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This month...

Sunday 1 November is All Saints Day, but we will also celebrate All Souls Day, which would otherwise fall on 2 November. At our 10am service, we will call out the names of those who have died in the past three years and light candles for all whom we mourn however long ago they died. You are all invited to light a candle as an act of remembrance at this service.

Sunday 8 November is Remembrance Sunday, and we will conclude our 10 am service by moving outside to gather round the war memorial, lay wreaths and observe

the two minute silence.

Saturday 21 November is the date of our Christmas Fair, in church, from 11 am to 3 pm. It is advertised elsewhere in this magazine and on our website. Do get involved, help in any way you can, turn up on the day, and bring your friends and neighbours.

Sunday 29 November is Advent Sunday. In the outside world Christmas festivities may be in full swing but we will mark the start of a period of serious reflection in preparation for the birth of our Saviour on Christmas Day.

Many people were remarkably uncommunicative about their war experiences. Do you wonder what some of your family were doing in World War II? Data protection law means that information on living people is not readily accessible and getting Ministry of Defence records of a relative's military service is not easy. But as the number of surviving veterans diminishes steadily, more military records are becoming available online.

Ancestry has recently uploaded a huge number of army records from 1939 to 1959. There's many more to come but you may already be able to find a parent or grandparent's records on there – we have! If you're curious and have access to Ancestry or know someone who has, it's worth a look. And if your relative is not on there yet, he or she may be before long. We're looking forward to finding national service and Korean War records, it's not just World War II.

The Editors



Mothers Union

I am sure that it is only the other week when I last wrote the report for the Spire but actually it was for the July/August copy, where does the time go? At least we have had a couple of weeks where the weather warmed up through the day, though it has started to feel chilly now.

I had my grandsons round for a meal on a recent Sunday evening, whilst their parents were gadding off to London, and I let Elliot drive us back to their house. I must say that I felt perfectly safe so fingers crossed for a Pass when he takes his test. My car is disappearing on quite a number of occasions at the moment as he gets some practice in it with one or other of his parents.

I must say that I am so grateful that we have got Mel's Computers in Sale Moor as I was having problems with my printer last week and telephoned them. They asked me to take it in and then informed me that it was rather ancient (I knew that) so I bought a new one.

Back home with new printer and back on the phone and they connected me to my laptop remotely. I have also discovered that it is nearly as cheap to buy a new printer complete with ink cartridges as it is to buy replacement cartridges.

On to MU matters, at our last meeting we were given a talk on 'The development of Transport in the North West' by a friend of David Thomas, John Carpenter. It was a very entertaining talk about how transport had progressed in the 18th/19th Century from horse-drawn transport to the canals and the railways. Did you know that Manchester, though a major city, has no direct Railway link passing through it. You either arrive and depart from Piccadilly Station or Victoria Station and have to use the Metrolink or buses to connect.

For our November meeting we were due to hear from Embassy Village with an update as to how their work with the homeless was progressing. Sadly due to illness

and shortage of staff they have had to cancel. We are therefore having a social evening but you will need to bring your thinking caps with you as we are having a thinking game. All will be revealed on the night but promise it will not be difficult.

We all send our best wishes to Eileen after her operation and wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her in Church and at our meetings in the very near future.

We have recently had our committee meeting and hopefully have sorted out the programme for next year and most have confirmed that they will be able to attend.

Sending love and best wishes to everyone

Jackie and Carol



Saints

It's the Season of the Saints, the period from All Saints Day (1 November) via All Souls Day (2 November) until the start of Advent with Advent Sunday on 29 November. It sounds odd to have a "season" given there are saints days throughout the year, but that's what we focus on for four weeks at this time.

So who were those saints? We're familiar with a few – apostles and the four evangelists; great names like Augustine, Jerome, Benedict, Francis, Bernardette; and patron saints like George and Patrick. And we can hardly overlook St Nicholas. But there are so many more.

We know very little about some of them, even some of the twelve disciples. I've been reading Amy Jeffs' book "Saints. Mediaeval Legends of Heroic Humans and Magic" - despite it including a few well-known names, it's full of the bizarre; magical, bloody and frankly often unbelievable. In modern times there is a lot of

campaigning, with complex processes in the Roman Catholic church for beatification and canonisation. And we know of modern martyrs like Ugandan Archbishop Janani Luwum and the Melanesian Brothers, but a lot of it feels quite remote. Can we bring them closer?

My university college had a regular magazine, probably once a term; most colleges did. Typically there would be a section about former students: marriages and deaths, appointments, publications and honours. But once during my time there, the news of former students had an extra section: canonisations! Two men from the college were among the 40 English martyrs executed under the Tudors and Stuarts for their Roman Catholic faith. The names are little known (St Richard Gwyn and St Philip Howard) but these were men (yes, there were women among the forty but not from Cambridge colleges) who had walked through

the same great gateway and court (quadrangle) and taken their meals in the same Tudor hall as me. This feels a lot closer.

In my youth, in our Baptist church we used to sing a hymn "I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true..." (Lesbia Scott, 1929) It's not great poetry but it doesn't need to be to convey its message: "They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still. The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will....the saints of God began just like me, and I mean to be one too." Each week we affirm our belief in the communion of saints, the mystical community of Christian believers across time and place, and we should feel that we too belong there. It's not just the famous names. You can probably think of some saintly Christians, perhaps someone, significant in your upbringing in the faith, or in public life. Formally recognised saints, no,

but saintly, yes indeed. Few of us, I trust, look for recognition, still less expect to be formally canonised, but we seek to be

faithful followers of Christ, and there's no telling where that could lead us.

Howard Mason



1st November - 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.

Gunpowder Treason

Even the most fervent adherent of the Book of Common Prayer, "1662", could not deny that in some ways it has changed over the years. I have a copy that belonged to an Ann Carr in 1825 and among its treasures, or do I mean curiosities, is a set of prayers for 5 November. Here's the gist of it. How times have changed; we don't include this in modern editions of this prayer book, (nor does my 20th century edition include a 30 January Collect for Charles, King and Martyr). Amid the formal and archaic language of those long-winded times, you'll have no trouble recognising what it's all about. We see our Catholic fellow Christians very differently now!

A Form of Prayer with Thanksgiving to be used yearly upon the fifth day of November; for the happy Deliverance of King James I and the Three Estates of England from the most traitorous and bloody intended massacre by gunpowder: and also for the happy arrival of His Majesty King William on this day for the deliverance of our church and nation.

Collects

Almighty God who hast in all ages shewed thy power and mercy in the miraculous and gracious deliverance of thy Church and

in the protection of righteous and religious Kings and states, professing thy holy and eternal truth, from the wicked conspiracies, and malicious practises of all the enemies thereof; We yield thee our unfeigned thanks and praise for the wonderful and mighty deliverance of our gracious Sovereign King James the First, the Queen, the Prince, and all the Royal Branches, with the Nobility, Clergy and Commons of England, then assembled in Parliament, by Popish treasury appointed as sheep to the slaughter, in the most barbarous and savage manner, beyond the examples of former ages. From this unnatural conspiracy, not our merit, but thy mercy; not our foresight, but thy Providence delivered us.....

Accept also, most gracious God, of our unfeigned thanks, for filling our hearts again with joy and gladness, after the time that thou hadst afflicted us, and putting a new song into our mouths, by bringing His Majesty King William upon this day, for the deliverance of our Church and Nation from Popish tyranny and arbitrary power. We adore the wisdom and justice of thy providence, which so timely interposed in our extreme danger, and disappointed all

the designs of our enemies....

Oh God whose Name is excellent in all the earth and whose glory above the heavens; who on this day didst miraculously preserve our Church and State from the secret contrivance and hellish malice of Popish conspirators; and on this day also didst begin to give us a mighty deliverance from the open tyranny and oppression of the same cruel and bloodthirsty enemies... And we humbly pray, that the devout

sense of this thy repeated mercy may renew and increase in us a spirit of love and thankfulness to thee its only Author: a spirit of peaceable submission and obedience to our gracious Sovereign Lord King George; and a spirit of fervent zeal for our holy religion, which thou hast so wonderfully rescued and established, a blessing to us and our posterity. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

Harvest thank you's

Thank you to everybody who brought gifts to our harvest service for distribution to South Trafford Foodbank and Boaz Trust. The recipients were grateful for your generosity.



...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!

“Looking out of the window”

After the heat of the summer, when the grass could not grow and there were no stripes on the lawns, we have now had some rain, the grass has grown, the lawns have turned green, and the mower has been able to create some stripes again. The other side of this success story is that the weeds have revelled in the damp conditions and burst into life, keeping me well occupied with a few two-hour sessions with the hoe on most afternoons. The planters are still very colourful but maybe not for much longer with some frosty nights in the offing.

The two fruit trees have had similar reactions to environmental stress - the apples being small but quite numerous, and the pears being very large and literally "rock hard", only edible by the squirrels who knock them onto the grass and then join the foxes who eat them. Both seem to have stronger jaws than I have.

Rudbeckias have suffered too - very colourful but very small, and having sown a packet of cosmos seeds, one solitary plant has survived. I cannot report much bird activity. The feeders need to be replaced because of "beak" damage and old age - a job before winter sets in. Meanwhile there are lots of berries available on the cotoneasters and pyracanthas for the birds.

There is a considerable fox population around, and one



morning, when I was pulling the curtains, there was a large cat sitting at the gate post and a fox making its very careful way round the side of it. The cat certainly had the upper hand. There have been visits from various butterflies, and a particularly stunning Red Admiral was benefitting from the pollen on some Busy Lizzies one day. It was a rushed job to try and catch a photograph of it.

Finishing on a forward-looking note I found one or two tiny spring bulbs poking their noses out when hoeing weeds on 16 October, but they are not yet visible from the window.

Bridget Beggs



What use are men in gardens?

When it comes to the garden, women tend to decide what to plant, and where to put it, while their menfolk are happy to help out with the heavy lifting. Women also tend to choose the garden furniture, and 40 per cent of them claim to have a better knowledge, and better taste, in plants. Men often agree, saying “they don’t do colour”, and value their partner’s confidence in choosing. A survey, by Arthritis Research UK, found that nine in 10 couples rarely argue about the garden, except over how much to spend on it.

Remembrance



"For the Fallen", a poem by Laurence Binyon, was first published in The Times in September 1914. Over time, the third and fourth stanzas of the poem have been claimed as a tribute to all casualties of war, regardless of state.

"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."

Take a look at the remembrance window that the Chat and Craft group have put on display in the church hall.

The group meets in the church hall each **Thursday from 1.30 to 3 pm**. We welcome men and women to come along and bring ongoing projects, learn a new skill or just enjoy a chat.

The e-Spire is our alternative to a hard-copy parish magazine. It supplements what appears on our website and in the weekly pastoral letter and newssheets from our clergy. If you don't receive these by email, please send your email address to Alison:

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3rd Sale Moor:	Tues 6 pm at Moorlands School	
7th Sale Moor:	Tues 6 pm in the Church Hall	0161 973 2108

Guides

2nd Sale Moor:	Mondays 7.30 - 9pm in the Church Hall	0161 286 1623
7th Sale Moor:	Tuesdays 7 pm at Sale Moor Methodist Church	

Rangers

Sale Moor Unit:	Thursday evenings at Trinity Methodist Church	
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