

Reflections

This year, as in previous years when November comes around, for many their thoughts will turn to Remembrance Sunday, and all that is conjured up by that.

During the past year the death toll of those killed by suicide bombers and by roadside bombs has risen steadily. The number of the dead and injured among our armed forces serving in Iraq and Afghanistan has also continued to rise.

Alas modern warfare is no longer just a battle between opposing armies but affects innocent civilians as well. Air strikes and acts of terrorism are horribly indiscriminate.

But as we remember with thanksgiving and pride all those who have given their lives in defence of freedom, we also need to remember the family tragedies and deaths that are part of our daily lives and never make the headlines.

The Church has put two important commemorations together at the beginning of November. This year we commemorate them both on 5th November. In the morning we will celebrate the Festival of All Saints' and begin to look towards Advent, and in the evening we will Commemorate the Faithful Departed,

I sometimes think that when we are celebrating All Saints' Day with all the triumphal hymns and prayers and the reading from the Book of Revelation about a New Heaven and a New Earth, that we tend to focus on the great saints of the Church. People like the Apostles and St Paul, and the early Christian martyrs, and forget about those everyday saints with a little "s" who are known to us personally.

In the early church all who came to believe in Jesus were referred to as saints.

St. Luke uses this term frequently in his account of the early Christians in the Acts of the Apostles and St Paul uses it throughout his letters.

Every Sunday in the words of the Eucharistic Prayer we pray "with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of Heaven..." that means all our loved ones who have gone before us and are now with the other saints in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

So, as we come to celebrate All the Saints, let us remember not only the great Saints of the Church, but all who have lived their lives believing in Christ Jesus and seeking to do his will. We give thanks not only for all who have inspired others through their lives lived in the service of God, by their writings and by their public example, but all who have lived out their lives quietly in their own communities, all those "ordinary" people known and loved by us.

And when on Sunday evening we come quietly to remember our loved ones in a more personal way, perhaps to light a candle in their memory, we can rest assured that they are indeed part of that great company of Heaven. We can receive comfort from God's promise of hope and the knowledge that we will meet again in God's eternal kingdom.

"Christ is the morning star who, when the night of this world is past brings to his saints the promise of the light of life and opens everlasting day."

Venerable Bede.

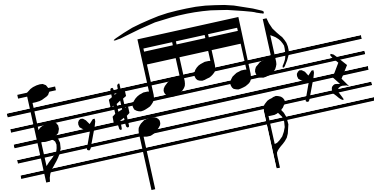
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Holy Days in November

This month as well as Celebrating All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on 5th November we will remember the Apostle Andrew with a celebration of the Eucharist at 8pm at St Mary's on 30th November.

We will remember Cecilia, Martyr at Rome at the 11a.m Eucharist on 22nd November. Cecilia was one of the most revered martyrs of the Roman Church though not a lot is known of her life. In either the 2nd or 3rd Century she allowed Christians to meet in her house in Rome, when to do so was to risk death. She is said to have converted her husband and his brother to Christianity and they were both martyred with her. A church dedicated to her was subsequently erected on the site of her house. She is honoured as the patron saint of musicians.



New Faces on the Organ Bench

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Nigel Evans Thompson as the new Director of Music for our parish. Nigel was previously Organist and Choir Master at St Paul's Church, Addlestone. He is Musical Director of Laudamus Chamber Choir and is also a professional Baritone soloist. Nigel will be responsible for the St Mary's Choir, the Festival Singers and the Parish Band. If you would like to know more about getting involved in the music of our churches please do speak to Nigel or call him on 01483 854095. We hope Nigel will soon feel part of the Church family in the parish.

We are also very pleased that Daniel Dupont, who was playing for us two Sundays each month, has agreed to become our Assistant organist and will now be playing each Sunday for us, usually at St Alban's.

Book of the Month

The Jesus Prayer

Simon Barrington-Ward

BRF £3.99 ISBN 0 7459 3509 5

The Jesus prayer has been known and loved for hundreds of years. It originated in the Orthodox Church and is a way of entering into the river of prayer that flows from the heart of God. The usual form is "Lord Jesus Christ Son of the Living God have mercy on me a sinner". The Jesus Prayer can help us to be in touch with the loving intercessions of God and Christ for the healing and redemption of all things.

In this book Simon Barrington-Ward, a great lover of prayer, teaches us how to use the Jesus prayer to enrich our prayer life, and deepen our understanding.

Quotation to ponder.

"Just as it is impossible for a person to see their reflection in a pool whose water is disturbed, so, too, the soul, unless it is cleansed from alien thoughts, cannot pray to God in contemplation."

The Desert Fathers

Prayer of the Month

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to me the least of saints, to me allow, that I may keep a door in Paradise.

That I may keep even the small door that is least used, the stiffest door.

If it be in your house, O God, that I can see the glory even afar, and hear your voice, and know that I am with you, O God.

St Columba

Tidy-up Day

Our next Tidy-Up Day at St Mary's church will be on **Saturday 25th November** starting at 10am.

There will be a wide range of tasks for all ages and abilities both indoors and outdoors, including dusting and cobweb removal, clearing leaves, tidying paths and other clearance tasks. Please come along and join us – the more who come, the more we can achieve!



Broken and Hurting
A Morning of Quiet and Reflection
Saturday 2nd December
9.00am – 12noon at St Mary's Church

On the Eve of the Season of Advent, we invite you for a time of quiet and reflection focused on the theme "Broken and Hurting". Advent is a time when we remember that the world is broken and hurting and in need of the Messiah. Similarly in our own lives we experience times when we feel broken and are hurting. During this morning we will reflect on how Christ's peace and presence can help sustain us in the more difficult and dark moments of our lives.

During this morning individuals are welcome to come and go as they wish and to stay for however long seems appropriate. On each half hour there will be a short and simple reflection to guide our thoughts. There will be occasional music and prayers and around the church "prayer stations" for individuals to visit to help and guide their reflections. We very much hope you will be able to join us for at least part of the morning.

The Village Lunch

at
St Alban's Church Hall
 Wood Street Village

on Wednesday 22nd November
 at 12.30pm

Meet up with friends old and new.
Enjoy good food and good company.
Open to all, wherever you live

Please book 5 days before
 on 01483 233091

If you need help with transport
 please contact Fairwood Helpers
 on 01483 237619

Remembrance Sunday
12th November 2006

You are warmly invited to join us as we remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country, hold before God all British Service men and women currently on active service especially in Afghanistan and Iraq and pray for the peace of the world.

God's Family Remembers Parade Service
10.45am at St Alban's Church, Wood Street Village

Join us for this informal, all age service with the Act of Remembrance at which we will be joined by our local uniformed organisations

Parish Communion and Act of Remembrance

10.45am at St Mary's Church, Worplesdon

A sung service of Holy Communion with the traditional Act of Remembrance

Christians-in-Fairlands Service

4.00pm at Fairlands Community Centre

An informal act of worship to commemorate Remembrance Sunday and pray for all those whose lives are caught up in present wars and conflicts throughout the world.

Please note:

*The next **Parade Service** will be Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, 10.45am at St Alban's Church.*

*The next **God's Family at Worship** will be our Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, 10th December 10.45am*



**Flower Rota
 for November**

5 th	St. Mary's Tricia Williams	St. Alban's Morag Dillon
12 th	Remembrance Clare Weaver	Gill Cross
19 th	Pat Everson	Brenda Moore
26 th	Jan Foster	Pat Brewer

Clubs

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The Sunday Club

If you enjoy games, stories, drama or craft activities and are aged between 5 and 11 years then come and have fun and learn about Jesus in The Sunday Club. The Club meets each Sunday during term time during the Parish Communion which is 9.15am at St Alban's or 10.45am at St Mary's. For more information contact:

St Alban's: Nicky Parsons Tel. 826774
St Mary's: Rosalind Davison Tel. 826422

Perry Hill Youth Club

The next meeting of the PERRY HILL YOUTH CLUB is on 2nd November at Worplesdon Memorial Hall.

The session begins at 6.45am and ends at 8.45am. The Club is open to young people from age 8-15yrs and they are now welcome to stay as long as they want during each session. Club members are reminded that they need to sign in on arrival and to sign out before they leave.

For more information visit
www.PerryHillYouthClub.co.uk
 or telephone Andrew on 01483 234616

Come along and join us and try your hand at a variety of games, be tempted by the Tuck Shop and meet new friends.

After November the next meeting is 7th December and thereafter the first Thursday of each month.

New volunteers are always welcome to help run the club.

Worplesdon Lunch Club

The Club organises a variety of meetings from lunches in people's homes to coffee mornings and gatherings for afternoon tea, as well as opportunities to eat out. Meetings are informal and friendly, and enable friends old and new to meet up.

The next meeting is a **Coffee Morning** at 10.30 on 15th November at Jan Foster's home. If you would like to know more about the club, or want to come to one of our events, please contact:

Barbara Chasemore Tel. 233118
Vicky Bateman Tel. 232217

Edward's Sunday Club

Edward Bear invites all his friends (0-5 years) who come to church on Sunday to join him for a time of fun, play, stories and activities. For more information contact:

St Alban's: Carol Caven Tel. 839157
St Mary's: Michaela Kelly Tel. 870939



Remembering our Departed Loved Ones
All Souls' Tide, Sunday 5th November
6.00pm at St Mary's Church

Our Annual All Souls' Service has become an important and moving occasion for all of us who have lost loved ones. This service provides a much valued opportunity to remember our dearly departed and to pray for all are bereaved. It also provides a quiet space to reflect on the nature of death, acknowledge our own grief and to share our Christian hope.

All whose funerals have been conducted by the parish clergy during the past twelve months will be remembered by name during this service. From the beginning of October there will also be a list in both churches for those who wish to add other names to be remembered during this service. Our All Souls' Service will conclude with the lighting of the Candles of Hope.

All who wish are welcome to join us for this service. Members of the clergy team will be available to speak to people after the service. There will also be an opportunity for any who wish to receive individual prayers of healing and the Laying on of Hands.

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Guildford Opera Company
The Electric Theatre
Die Fledermaus
 Music by **Johann Strauss**
6-9th December 2006
The Electric Theatre Guildford
 Evenings 7.30pm, Saturday Matinée 2.30pm
 Ticket price £12
 Weds Evening & Sat Matinée £10
 Box Office 01483 444789

Registered Charity No. 274684. GOC is a member of Being Music. Affiliated to NCD. www.guildfordopera.com

Advent Sunday, 3rd December

Advent Sunday marks the beginning of a new Christian Year. The festivals of the Christian Year take us on a journey through the life of Jesus and help us to consider their continued significance for our lives today. The season of Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, are a time when we recall how people of faith looked with longing for the coming of God's Messiah. We think of the Patriarchs, the founders of our Faith, people such as Abraham, Jacob and Isaac, and of the Prophets, such as Isaiah, Jeremiah and Amos, who spoke of a day when God would save His people. We think of John the Baptist who called people to prepare for the ministry of Jesus and most especially we think of Mary who so uniquely and personally had to prepare for the coming of the Christ-Child. As we think all these great heroes of our faith, we are reminded of our own need to prepare for the birth of Jesus. It is all too easy at this busy time of the year to forget the true significance of the great festival of Christmas. Advent calls us back to remember its real meaning and invites to ensure that our hearts as well as our homes are prepared to celebrate Christmas.

On Advent Sunday, in addition to our normal morning services, we will be holding a special evening Advent Service at St Alban's Church at 6pm. This candle-lit service will help us to begin that process of preparing our hearts for the birth of the Christ-child and will include the opportunity to receive the Ministry of Healing. We warmly invite you to join us for this

Parish Registers

Funerals

25th September Elsie Arden

Weddings

23rd September Andrew Martin Parker
 and Sarah Jane
 Hammond

Baptisms

1st October Yasmin Devon Ede
 Ferdinand Charles Wright
 Abbie Rose Hatherall

Fairlands Women's Institute

After an enjoyable summer with Ploughman's supper, a strawberry tea, and a coffee morning, Fairlands WI resumed in September with a talk by Loseley sheperdess, Chloe Dancy. This enchanting speaker kept us enthralled with tales of her flock. From her collection of artefacts, most of which are now at Tilford Museum, she showed us 200 year-old crooks, and a firkin used by the shepherds to carry their mid-day drinks. She brought vividly to life the orphan lambs sucking on the black teats of a crock filled with milk. Mrs. Dancy finished by telling us of her film experiences with her flock, including Never Never Land, when she was dressed as an old-fashioned sheperdess.

The meeting concluded with information about forthcoming outings to the local pantomime, and the Victorian Festival of Christmas at Portsmouth. At the next meeting, Eric Morgan will talk about some Little Known Stories of Surrey.

New members are always very welcome, so do come along in October. Contact Doreen Smith, President, on 01483 234407 for more information.

Sandra Morgan

Worplesdon Women's Institute

The speaker for October's meeting was Mrs. Forlenza, who showed slides and spoke of a whistle-stop tour of Italy. She kept members enthralled with colourful pictures of some of her relatives making fresh pasta, and some more traditional travel images such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa and St. Peter's Basilica. Mrs. Betty Attwood gave the vote of thanks.

October outings included a visit on the 20th to the RHS Gardens at Wisley to see the Autumn gardens, and a demonstration of cooking with apples by WI member, Mrs. Betty Dominy. On 11th October there was a coffee morning and a talk on Sri Lanka, to help raise funds for the Associated Country Women of the World. In November there will be an evening theatre visit to see the musical, Guys and Dolls.

Mrs. Beryl Davies, the President, spoke of the Halloween group competition and was pleased to announce that the winning poem, written by Mrs. Freda Burgess, would go forward to the main competition on 30th October. The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Pip Davis, the Surrey Federation Chairman, explaining to the members that WI House in Denmark Road had been sold, and that new premises had been acquired in Queen Elizabeth Park Stoughton.

After the meeting, tea was served and hosted by Mrs. Betty Attwood. The competition "Something Italian" was won by Mrs. Doreen Gidden, with a Venetian mask. The raffle was won by Miss Barbara Chasemore.

Beth Leach

Fairwood Helpers

Our loyal and dedicated team of Volunteers continues to provide a steady response to requests for help from local residents. Although demand at this time of year is not so great because of holiday commitments, we anticipate more requests for transport following the recent disruption of local bus services. Our main involvements are in providing transport to and from doctors, dentists and hospital appointments.

If anyone is interested in joining our band of Volunteers, please ring 237619 between 10,00 and 12 noon on a weekday or speak to any of our Members.

One way to find out more about us, is to come along to our end of year Social, to be held at 7.30 in St. Alban's Church Hall on Monday 27th November. All Volunteers and prospective Volunteers will be most welcome.

Quiz Night

Friday 17th November 2006

8.00pm at Worplesdon Memorial Hall

Bring friends, family and colleagues along for an entertaining and enlightening evening, whilst at the same time raising money for Church Funds. We will be holding a Quiz Night with questions posed by Revd Andrew Bryant and Chris Sturdee. Teams of 8 required. Come along in teams, or on your own and make up a team on the night.

Tickets are £8 which includes a fish and chip supper; a bar will also be available.

4 bottles of wine for the winning team, as well as a raffle and games during the evening.

If you would like tickets please complete the form below and send it with a cheque payable to Worplesdon PCC to Quiz Night, The Parish Office, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, GU3 3RE

Closing date for tickets is Monday 13 November

Name

Address

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Telephone number

Number of Tickets required @ £8

Important dates for November

Wednesday 1 st	1.30pm	Edward Bear Club at St Mary's
Thursday 2 nd	10.00am	House Group at 44 Fairlands Ave
Monday 6 th	8.00pm	World Vision Group
Tuesday 7 th	8.00pm	Witness Vision Group at St Mary's
Wednesday 8 th	1.30pm	Mothers' Union Lunchbreak at St Alban's
	8.00pm	House Group at 17 Lyons Drive
Friday 10 th	7.00pm	Youth PCC at Rectory
Sunday 12 th	6.00pm	Parish Youth Group at St Alban's
Tuesday 14 th	2.30pm	Fairwood Helpers Committee
	8.00pm	WSV Association meeting at St Alban's
Wednesday 15 th	7.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal at St Mary's
Thursday 16 th	10.00am	House group at 44 Fairlands Ave
Monday 20 th	8.00pm	Parish Charities meeting at Rectory
Tuesday 21 st	8.00pm	Finance Vision Group
Wednesday 22 nd	8.00pm	House Group at 17 Lyons Drive
Sunday 26 th	6.00pm	Parish Youth Group at St Alban's
Monday 27 th	11.00am	Primrose House Communion
	7.30pm	Fairwood Helpers Christmas Social at St Alban's
	8.00pm	Holiday Club planning meeting
Tuesday 28 th	8.00pm	Parish Prayer Forum at Rectory
Wednesday 29 th	8.00pm	Property Vision Group at St Alban's
Thursday 30 th	10.00am	House Group at 44 Fairlands Ave

Welcome to the 100 Club

How would you like to win up to £60 each month? All you need to do is participate in our 100 Club and purchase a number (costing £2 each month) which is entered into a monthly draw. Half the proceeds will go into the Prize fund and the remainder will go towards our fundraising efforts to help maintain our Church buildings. The prize money depends on the number of entrants, however we anticipate this will be £60 for 1st Prize, £25 for 2nd Prize and £15 for third prize.

You are required to enter for a minimum of 12 months, payable in advance. This guarantees your number is entered each month. You can choose to have as many numbers as you wish, the more numbers you purchase, the greater your chance of winning.

To take part, please complete the attached form and send it to the Parish office, enclosing a cheque made payable to Worplesdon PCC. On receipt of your application form you will be sent confirmation of your number(s) by post.

The draw will take place at the same time each month, winners will be contacted directly and the results posted on the noticeboards at each church and in the Crossway Magazine.

If you have any questions regarding the 100 Club, or require additional application forms, please do not hesitate to contact either Jenny Shaw (01483 236252) or Jackie Pocock (01483 826518).

Alternatively, additional forms are also available from St. Mary's and St. Alban's Church and the Parish Office.

If you are interested in participating please return this form to:

The 100 Club, The Parish Office, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, GU3 3RE

Name

Address

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Telephone number

E mail address (if applicable)

No. of numbers required (£24 p/a)

I confirm I am over 16 years of age (please circle) YES

Please complete this form in full as we will require these details in order to contact you should your numbers be drawn.



Worplesdon

Garden Club

The October speaker was Andrew Halstead, chief entomologist at RHS Wisley, who spoke on the subject of "Beneficial Insects". These fell into the categories of predators, pollinators and parasites. It was a fascinating insight into what goes on in the garden (mainly at night) and which eats what! At times it was really creepy-crawley stuff, and not for the faint-hearted.

Obviously bees are the most beneficial insects, but we learned that there are some two hundred species of solitary bees and ten or so species of social bees. There are many varieties of ladybirds which are really the best at keeping down pests such as aphids. The vine weevil is the most destructive pest, since it eats the leaves of plants, while the larvae eat the roots and tubers.

On a lighter note, congratulations go to Anne Goddard, who once again entered the "Guildford in Bloom" competition. She was awarded a Silver Gilt for her Hanging Basket, and a Gold in the "Best Front Garden" glass. In fact her front garden was so good that it was judged "Best in Category" and it was also the overall best in competition!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th November, when another eminent speaker will talk on "Show Time" and tell us something about what goes on behind the scenes in preparation for the big flower shows.

We will shortly be planting wild daffodil bulbs on Worplesdon Village Green at the request of the Parish Council.

New members are welcome and should call Olga Everingham on 01483 233322.

Roger Bower

Perry Hill Residents' Association

Earlier this year we were invited by Worplesdon Parish Council to enter the Surrey Village of the Year 2006 competition, on behalf of Worplesdon village. I am delighted to report that we have been awarded a runners-up prize—a cheque for £150 to the Memorial Hall Trustees and a plaque commemorating the event which was held in Brockham on 26th September. I should like to thank Gaynor White, Barry Gamble, Terry Cater and Roger Welch for their input to our response.

A panel of experts awarded marks over the key categories and we achieved noteworthy success in winning the Young People category, based upon all that is done within the Parish to support and promote the twenty clubs and associations which operate out of the Memorial Hall, Playing Field and St. Mary's Church. One of the real benefits of this event is to learn from the success of other villages in various other categories. Worplesdon Village is very much on the Surrey map and we will be entering the competition next year.

Roger Bower

Woking Choral Society Winter Concert

Messa di Gloria

Puccini

and

Sancta Civitas

Vaughan Williams

Saturday 2nd December

H G Wells Centre, Woking

Tickets £12 (Students £6)

from

Information Centre, Ottakar's Wolsey Place,

Surrey Music Store, Britten's Music

and at the door

01483 767852/829366

An Invitation to continue to pray...

We continue to seek God's guidance as we continue the process of looking for a priest to join our Clergy Team and who will live at St Alban's House. In October we decided not to appoint from those who had applied for the post and to re-advertise the post in January. However although this means a delay in making an appointment, the process has helped clarify both the person we are looking and the role we wish them to play in the parish and this has greatly encouraged us as we seek the right person for this appointment. Your continued prayers are much appreciated.

*Shepherd of souls,
give to us for the leadership
of your church in this parish,
a priest colleague after your own heart:*

*a person
of faith and prayer, filled with the spirit;
of vision, wisdom and sound judgement;
with a pastoral heart and a true love for
people.*

*Prepare the person of your choice
for their ministry amongst us,
and prepare us for their coming;
and overrule in everything for the doing of
your will
and the furtherance of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**You are warmly invited to
Café Fairlands**

3rd and 17th November, 2.00pm-4.00 pm
at

The Fairlands Community Centre

in conjunction with the visit of
The Surrey Mobile Library Bus

* Come and meet friends old and new
over a cup of tea and home-made
cake

* Browse at the Library

* Be tempted by the Fairtrade Stall

* Drop in on your way to or from school

If you need help with transport please
contact Fairwood Helpers

**Sunday
Evenings**



November

**6pm
St. Mary's**

- 5th **All Souls' Service**- *an opportunity to remember our departed loved ones, to pray for all who mourn and through the lighting of candles to express our Christian hope.
At the end of the service there will be the opportunity for the laying on of Hands for all who wish.*
- 12th **Celtic Evening Prayers**- *a time of worship inspired by the Iona Community.*
- 19th **The Evening Office** – *the formal evening prayers of the Church from Common Worship.*
- 26th **Celtic Evening Prayers**- *a time of worship inspired by the Iona Community.*

If you live in Wood Street Village and would like transport to the Evening Worship at St Mary's please speak to Revd Mary Kirby (01483 237131) who will endeavour to arrange a lift.

PLEASE NOTE that in December our monthly Healing Service on the first Sunday of the month will take place at St Alban's and not at St Mary's when the Ministry of Healing will be part of a special service to mark the beginning of Advent.

Fairwood Helpers

Serving Fairlands, FLG area, Wood Street Village and Worplesdon-Perry Hill

Available for help with transport to the doctors or hospital, filling in forms, collecting prescriptions, shopping, odd jobs, visiting, etc.

Telephone 01483 237619

Mon-Fri 10.00am-12noon

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