "moderately literate" ! Walter was neither a holy man, nor a scholar although he was, as John Gillingham, a historian and biographer of Richard I said, "one of the most outstanding government ministers in English history". Surely Hubert Walter, (c.1160 - 1205), Archbishop of Canterbury from 1193 to 1205 deserves to be remembered better today for his remarkable career and service to two Kings of England.

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Watches

It is told of the great preacher C H Spurgeon that after preaching at length one Sunday he said: "I don't mind people looking at their watches, but I do dislike to see them holding them to their ears, to see if they are still going."

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St. Saviour's Church

Christmas Fair

**Saturday 12th November
12.00 to 2.00 p.m.**

Santa

Raffle

Cakes

Tombola

Bottles

Games

Refreshments

Entrance Free

Good old Advent!

Canon David Winter, Former Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC

On the last Sunday in November the Church celebrates Advent. In popular thought this is seen as the start of the Christmas season. Advent Calendars are on sale in the supermarkets. Christmas, our annual festival of excess, is just a few weeks away. Good old Advent!

I yield to no one in my enjoyment of Christmas, with all the trimmings, but where Advent is concerned I have to be a bit of a party-poofer. It's not the start of the 'run-up to Christmas', whatever the shops think. In any case, they've been 'running up' since September. Advent is a solemn but exciting reminder that Christmas is not the end of the Christian story, but the beginning.

The end, with which Advent is concerned, is the ultimate triumph of love and goodness over evil and cruelty. The final loving purpose of God will be achieved. The kingdom of heaven will lie before us, its gates permanently open. 'Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more'. God says, 'I am making everything new'.

'Advent' simply means 'Coming'. The first Advent was Christmas, the second Advent will be when all that the coming of Jesus promised will be fulfilled. Yes, it's a bit more complicated than a cattle shed and a manger, but it's a wonderful prospect. Good old Advent!

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St Matthew

Underneath a street sign 'St Matthew's Close', someone had pointed out: 'Well, I can't see him.'

Light

A small boy was fascinated by the Sanctuary lamp during a rather long sermon. Finally he whispered: 'Mum, when the light changes to green, can we go?'

Cheese

Ban sliced cheese. Make Britain grate again.

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Over one hundred young people attended the District Badge Weekend from the 30th September until 2nd October at Blackhills Scout Camp.

The Cubs were issued with passports on the Friday evening in preparation for their 'flights' during the weekend to various 'destinations' where different badge components would be delivered.

At passport control fingerprints were taken and everyone had to design an aircraft logo. Next, a visit to the Foreign Exchange so that travel money could be dispensed - £500 'bucks' each! Following ticket purchases we 'flew' to Paris where each group had to prepare an item for our camp 'show'. Whilst not meritorious for any particular talent these sketches were indeed very entertaining and most amusing.

On Saturday Cubs travelled around the globe completing activities towards the navigator; emergency aid; personal safety and air activities badges. In the afternoon everyone boarded the 'flight' to Sydney (bus to Bingley school swimming pool) where 50 different swimmer staged badges were achieved. After the return flight parachute and wide games ensued until dinner was served and then the Duty Free store (tuck shop) was open so that the young people could buy such classy gifts as 'whoopie' cushions and a host of sweets, chocolate and pop. Then we expected them to be sensible!!

Team challenges took place after a campfire singsong: children had to build towers from plastic cups and playing cards; make leaf prints with waxed crayons; complete a quiz and read maps.

Meanwhile our Scouts were engaged in a variety of crafting including learning to knit; clay modelling; pyrography and painting. Others completed their outdoor cooking badge; honed their IT skills; and a team re-built one of the shelters on the training ground. First Aid skills were also practised.

Sunday saw everyone finishing off the various badges before lunch and then it was time to strike camp and head off home. A very successful camp in terms of the badges gained, the rapport between the different groups and last, but definitely not least, the sunny weather.

On Saturday 5th November there is the annual bonfire and firework display at Blackhills. Gates open at 6pm, fire lit at 6.30pm and the firework display at 7pm. Entry is £2. There will be food, gifts, toys and sweets on sale.

On Saturday 12th the Cubs will be defending the 5-a-side football trophy that they have won for the last five years.

Bev Howard

Please join us for a service of
Remembrance & Thanksgiving

During which two new flag stands will be dedicated in memory
of our late Cub Scout leader Val Ward (Bagheera)

Friday 11th November 2016

6.30pm

Refreshments in the hall afterwards

WOW!



"Wow!" exclaimed Katie in excitement. "I've got to be part of this!"

"Wow!" said our taxi-driver in amazement when we told him that Winchester Cathedral had been filled twice over. "That's two thousand people!"

Yes, it was two thousand people and more. Members of Mothers' Union were celebrating the 140th anniversary of its formation. Earlier in the day Lynne Tembey, World Wide President, had put flowers on Mary Sumner's grave in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral.

And what a day it was! The Queen, our Patron, had sent the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire to represent her. Lynne was interviewed on the radio, there were two columns in the Telegraph, and a piece on the BBC's local radio slot. The Archbishop of Canterbury and half-a-dozen Bishops took part in the services, as did the marvellous Mary Sumner Choir from Zambia, who sang (and danced) an anthem. We all sang the Peruvian Gloria (which we have used here at St Saviour's) but in Winchester it was accompanied by marvellous drumming.

There was testimony from Neil Obbard whose journey into Christian life began when his hard-pressed family were given an AFIA holiday paid for by MU. Nigel Stock, Bishop in Lambeth, recounted his experience as a very young priest arriving in Papua New Guinea with his very young family, all totally exhausted by a frustrating four day journey. The Mothers' Union immediately took them in, settled them down, provided all they needed, and did everything they could to care for the new arrivals.

The Eucharist followed its stately course, but underneath there was a swelling undercurrent of joy and celebration which spilled out into the Annual Meeting on the following day. It was at the end of the second service that Katie, who had been Deacon at both services, spoke of her excitement. She was enrolled on the spot, and is for the time being our newest member.

The Cathedral's refectory put in Trojan efforts to feed everyone, and continually worked to replenish the food. Afterwards the staff reported that no-one had grumbled.

The excitement-filled Annual Meeting took place at a hotel on the outskirts of Basingstoke. The meeting began with an excellent dramatization of the life of Mary Sumner, which is being produced on DVD, and which we intend to buy.

Lynne Tembey followed with her presidential address in which she reminded us that we are all "Called into God's Service". Speaking of her visits to Mothers' Union in other parts of the world, she gave us a series of snapshots of the work that is being done. One of them concerned Matilda, a member in South Sudan, who uses her skills not only for her family, but also for her local community. It is estimated that some 8,000 people have benefited from Matilda's work.

There were many stories like that. One concerned a prison where male and female prisoners were separated only by a curtain. As you can imagine, the women did not feel safe. Mothers' Union members began to visit, taking in food and other supplies. Eventually they began to be accepted, and then welcomed, by all the prisoners, both male and female, and also by the prison guards.

During the afternoon we heard from our new Chief Executive, Beverley Jullien, who spoke about the future of Mothers' Union, calling on us to make "A Leap of Faith" which she illustrated with a film of her own first ever sky dive! (She looked petrified, but made it.) It was a call to grow and expand as we look forward to the 150th Anniversary. Pledge sheet were issued for us to think about and determine what we, as ordinary members, were going to do to put our faith into action and to be instruments for change.

All in all, an exhausting, exciting, exhilarating two days.

R. W. Bailey

Notes from the PCC

Our October meeting took place on Wednesday 19th when we looked at various items.

The process for handing over the duties of Churchwarden to Grace Studholme took place on September 27th when she was sworn in by the Archdeacon at a short ceremony. We welcome her to the new role and thank Kaaren, who has done a magnificent job over the past 6 and a bit years. It is not normal to change wardens mid-term, but Kaaren particularly wanted to stay on to guide us through the 50th Anniversary celebrations, and so did slightly more than her allotted 6 years.

We have, at long last, completed all the parts of the procedure for obtaining the HLF grant. We are hopeful all is in order and we can receive the final payment and clear our outstanding commitments. This has been a truly mammoth task and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to James Muff, who has borne the brunt of the work and responsibility for seeing it through. We are also hugely grateful to HLF for supporting our claim. There is still work to be done to complete the tasks outlined in the last Quinquennial inspection, but we will let the dust settle a while before we tackle them!

As I am stepping down from the role of PCC Secretary and general admin assistant at the next Annual meeting, we also looked at possible ways to split up the tasks so the jobs can be shared amongst a few people. If you have an aptitude for this sort of work, Dorothy or the wardens would love to hear from you.

Work continues to build on the start we have made with our new programme of services. It will take a while to get things established and for people to get used to the new pattern, but the signs so far have been encouraging. Do please spread the word amongst friends and neighbours.

We are looking forward to the Christmas Fair on Saturday 12th November and hope we have lots of visitors—and good weather! This is our major fund-raiser of the year, so do please support us if you can.

Hilary Davis. PCC Secretary

Laid to Rest

Elizabeth (Betty) Barnes

28th October 2016

November Roll of Remembrance

1st	Frank Whitham	(1997)
2nd	Alice Stead	(1975)
3rd	Joseph Hill	(1958)
	Thomas Henry Ulley	(1983)
4th	Norman Rhodes	(1950)
5th	Marie Whiteley	(1985)
8th	Mabel Brooksbank	(1977)
	Doris Errington	(1978)
	Ethel Dixon	(1987)
10th	Phyllis Mooney	(2011)
11th	Edgar Wilkinson	(1974)
12th	Ada Lunnon	(1983)
15th	Violet Pearson	(1981)
17th	Florence Munby	(1980)
20th	Thomas Watson	(1972)
24th	Frank Ferguson	(1981)
26th	Martha Brocklehurst	(1985)
27th	Willie Stead	(1978)

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