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November is a month which is marked by strong common themes in both secular and religious spheres – the theme of remembrance.

On the first of the month there is All Saints' Day which we celebrate on the nearest Sunday (4th) – a festival when we remember and give thanks for all who through their lives and teaching have led others to faith in Jesus Christ. On the second – at a service on the same day in the evening – we celebrate All Souls Day when we remember all our loved ones who have died and, as that well known prayer puts it '... have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest in the sleep of peace...'


On the fifth, a day probably better remembered and celebrated with great joy by children we have the 'gunpowder plot', more commonly known as 'Guy Fawkes Day'. This is recalled in that well-known line 'remember, remember, the fifth of November, gunpowder treason and plot', etc.

Finally on the eleventh, and usually the nearest Sunday, we have Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday; days to remember all who have suffered and died in the many wars of the last century, especially the

two world wars and those who are still left injured or bereaved by those wars.

Here is a month when we are prompted to remember for a wide variety of people, events and reasons. But why this great emphasis on remembering? Why are memories so important? One very good reason is that if we stop remembering then those people or events, enshrined in those memories, and the important lessons we learn from them will cease to be. Particularly in terms of Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday, should we forget the senseless destruction of war and its effects upon peoples lives. We may perhaps rush into another world war too easily for a third time and, perhaps after such an event, there might be no-one left to remember in the future.

The other reason why remembrance or memory is very important, is to do with identity; who and what we are, as individuals, as a community and, in particular, as a church or Christian community. Quite simply, without memories, without all those many events and people which may have been a part of our past lives, we might be left with nothing to identify who we are. With no past, to relate to: no fixed points whereby we can locate



**ALL SAINTS
DAY**



The Rector Writes ...



ourselves in the sea of eternity.

Like it or not, as individuals and groups we gain our identity from everything around us both present and past. Just like following a map, whilst on a journey we plot our progress and decide the way forward by looking at the route and the places we have been. Without a memory of where we have been, it is difficult to know where or who we are at present and problematic to decide where we are going in the future. Without those memories to locate who and what we are, we become totally and despairingly lost. We have only to look at those tragic cases of people who suffer complete and irreversible amnesia. Not surprisingly many in that situation see suicide as the only option for the future.

Remembering then, is vitally important both for each of us as individuals and as a group of Christians who form the church. If we forget or allow others

who have contact occasionally with the church to forget, then the Christian faith will cease to be. Everything we do as a church, in prayer, worship or ritual is designed to perpetuate that memory of Jesus 'Christ (i.e. the Eucharist, when Jesus himself at the last supper blessed the bread and wine, in words we still use, he exhorted the disciples and us to '*... do this in remembrance of me*'). Even in the building itself which we are starting to raise money to repair and restore is a reminder to the whole community, that God is present in their everyday lives and meeting them at their most poignant moments through its ceremonies.

November tells us in many ways that we must remember. If anyone asks why we must do this, I leave you with the question 'dare we forget?'

Yours in Christ,
Paul.

Prayer for November

Make your Church and instrument of peace,
teaching by word and example the way of reconciliation.
Bless those who are working in areas of conflict
to bring people together in the name of Christ.

Bring peace to all the places of strife and violence
Fill the hearts of those in authority with the true love of peace
and the desire to work for harmony with those who seem to be their enemies.
Bless the organizations that seek peace between nations.

Have mercy on the victims of war,
the wounded, the refugees, those who have lost everything they had,
be with those who have no more hope
and restore them to the fullness of life that is in you.

We pray for all who have died in war.
Grant mercy to those who died unprepared and impenitent,
through the love of Jesus who died by human cruelty
give them the peace which they were denied in their last hour.





Cool Kids!

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3. Pour mixture in and cook till bubbles form on top.
4. Turn over with a fish slice or spatula and cook other side.
5. Eat with a drink of fresh water.
6. Thank God for feeding you!

Ask an adult to help you with this!

Last month's ants: Covenant, Servant, Plant, Want, Ignorant.

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Readers and Readings

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4 All Saints' Day

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

Helen Parkinson (AS)	Mrs M Walker
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11 3rd Before Advent

Job 19:23-27a
2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Miss Parker	Mr D Cook
Miss Parker	Mr D Cook

18 2nd Before Advent

Malachi 4:1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Mrs Riley	Miss Smith
Mrs Riley	Miss Smith

25 Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Mrs Woofinden	Mrs V Cook
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From the Registers - September 2001

Baptisms

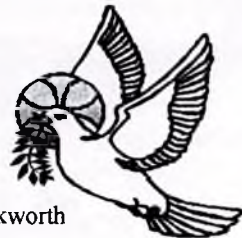
- 9 Rebecca Jane Hamer & Thomas David Flowers
- 30 Lewis Alexander Wood, Polly Ann Clark & Grace Emily Clark

Marriages

- 15 Daniel Che Thatcher & Yvonne Jenkins

Funerals

- 17 Mildred Kirlman (80) 9, Hill Drive, Ackworth
- 20 George William Crookes (63) 'Lyn View' Green Lane, Low Ackworth
- 24 Oliver Ennis (59) 27, Rhyddings Drive, Ackworth Moor Top
- 28 Elizabeth Gibson (65) 45, Town End Avenue, Low Ackworth





31	October	7.45pm	Magazine Committee	
7	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>(Mothers Union Corporate Communion)</i>	All Saints'
10	Saturday	2.00pm	Christmas Market*	Bell Lane School
12	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry St Cuthbert's
13	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Praise	Elm Garth, Doncaster Rd
14	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
21	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
28	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
29	Thursday	2.00pm	Mothers' Union*	

Forthcoming Events

1-3	March	2002	Parish Weekend	'Green Gables' Scarborough
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*Please let the Magazine committee know of any meetings or events to put into the 'Diary' section
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That was the Month that was!

Paul Fox

It's been a hectic two months for our Parish. No sooner had we celebrated communion and sent Sue and Paul off on their holidays rejoicing, then we were shocked by the news of Paul's heart attack, and left wondering how he and Sue were surviving. Then came the news from America, and then the attacks on Afghanistan. This has no doubt left us all in a bit of a whirlwind.

Thinking of our Parish specifically, we have had quite an eventful time. Part of the reason for this was that the Deanery has also had an eventful time with many priests off sick or on holiday. Because of this we have been left several times without a priest for the 10:15 service on Sunday mornings.

I remember saying in one of my very early sermons that the Church of England, at some point soon, would be facing a workforce crisis of huge proportions and that the laity, as a result, would be playing a larger part in the Church. Little did I realise that it would be so soon.

Whilst the burden was a heavy one, I know that I have not had to carry it alone. I have felt the support of those committed Christians who have been attending our services despite not having a regular priest. More importantly I have felt the strength and support which comes from God and His Holy Spirit, without which I would have succumbed.

It is at times like this that our strength and our faith is tested, when we can

show God just how faithful we are and just how strong our resolve is, to maintain a Christian presence and make

sure that that presence is visible. It is this kind of strength, which can only come from God, that will see us through these difficulties, and into kinder and gentler times.

Over these last two months I have prayed harder than ever for our Parish, and it's people, and those committed Christians who have been working so hard. I've also said the odd prayer for myself!

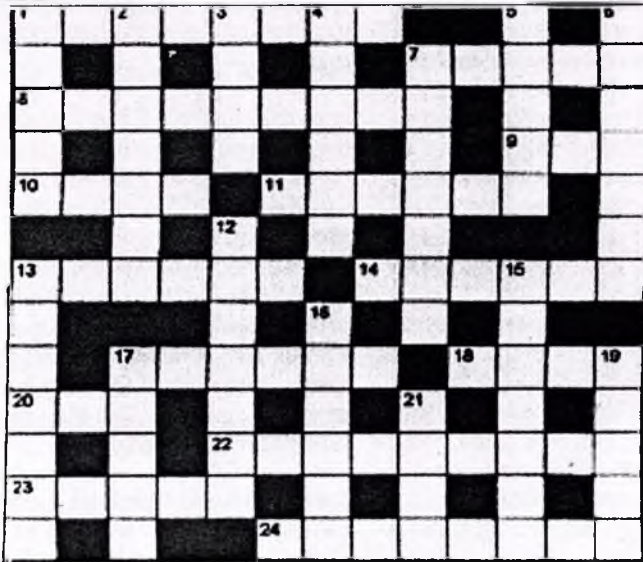
I would like to thank all those who have offered their support to me, to church, and particularly to their faith. As I write this, I am preparing to go on holiday. A chance to recharge my flagging batteries. But I know that there will be much more work to do when I return from holiday, and it is only by working together that we can achieve it.

The work will not end when Paul returns from his convalescence. We will have to work even harder at that point, to make sure that he does not suffer any further from his illness.

So having taken time to lift my head, and reflect on the last two months, it's nose back to the grind-stone, for us all.

May God's grace be with us all.
AMEN.

This Month's Crossword



Across

- 1 Sing praise (8)
- 7 Arabian diety (5)
- 8 Rite of witchcraft (5,4)
- 9 Wise Bird (3)
- 10 You (old form) (4)
- 11 Creed (6)
- 13 Give (6)
- 14 Sculpted figure (6)
- 17 Chess piece (6)
- 18 A whip (4)
- 20 Part of the ovaries (3)
- 22 Embody in flesh (9)
- 23 To make (3,2)
- 24 Art of singing sacred songs (8)

Down

- 1 Superior of a monastery (5)
- 2 Dealers (ana.) (7)
- 3 Medical apostle (4)
- 4 Pictures (6)
- 5 Apart (5)
- 6 A cup for wine (7)
- 7 Helps (7)
- 12 Adoration (7)
- 13 Blind zeal (7)
- 15 Hurricane (7)
- 16 Musical parts (6)
- 17 Sounds like forbids (5)
- 19 Faith (5)
- 21 Spoken (4)

Last month's answers

Across: 1 Sunday school. 4 Ephod. 8 Hades. 9 Epistle. 10 Obligated. 11 Idol. 12 Sun. 14 Asti. 15 Amen. 18 Son. 21 Ewer. 23 Imitate. 25 Messiah. 26 Iliad. 27 Needy. 28 Hymnal. Down: 1 Sunday school. 2 Nodules. 3 Asegais. 4 Evil. 5 Hated. 6 Deeply. 7 Beads. 13 Nativity. 16 Elation. 17 Sermon. 19 Night. 20 Feudal. 22 Ensue. 24 Lily.

ALL SOULS' DAY

Lenore Harris CNS

On November 2nd, the day after the commemoration of All Saints, the Church remembers all those who have died; not just the famous but also the ordinary man or woman 'in the street'. Formerly, superstitious folk believed that on this day souls suffering in purgatory were allowed out to visit their old homes. Welcoming lamps and candles were placed in windows, dishes of soul cakes set out and fires kept alight all night to warm those returning from the cold tomb.

'the company of the blessed'

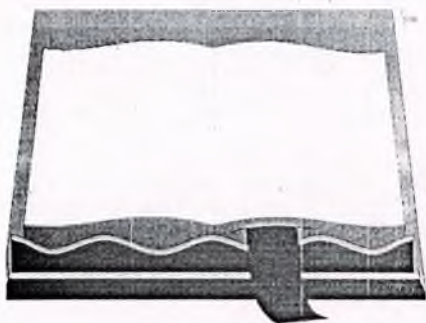
In the ninth century, an Office for the Dead, held the day after All Saints' day, was included 'because many pass out of this world without at once being admitted to the company of the blessed'. This expressed the feeling that most Christians are rarely sufficiently good or bad to be either damned or go immediately to heaven.

Requiem Mass

In the thirteenth century, their fate, pending the final judgement of all, at the end of time, was clarified when it was stated that souls are cleansed after death 'by purgatorial and purifying penalties'. This was the doctrinal foundation of the medieval practice of celebrating a private Mass for the departed. This Mass became known as the Requiem Mass.

During the Reformation the doctrine of purgatory was rejected as being without biblical foundation and the day is nowadays kept as a Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, stressing Isaiah's

prophesy that the heavenly banquet is prepared for all people and Death destroyed forever.



Book of Remembrance

With the emphasis now shifted from the idea of departed souls being purified by fire and torture, to a trust in God's abiding love and merciful forgiveness, Requiem services are held where the names of the departed, written in a book of remembrance, are read out in Church and prayers offered for the repose of their souls as they wait in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

MEMO Sunday 4th November

**Service for All Saints
10.15 at All Saints' Church,
Wakefield Road, Ackworth.**

**Service for All Souls
5.00 pm at St. Cuthbert's
Church, High Ackworth.**

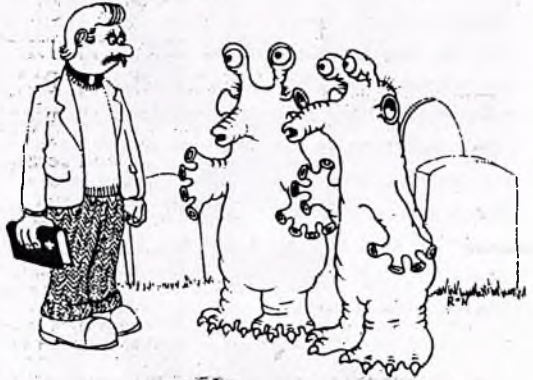
MISCELLANY...

Mothers' Union November 2001

- 7th Corporate Communion,
All Saints', 9.30 am.
- 13th Diocesan Council Meeting,
Dewsbury Town Hall,
10.30 am.
- 29th Service and Branch
Meeting. 27 Orchard
Drive, 2 pm. No speaker
this month ~ just an
afternoon of fellowship!

Barbara Firth

St Gargople's



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St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

Sunday Services

November 2001



4th November

8.30am	Parish Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.45am	Parish Communion	All Saints'
5.00pm	All Souls Service	St Cuthbert's

11th November

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.00am	Holy Communion (said)	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	Service of Remembrance	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

18th November

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion & Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

25th November

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion & Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'

Please contact the Rector to arrange Baptisms and Weddings