

# **Holy Trinity**

# **Rothwell**

## **Parish Magazine**



# **November 2024**



# **Holy Trinity Rothwell**

***A place for everyone!***

## **Our Vision**

We are a Church which exists to know Christ in our midst, and to make Christ known beyond our walls

We aim to be an inclusive Church, offering a variety of worship styles ... a place for everyone!

We aim to be:

- Christ centred, making God known beyond our walls
- Inclusive and welcoming to all
- Prayerful and Spirit led
- A loving and caring Christian community

***We look forward to welcoming you!***

## The Bone Crypt

The Bone crypt opening times:  
October to March every second Sunday each month  
April to September every Sunday  
**2.30 to 4.30 pm. Admission £3.**



**Please pre-book** tours with Mick Coggins via  
[mccoggins@googlemail.com](mailto:mccoggins@googlemail.com)

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Please send all magazine articles for the December magazine to:  
[magazineholyltrinity@gmail.com](mailto:magazineholyltrinity@gmail.com) by 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.  
Please note the Editor may edit articles, without consultation, and in all such cases her decision is final.

## Receiving weekly Pew News by email

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**Pew News**

## Church Floodlighting

Thank you to all that continue to support us with funding the floodlighting for church. If you would like to sponsor a day in celebration of something or remembrance of someone then please contact Bea (Loddington) on 01536 711326 or Brenda (Rothwell) on 01536 710258.

## Services in the Tresham Benefice November 2024

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Service	Rushton
10.45 am	Parish Communion with baptism	Rothwell
6.00 pm	Remembrance Service	Rothwell
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday		
9.15 am	Time for God	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Communion	Rushton
10.15 am	Civic Remembrance Service	Rothwell
11.00 am	Remembrance Service	Thorpe Malsor
3.00 pm	Remembrance in Rushton	Rushton
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Safeguarding Sunday		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Rushton
10.45 am	All Together Service	Rothwell
11.00 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>		
10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Rothwell
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Christ the King		
9.15am	Family Communion	Loddington
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Rushton
10.45am	Parish Communion	Rothwell
10.45am	Parish Communion	Thorpe Malsor
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell

## Forthcoming Events

<b>November 2024</b>		
Every Tuesday 9.30-12	Warmspace	Holy Trinity
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30	GUS Concert	Holy Trinity
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 7.30	KSO Concert	Holy Trinity
<b>December 2024</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival	Holy Trinity

## Readings

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

### Gospel

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Deuteronomy: 6:1-9

Mark 12:28-34

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November Jonah 3:1-5,10

Mark 10:17-31

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November Daniel 12:1-3

Mark 13:1-8

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

John 18:33-37

## Messy Fairtrade Harvest

Here is a picture showing the growth of our Banana Plantation made at Messy Harvest last month.



# A message from Andy

*Based on Daniel chapters 1-6.*

There is something so majestic about a lion, the king of the jungle, with a roar louder than all the other cats. But what happens when we roar too loud?



As a child we are born with a built-in longing for a parent's affection and approval and as a father of 4 children I am very aware of my failures. They get pointed out to me on a regular basis. I want to be the best Dad I can be and I love my kids. But loving my kids doesn't mean I'm perfect. I have all sorts of influences that steer my parenting technique. I'm affected by how my father wonderfully parented me, I'm aware I don't want to make the same mistakes, aware of who my wife wants me to be and her expectations, of what society expects of me and of my own selfish desires. We sometimes react when we shouldn't, we roar too loud, often to an emotional wound that we thought had healed long ago, inflicted from our past, sometimes from those closest to us.

There is a great story in the Bible, although not about a Father and son, called 'Daniel in the lions den' which illustrates this act of healing.

Daniel won favour with King Darius of Babylon. This made the other advisors all jealous and they cleverly managed to get King Darius to pass a law declaring against worshipping other Gods but him. King Darius had no choice but to feed Daniel to the lions when he found Daniel worshipping his God. Many parents know this nightmare of wanting to take back something we said or did, but instead have to

watch helplessly as our families suffer the repercussions of what can't be undone.

Now this is where God stepped in, although Daniel got thrown to the lions he didn't get eaten, which allowed Darius an opportunity to repair the damage that his roar had created.

Four steps we can learn from this story:

1. Engage where we can, revisiting our mistakes with our families is painful, our shame shouts it's too late, but the courage of Darius shows that staying engaged makes room for the unexpected.
2. Own your own mistakes, Darius on recognising his own failures, acts quickly to eliminate those influences. Recognising the effects of our own roars goes beyond an apology, into unpacking our own stories and often seeking help.
3. God is the king of rescuing, invite him into the situation and celebrate the joy of restoration.
4. Darius felt his most helpless, when Daniel was with the lions and he cried out to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" (Dan. 6:16) Sometimes our relationships are too broken to be fixed, no matter how badly we want to mend them and we have to entrust the other person to God.

*Revd Andy Giles*



## Thursday Club

Thursday Club meets every other Thursday afternoon in the **Methodist Church at 2pm.**



November 14<sup>th</sup> Disability sport/Paralympics  
November 28<sup>th</sup> Wreaths/Table Decoration  
December 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch

Sheila Jowsey  
Marion Pamplin

*Chrys Vere (07868 732414)*

## Marigolds Friendship Group

We are an independent friendship group who meet at Holy Trinity Church. Come and join us, for friendship, support, tea, chat relaxed activities, speakers, music etc. on the second and fourth Monday of the month from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. The group is aimed at people who find themselves alone; whilst it is mainly attended by ladies, gentlemen are welcome. Some of our events are open to anyone, not just those on their own.

November 11<sup>th</sup> Craft-making fabric Christmas Tree Decorations

November 25<sup>th</sup> Party!

For more details please contact:

Christine Richardson: 07763407868

Jackie Hands: 07484790862

*Christine Richardson*

## Smartie Club

Most of you are aware that I receive money for the Lighting Fund during the year, but did you know we also have a Smartie Club?

I give you a smartie tube full of sweets, when finished you fill the tube with 20p coins at your leisure. Return full to me and I will award you another tube of Smarties - what could be easier?

Just another way of raising money for Church Funds. If interested please contact me.

*Brenda Austin*

## Eco News



On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Bob, Kim and I went to Stoke Bruerne church to the “Annual Conservation Churchyard Award Scheme Forum Meeting.” That title is a bit of a mouthful and you may think a little boring; it proved to be just the opposite. We found it a really interesting morning a chance to talk to the wildlife team and hear from members of other churches in the county about their efforts to support wildlife.

*The Wildlife Trust says: ‘Churchyards and graveyards are ideal havens for wildlife: many birds nest and feed in them, many wild flowers thrive, and their trees are often important and historical features of the town or village.*

*The grassland habitats within churchyards are particularly important for wildflowers, butterflies and insects - churchyards may be the only fragments of unimproved, wildlife-rich grassland remaining locally and can be a vital refuge for the species of these habitats. Even churchyards*

*which are less wildlife-rich are still important, providing a link between other wildlife sites, allowing all species - especially those threatened - to move and spread.*

*The sympathetic management of churchyards for wildlife can be balanced with the other values of peace, beauty and harmony which churchyards provide: our Churchyard Conservation Awards are inspiring and encouraging the management of these spaces for the benefit of all species.'*

Our churchyard is closed, there have been no burials there for many years so it is a haven for wildlife. There are over 24 species of wildflowers, and a variety of different trees including an impressive copper beech, masonry bees, swifts and bats to name just a few of nature's wonders found in our churchyard. In our attempts to support wildlife we have:

- Bob's impressive bug hotel (in which at least 2 snails have taken up residence).
- set up a hedgehog house
- planted trees which are attractive to birds and insects
- planted spring flowering bulbs to create a woodland corner
- created two small areas where wild flowers are undisturbed
- identified an area where mowing will be restricted to allow wildflowers to grow
- started log piles for insects and small creatures
- limited the use of chemicals.

In the New Year we hope to join the scheme and to apply for the bronze award.

*Pam Shaw (Tel: 07717280584)*

## Eco Church - Going for Silver



We are almost ready to apply for the Silver Award for Eco Church. The last remaining task is for members of the congregation to conduct a Lifestyle audit. Holy Trinity has been registered for Creation Care (<https://www.creationcare.org.uk>) and the Eco Church Team is looking at this as we speak. If anyone else would like to contribute, please let me know, it would be a great help.

Another thing we can do as a congregation to save paper is to contribute to a communal Christmas card, obviously this is not for all, but I will put one together for those who would like to join in. It will be left at the back of church from early December.

As always thank you to the amazing Eco Church team who work so hard to make all this possible.

*Zoë Deag*

A photograph of a decorated Christmas tree in front of a church entrance at night. The tree is green with gold and white ornaments and a gold star on top. The church has stone pillars and a dark doorway. The scene is lit with warm lights from the church and cool blue lights from the night.

# Christmas Tree Festival

Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell  
6th - 9th Dec, 2024

Decorate a tree  
£10 - £15 entry

Host a  
craft or  
gift stall -  
£25

£50 for best tree!

Contact Jo Freeman for details  
[07785 255306](tel:07785255306)

# Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival

6th - 9th December 2024



I am delighted to be helping Brenda and Norman with the organisation of this year's Christmas Tree Festival, a mainstay of the festivities in Rothwell and a great fundraiser for the church for over twenty years.

This year, as in the past, we will be trying to get as many beautifully decorated trees as possible into church for the weekend to kick off '*A Right Rowell Christmas*'. We're inviting local businesses, families and organisations to decorate a tree for £10 (if you use your own) or £15 if you want a tree to be provided. Visitors will vote for their favourite trees, and this year the prize for the most popular tree decorated by a junior group and the overall winner will be £50 - Wowee!!

We will also be trying to squeeze in as many tables with crafts, charitable sales and games as we can at a cost of £25 per table. If you know anyone who might be interested in decorating a tree or taking a table, please contact me on 07785 255306 or [joannefreeman77@gmail.com](mailto:joannefreeman77@gmail.com) DON'T DELAY!

As in previous years there will be a Prize Draw for which we will be creating hampers and looking for donations - please hand anything you can to Brenda or me - all donations welcome!

We will also need lots of support over the weekend: setting up the trees, door stewards, refreshments, selling raffle tickets, moving tables, tidying up..... There will soon be a rota at the back of church for you to sign up, or just let us know directly when/how you can help. Any support you can provide is very much appreciated!

*Jo Freeman*



## **WARMTH for Winter**

Welcoming All Residents Missing The Heat!

**At Holy Trinity Church,  
Rothwell, every winter  
Tuesday morning  
from November 5th  
9.30am - Midday**

Enjoy a cafe serving hot & cold refreshments amongst historic architecture, warm spaces with newspapers & magazines, a second hand book stall, quiet spaces for jigsaws, and projects for adult fans of LEGO

Plus, explore the traditional surroundings, get Fix-it advice for items needing repairs, or rehome some no-longer-needed items

[iscales11@icloud.com](mailto:iscales11@icloud.com)

## **WARMTH for Winter**

Rothwell Holy Trinity Church is opening its doors this winter on Tuesday mornings from November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 until 12 offering WARMTH! Welcoming All Residents Missing The Heat, the church will regularly provide a cafe amongst the historic architecture serving hot and cold refreshments. There will also be warm spaces for reading newspapers, magazines, a second hand book stall, quiet spaces for jigsaws and projects for adult fans of LEGO.

Come along and find out about our Fix-it sessions for residents seeking, or sharing, help restoring and repairing broken equipment, stalls for no-longer-needed items seeking a new home, and other amusements. The intention is to provide a warm place for those wishing to socialise, find assistance or activities - or wishing for a quieter space for reflection. Even if you simply want to explore the traditional surroundings, you are welcome to visit Holy Trinity's WARMTH from the 5th November. (If you require further information or have any questions email Ian Scales at [iscales11@icloud.com](mailto:iscales11@icloud.com) )

*Ian Scales*

## **Food Auction for Water Aid**

Thank you to everyone who took part in our harvest food auction for Water Aid. We raised a fantastic £438.35!

## **Bingo Night**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bingo Night. A fun filled evening was had by all and an amazing £650 was raised for children and youth work within Holy Trinity.

*Laurabeth Creasey*



## Coffee Morning

The coffee morning and Swap Shop in church this month, will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November and we will be collecting for *Crisis at Christmas*. Thank you.



## Charity of the Month *Crisis at Christmas*



Every year *Crisis at Christmas* opens its doors to people who are homeless, offering much needed warmth, healthcare, food and company.

Every year at Holy Trinity, those of us with a little to spare, think of those who are in need of the very basics. Our coffee morning and charitable giving this month (it does seem early, but Christmas is coming) go to this important charity.

Right now, thousands of people at the sharp end of poverty are at risk of being pushed into homelessness. People are being forced into making unthinkable choices between eating, heating or keeping a roof over their head. Some are forced into rough sleeping. This is a dangerous and isolating experience. People sleeping rough are more likely to be victims of crime and almost 17 times more likely to have been victims of violence. Women are particularly vulnerable. Additionally, many people who rough sleep develop issues with drugs and alcohol.

Everyone who comes to *Crisis* at Christmas time is a valued individual, treated with respect, listened to and cared for - and it's the start of specialist support that lasts all year round. Crisis offers skills training to help with employment and offers people the support they need to leave homelessness behind and find a safe and secure home.

Crisis is a national and regional charity and operates in many of our towns and big cities. It was originally formed in 1967 as a response to growing homelessness. In 1969 there was a “reverse pilgrimage” from Canterbury Cathedral to London, led by Archbishop Ramsay and known as The Bishop’s March. Since that time, *Crisis* has been at the forefront of change in government policy towards homelessness and has the specialist knowledge needed to inform ministers and government departments.

You can read more about their work at [www.crisis.org.uk/crisis-at-christmas](http://www.crisis.org.uk/crisis-at-christmas)

## **Anniversary of Women's Ordination**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> September we went to the cathedral to celebrate. It was a happy event for us at Holy Trinity as recent curates Ruth and Catherine were present. Catherine is now an Archdeacon. It was so lovely to see them both and catch up.

Bishop Debbie led the service. In her Sermon Debbie made comments about women who fought for Ordination and apologized openly to all women who have had and continue to struggle to Ordination. Judith Rose was also mentioned in prayers as a fighter for the cause. (Canon Paul Rose's wife from Rothwell.)

This was a very special service that Margaret and several of us at Holy Trinity were privileged to attend. Thanks to Margaret for arranging.

*Penny Knight*

## Mothers' Union



Our October meeting was a pre Christmas Lunch at The Trading Post Kettering which was enjoyed by all members.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm there will be a Deanery meeting at St Peter and St Paul Parish Church Kettering.

Diocesan Forum is 16 November at St Mary's Wollaston. Forum is open to all members 10 -3 pm. Brenda, Ann and I will be attending.

I have passed on today the Christmas cards for Prisoners branch members have signed for Peterborough Prison. Mens suits, shirts and ties are also required for Five Wells so Prisoners can dress appropriately for family funerals and events when allowed to by the prison.

The next branch meeting is on November 20<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity at 2pm when we will be planning for next year.

Ann Sloan will be enrolled at 10.00 on 5<sup>th</sup> December by Margaret.

Our December Branch meeting is on 11<sup>th</sup> December and is an Advent special at Holy Trinity at 2pm. Members are all invited to send a special poem, reading or mememto for us all to enjoy for the season even if you are working we would love your input.

Just to let you know that Kay's Husband, Revd Tim Short is expected home this weekend following his stroke. Please continue praying for Tim and Kay.

*Penny Knight*

# THANK YOU

...to those members of our congregation and some of our friends who continue with knitting (squares for blankets and items of children's clothing). This is then sent to Armenia, by the charity *Aid for Armenia*, with the help of Edwin and Lydia Byland from Broughton.

Armenia is a very poor country in Eastern Europe which has very cold winters and very worthy of our support. I have recently been able to send five blankets (from knitted squares), a bag of small children's mittens, 18 small hats and 8 jumpers. This makes a total of 15 blankets this year. Sometimes I am also able to pass on good quality items of adult clothing.

Thank you to everyone who has helped, including those who sometimes give knitting wool for our knitters to use. I am sure all this work is put to very good use.

*Doreen Lambert*

## Stamps

**R N I B**

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Thank you to all who donated used stamps for the RNIB. I have been able to send 2 large envelopes full recently, which are sold to help the blind. There is a box on the table in church for your collections, so please remember us when you receive Christmas cards by post.

Do please leave at least one cm all around each stamp. It is quite sad when I have to throw some away because there is no space around them.

Happy Christmas.

*Janet Clements*

# Tresham Benefice Fellowship



The October meeting of Tresham Benefice Fellowship saw 28 members turn up to listen to fellow member, Ian Scales, talking about his experiences of working in the *London City Mission* in 1987/88. This turned out to be an eventful year in London with the devastating storm and the fire in Kings Cross Station.

But I digress. Ian was only 21 when he joined *The Mission* after being at a loose end. He lived in Sittingbourne in Kent and had previously been caretaker at a local Baptist church and then a Fire Extinguisher Inspector at schools, of which he said, none were in working order!

The *London City Mission* was set up by Lord Shaftesbury in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, who provided full time missionaries for Londoners, which included preaching. He had lots of property in London.

Ian was living at the London Bridge Bermondsey base along with other trainee Evangelists from where they contacted the homeless on the streets.

Ian often lived in squalid conditions. The lounge was very run down. He sometimes had to sleep on bare boards when he was sent to other locations. House rules were overbearing - no man could be within one metre of a woman. His boss, Peter was friendly initially, but overbearing and wanted him to confess his sins. This made Ian very wary of him. Ian earned £6 per week, had food and board supplied free and also had a Travel Card to enable him to travel around London. He was eventually sent to Covent Garden Missionary base with a group that included Oliver (of whom he was uncertain in the beginning) Chris and ex RUC David. They became good friends. They had a curfew of lights out at

10pm and Ian recalled that he went to see the stage performance of Les Miserables and to this day he has never seen the conclusion. (see me Ian!)

Ian continued his mission, giving food and care to homeless men. They provided soup and sandwiches. The sandwiches were made of strong onions and cheese because most had a drink problem and had lost their taste.

Ian remembers cleaning the lounge at the base and retrieving lots of coins from the settees! He wasn't allowed home for Christmas.

On the night of the great storm in 1987, Ian was so tired with the work he was doing that he slept through it and ignored the devastation next morning and got to work and ended up being the only one there!

Another incident he recalled was that he usually travelled by the Kings Cross Underground train, but this particular night decided to take the bus and that very night Kings Cross Station caught fire. I am sure God was looking after him that night. Life in the base was very tough with the volunteers often being bullied and made to do work well into the early hours.

Ian eventually had to leave the Mission through sheer exhaustion and went to Guernsey to recuperate.

Oliver kept in touch with Ian and he told him that the new recruits went en masse to complain about Peter and he was dismissed. A suitable end.

The next meeting of the Fellowship is our Christmas Lunch at the Three Cranes Cransley. No meeting in December, but volunteers please for decorating the Christmas Tree.

January sees Revd Andy telling us about his life as a Priest. February we will be entertained by Northampton Film Archives then it's AGM and subs renewal - still only £5 per annum.

We look forward to seeing old and new members.

[Laurelspickett@gmail.com](mailto:Laurelspickett@gmail.com)

*Laurel Spickett*

Ian has kindly written a more detailed report of his year with the London City Mission which will be serialised in the next few magazines – watch this space!

*Editor*

## **Ann Jones 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations**

Thank you Revd Andy for giving me the opportunity to thank my friends and family for helping and supporting me through the good times and the bad. Since giving up my car, three years ago, so many have helped me get from A – B.

Many changes have taken place in the last 90 years. No NHS when I was born in 1934. Hospitals, Doctors and meds all had to be paid for. Now these things are taken for granted!

*Ann Jones*

Ann then gave a very interesting reading about life over the years. Sadly I don't have room for it this month so will include it next month.

*Editor*



**Kettering**  
Symphony Orchestra

**BEETHOVEN  
VIOLIN CONCERTO  
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ELGAR  
ENIGMA VARIATIONS**

**CONDUCTOR:  
ANDY KIRKWOOD  
LEADER:  
TREVOR DYSON  
SOLOIST:  
RICHARD SMITH**

**SATURDAY  
23RD  
NOVEMBER  
7:30PM**

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,  
ROTHWELL, NN14 6BQ

**TICKETS:**  
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# News from the belfry

The Peterborough Diocesan Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers was formed back in 1924 so, being its Centenary year, 2024 has resulted in a host of special events to record this achievement.

It has also been a time to renew old friendships and on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, we were able to be hosts to one such occasion.

Looking back through the old records, it was found that eight ringers who developed their skills in this diocese had rung full peals to celebrate the Guild's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary back in 1974 and were still active, albeit now scattered far and wide. All were contacted and agreed to come so a full peal was rung:

## **THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**

Rothwell Holy Trinity.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in 3 hours and 4 minutes,

A peal of 5056 Centenary Delight Major.

Tenor 9 cwt.

Treble	Cynthia E Howel (Shrivenham)
2	Shirley E McGill (Croydon)
3	David R Beadman (Guildford)
4	Peter J Blight (Kensington)
5	Murray A Coleman (Rothwell)
6	James E Benner (Bourne)
7	Andrew Haseldine - Conductor (Long Crendon)
Tenor	David A Warwick (Wimbourne)

*Murray Coleman*

# Remembrance Concert



SCAN TO BOOK

Join **The GUS Band** for a thoroughly entertaining concert, which also commemorates Armistice Day

**Saturday 9 November | 7:30pm**



**Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell**  
**TICKETS: ADULTS £14 | CHILDREN £7**

Tickets available from  
[ticketsource.co.uk/the-gus-band](https://ticketsource.co.uk/the-gus-band)  
or email [concerts@gus.band](mailto:concerts@gus.band)



## Korean link in good heart



Last month I was privileged to visit our link Church in Korea for the consecration of a new Bishop of Seoul, Bishop Elijah. His predecessor, Bishop Peter, had attended Bishop Debbie's welcome service in Peterborough earlier this year.

Our link relationship is in good heart. Since all the Korean bishops and their wives visited Northampton and Kettering a few years ago, we have welcomed students to camp at the Greenbelt Festival, provided a six-week placement for an ordinand and established three parish to parish partnerships. One of our clergy took a sabbatical at the Anglican university in Seoul.

I was made very welcome, joined worship in the now completed new Cathedral in Daejeon (it was a hard hat building site on my last visit!), and visited all three dioceses, including the port/resort city of Busan.

The consecration service which is available to view online was graced by four Archbishops, but our hosts kept talking about their connection with Peterborough and it was moving to realise how precious our relationship is to them.

In his inaugural address Bishop Elijah spoke humbly of the Bishop's calling to be a servant, helping the whole Church to flourish. He concluded; "When the Church is faithful to its identity, God will use it, no matter the challenges of the time. Let us strive to be a Church that reflects the Kingdom of God, serving with love and dedication."

With my prayers and best wishes,

Bishop John Holbrook  
Bishop of Brixworth

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## Point to Ponder

Remembrance Sunday is one occasion in the year when we can be life affirming. Although the occasion was created by wars and suffering it proclaims the human aspiration that life is good, beautiful, and worth living. Human evil is transitory. Love can never be extinguished. The current conflicts in the world are deep rooted and dreadful in the sufferings they cause but they are not insolvable as our own history has taught us.

The main lesson, we need to take to heart is that human nature is positive about life and not self-destructive. We give too much credibility to the warmongers and bullies in this world. We do not challenge the uselessness of revenge in strife. We often let ourselves feel powerless before those who would rather destroy homes and families and not build bridges in human relationships to alleviate the suffering in communities.

Many years ago, John Lennon with Yoko Ono and friends gave us a song which is inescapable and still haunts us. "*Give peace a chance.*" Jesus gives us the same challenge in his words "*blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called the children of God.*" (Matthew 5:9) Peace to be true peace is more than the absence of war. It requires an openness of heart, the courage of forgiveness, an organised determination to restore human dignity and the humility to admit that an enemy is yet to be a friend.

Our common needs as human beings require common security and a sharing of the world's resources. We have so much to give to one another if we would be human beings or as Jesus calls us "*children of God.*" Not one of us would lose out if we gave *peace a chance* in this pain racked world because it takes more guts to do this than blast our opponents to oblivion. The political leaders of whatever hue or

persuasion are nothing more than glorified gangsters if they lack the spirit of altruism towards the poor and needy and ignore international cooperation.

We are told that there is wealth in the creation of weapons but there is also far greater wealth in building homes, schools, hospitals, and research establishments. No one has ever worked out that wealth creation or the joy of giving real peace a chance!

When we add the necessary challenges in repairing our planet and its natural resources every nation must be involved reversing the life-threatening realities to our food production and water supplies and environmental pollution. Unless we wake up to the unguarded misuse of the earth's resources there will be nothing left to fight over!

We are all inheritors of the United Nations Organisation born out of the conflicts of the 2nd World War in 1945. The countries that belong to the UN are pledged to work together for peace, dignity, and equality on a healthy planet. Remembrance Day reminds us to be life affirming and to *give peace a chance*.

*Canon George Burgon*

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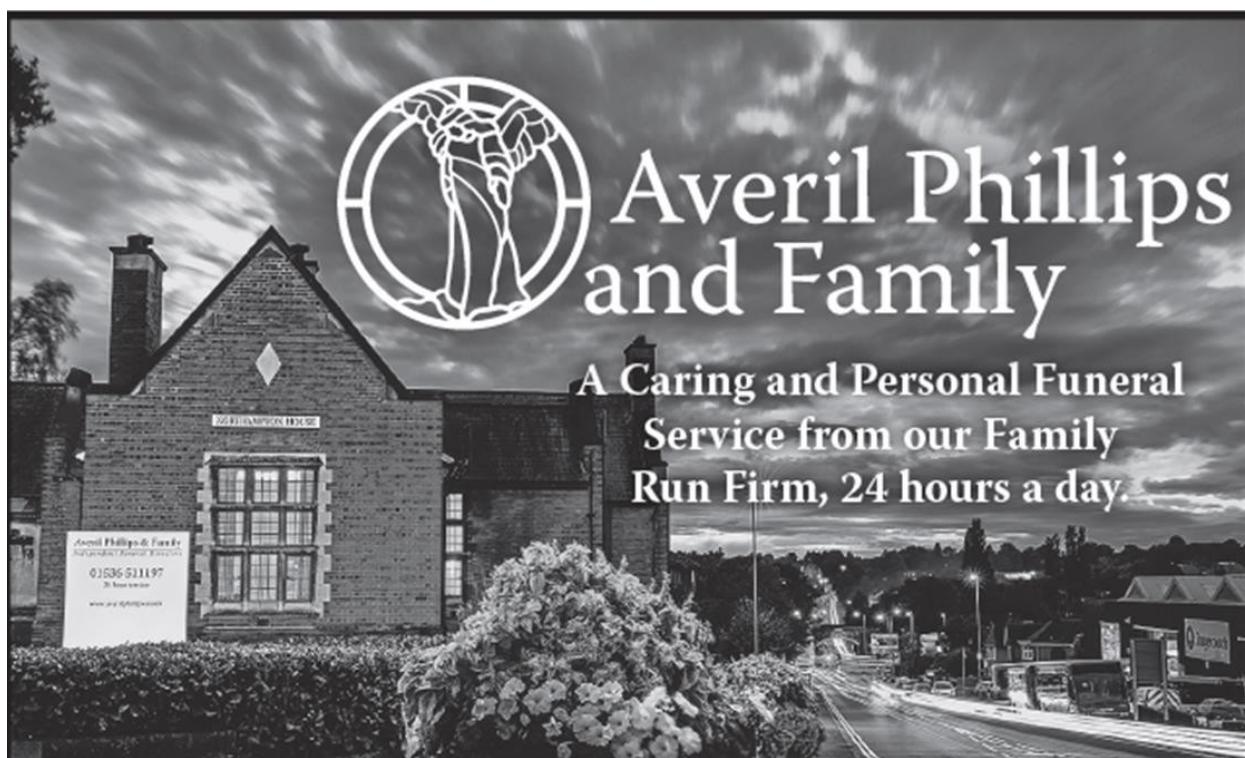
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