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November Editorial

No never alone

If you had to choose one month of the year few of us would choose November! The weather and the darkening nights has little appeal.

But let's think of this November differently.

It is the month to remember times past, the defeat of villainy and the triumph of heroism. This is true on November 5th -Guy Fawkes Day- but much more importantly on Remembrance Day.

Remembering of course is not simply looking back. We recall to mind the sufferings and those who have fought in times past that we may united with those who suffered for us. In this way we too may commit ourselves to the path of peace and sacrificial love. We remember in order that we might know for ourselves that we are not alone.

We are united with those who have suffered for us and we also are united with our fellow Christians in the service of love and the journey of faith. On November 6th at 10.30 at St. Wilfrid's Arley we shall gather with John, Bishop of Warwick and other churches in the benefice to remember that we are not alone. We are not alone because as churches together in Ansley and Arley we walk in our different ways the journey of faith. We are not alone because as churches in the Coventry Diocese, represented on this day by Bishop John, we support one another in love. And most important of all we are not alone because Jesus is with us.

November is a dreary month but in that dreariness may you experience the assurance that you are not alone - NO NEVER ALONE.

Your friend and Vicar,

November St. Laurence's Church – Services

Sunday 6 th	3 rd before Advent	10.30 a.m.	At St Wilfrids
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 13	Remembrance	10.30 a.m.	Special Service
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 20 th	Christ the King	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 th	Advent Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 .pm.	Evensong

St John's Church Hall Ansley Common Services

Sunday 6 th	3 rd before Advent	10.30 a.m.	At St Wilfrids
Sunday 13 th	Remembrance	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th	Christ the King	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
Sunday 27 th	Advent Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

Please note there will be no morning services at either St. Laurence or St. John's on Sunday 6th November, but a joint celebration with Bishop John at St Wilfrid's Old Arley.

Discussion Groups

Discussing the parables – Tuesday 8th November at 7 p.m. in St. John's Church Hall.

'The year through the Bible' Thursday 3rd November 7.30 p.m. 128 Birmingham Road.

Other regular activities

Full details on the notice boards.

From the Registers

Baptism

We welcomed into the church family Lucas Michel Green on Sunday 18th September.

At the evening service on Sunday 16th Martyn Peter Smith and his sister Alexandra Elaine Smith were baptized.

Interment of ashes

The ashes of Lesley Foster were interred into the family grave on Friday 30th September.

Sunday 6th November

The morning congregations of St. Laurence & St. John's will meet at St Wilfrid's in Old Arley for a combined service at our usual time of 10.30. The Bishop of Warwick, John Stroyan will be leading this joint service. Everyone will be most welcome and if transport is required please do contact one of the wardens and it will be arranged. Note: there will be NO morning services at St Laurence or St. John's that morning, but the evening service of Holy Communion at St. Laurence will continue as normal.

Remembrance Day

On this very reflective day, the congregation will remember with thanksgiving all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our nation both in the two World Wars and in the many conflicts since so that we may live in freedom. Also remembered are those who

have suffered and continue to suffer because of war, the civilians, the injured, the widowed and the fatherless.

During the special services we will pray for peace and reconciliation around the world and bring to the altar the wreaths of poppies. The two minutes silence will be observed in conjunction with our leaders at the Cenotaph in London, and following the service in St Laurence the wreaths will then be taken in procession and laid at our parish War Memorial. Anyone wishing to attend will be, as always, most welcome.

Quiz night

This different activity will be held in the Village Church Hall on Friday 4th November at 7 30p.m. and questions will commence promptly at 7.45p.m. Teams of 4-6 members each, (If you are not in a group but wish to participate please come along and there will be teams you can join.

After the first session of 5 rounds there will be a "recession supper" of a choice of two soups with bread and apple pie with cream or cake. This will be followed by a further session of 5 rounds. Answers will be given after each session. There will be prizes for the highest scoring team as well as a booby prize for the lowest. Proceeds will be split between church funds and the Air Ambulance. Please book your tickets, from Sue Rickets or church members.

Spurgeons Child Care

Each year Margaret Oliver holds a coffee evening at her home 33 Nuthurst Crescent in aid of Spurgeons Child Care a Christian charity which exists to create opportunities for vulnerable children and young people supporting them through troubled times in their lives. Ansley church led by Margaret has supported this charity for many years now as it is felt the work is so important.

This year it will be on 9th November at 7.30 p.m. the charity boxes will be opened and counted.

There will be plenty of tea and coffee and a variety of excellent cakes. Also there will be a bring and buy stall with plenty of time to chat and meet up with old and new friends. If you are unable to come and would like to support this charity please have a word with Margaret on 024 7839 5674 and she will be happy to tell you more about their work and provide you with a collection box.

Christmas Fayre

A sure sign that Christmas is not so far away. This annual event will be in the Village Church Hall on Friday 25th November, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Entrance will be £1, and your ticket will be entered into the draw for the door prize and will include a mince pie and a tea or coffee. There will be the usual array of stalls including the cake stall. There will be a time for singing carols and a short reflection on the true meaning of Christmas. This will be a time for meeting with friends old and new and catching up with the news of others. The raffle for which tickets will be on sale during the preceding weeks will also be drawn.

If anyone has a raffle prize or items for one of the stalls please do contact a member of the PCC before hand to let them know what to expect and get them to the hall during the preparations between 2 to 4 p.m. that afternoon.

As with all events if anyone would like to help in any way please do just say so to one of the wardens, there are always tasks to be undertaken and if more people help the few are able to also participate in the enjoyment of the evening.

St. John's Christmas Prize Bingo

The Christmas Prize Bingo session will be on Monday 14th November eyes down at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome and you will be sure of a good time. The first £50 of the proceeds will be for the Salvation Army for their work with those with so little and the remainder will be for hall funds.

Marie's Christmas Event

Marie and Dave will be holding their now annual Christmas event on Tuesday 29th November from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. and they will welcome everyone to their home 28 Nuthurst Crescent. There will be a bring & buy stall, Marie has been making lots of things for the stall for sometime and there is sure to be a good array of her handy-work for sale. There will also be a raffle with tea and coffee and plenty of time to chat. The proceeds will be for St. John's Church Hall.

Christmas Tree Festival

Please note in your diary the Christmas Tree Festival this year will be on Saturday 10th Sunday 11th Wednesday 14th Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th from 10 a.m. or after the Sunday morning service until 6 p.m. each day.

If any one would like to decorate a tree, for which the cost is £12, please ask for an application form and return it to Margaret Kimberley as soon as possible to ensure there is no disappointment.

Harvest

The church was decorated with a lovely array of flowers and produce and thank you to all who gave and helped. It was evident that the farmers and growers of particularly vegetables have had a difficult time with the weather but there was a wonderful array of fruit and flowers. With several people coming to the church for the Open Church and the congregations for the three Sunday services we were able to give thanks to God for his goodness to us.

The harvest sale and supper on the Monday evening which raised a total of £222.70 for church funds rounded off a very happy event.

'From tiny acorns mighty oaks do grow'

It has been decided to continue with this small change collection and anyone who would like a collecting tin please ask and one can be organised. The total paid into our Fabric Fund in September was £27 bringing the total to £184 so far this year all from the small change collection. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Prayer Requests

If you would like someone or a particular situation remembered in prayer at our Sunday Services both at St. Laurence and St. John's please hand the slip below to a member of the Church congregation or contact the Vicar on 024 7639 9070. Please remember the vicar would be pleased to visit anyone who is sick, but he does need to know, again please ring.

Please pray forwho is

Every year we look forward to catching sight of a Humming Bird Moth which visits our garden. This Moth is fantastic and when we first saw it we thought it was actually a Humming Bird. We saw the Moth again this September and October and it is great to watch it humming and taking nectar from the plants – it is so fast. It always comes to the hanging basket and flowers in the front garden, late afternoon or early evening, so keep a look out for it next year, as our daughter in law has also seen it in her garden in Birmingham Road.

The story of how Flora MacDonald rowed Bonnie Prince Charlie 'over the sea to Skye' is very well known to us because as children we were told the story and taught the Skye Boat Song. However, I always imagined it was just a stone's throw she had to row, with the Prince disguised in women's clothing, but in fact they had to head south before the journey by boat to Skye making the journey some 24 miles. This makes Flora even more of a heroine.

There is one thing I am really going to miss when the summer and autumn are finally over. For weeks now I have been picking Tomatoes from outside our kitchen door every day for lunch. These Tomato plants were surplus to what we could get into the greenhouse and we only put them by the back door because we couldn't find space anywhere else. Right into October I enjoyed these Tomatoes, their taste being so different to shop-bought, and they will certainly be put in the same spot next year. By the way they were 'Gardeners Delight' – very small but very tasty.

As I put out the recycling bins, I can't help thinking of the days when we only had one small metal dustbin for a family of 9. However, despite the fact that we were brilliant at recycling, and our motto was 'waste not, want not', this would not be acceptable today, as we live in a throw away society – by this I don't mean rubbish but clothes, electrical items, shoes, and the society in which we live would fold completely if we started to make things last. We live in a 'consumer' society, where fashion rules, and young people would not want hand-me-downs. This is strange because Charity Shops have thrived over the last few years and let's face it the clothes in these shops are handed down from someone, but still many people are proud to proclaim that they buy items from Charity Shops, and I love browsing round them.

I love this quotation: 'School is a building with four walls - with tomorrow inside'.

Marie Cove.