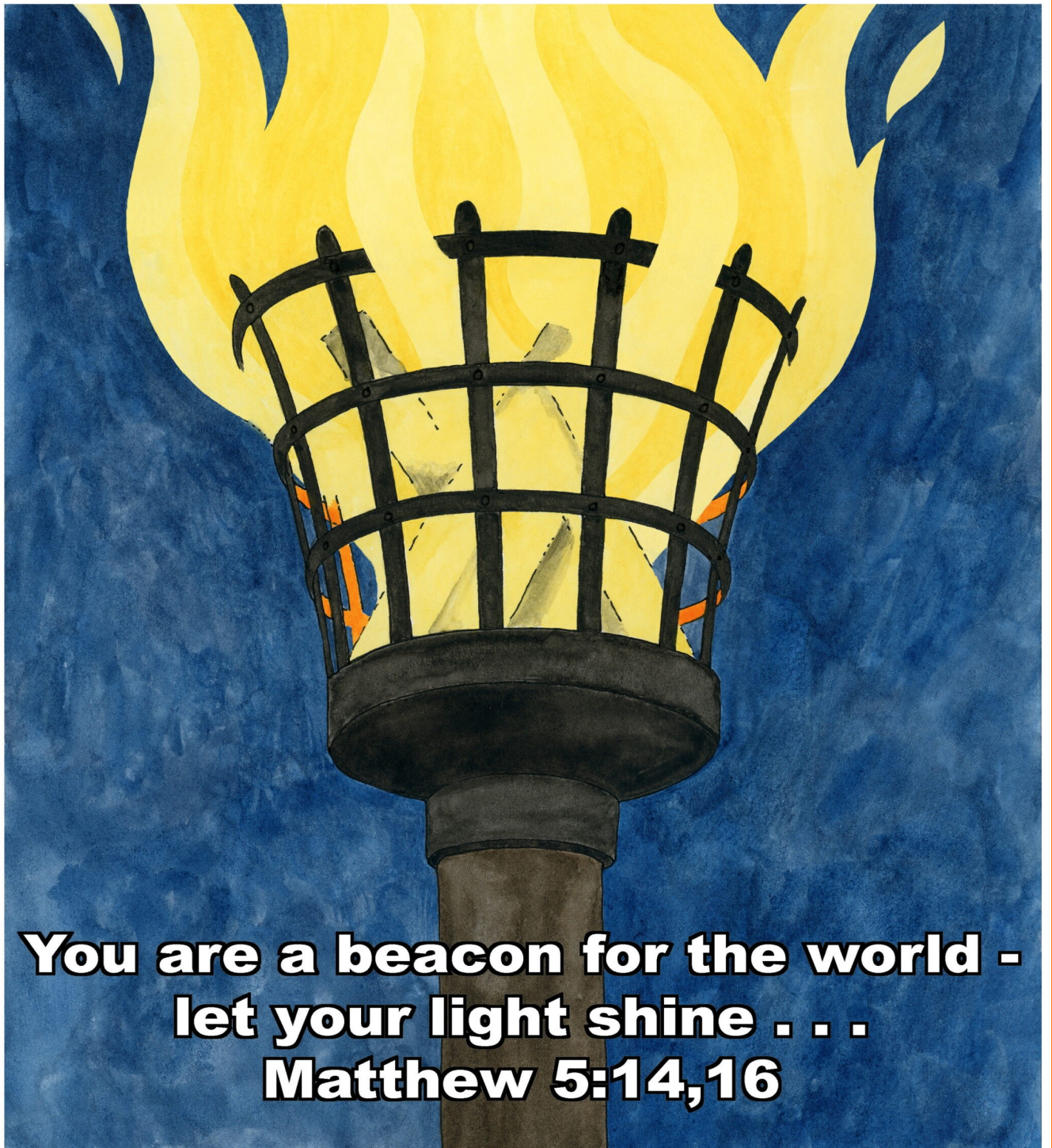


# ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

Hatfield

including Dunscroft, Dunsville,  
Woodhouse and Lindholme



**You are a beacon for the world -  
let your light shine . . .  
Matthew 5:14,16**

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# DN7 Foodbank

We have been absolutely inundated with the most wonderful Harvest Festival donations from Churches and schools throughout DN7. It means so much to us that this traditional celebration is still so relevant and supported so strongly by our wonderful community. Every donation however small makes a difference to local families in need. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Each and every donation is already being distributed to households in need and making a real difference to peoples lives. On Friday morning Snaith Priory joined us with their incredible collection (pictured). To everyone who donated to any of the harvest festivals, and to the schools and churches who have chosen to support our work we offer our thanks and gratitude. This is one of the best communities ever.

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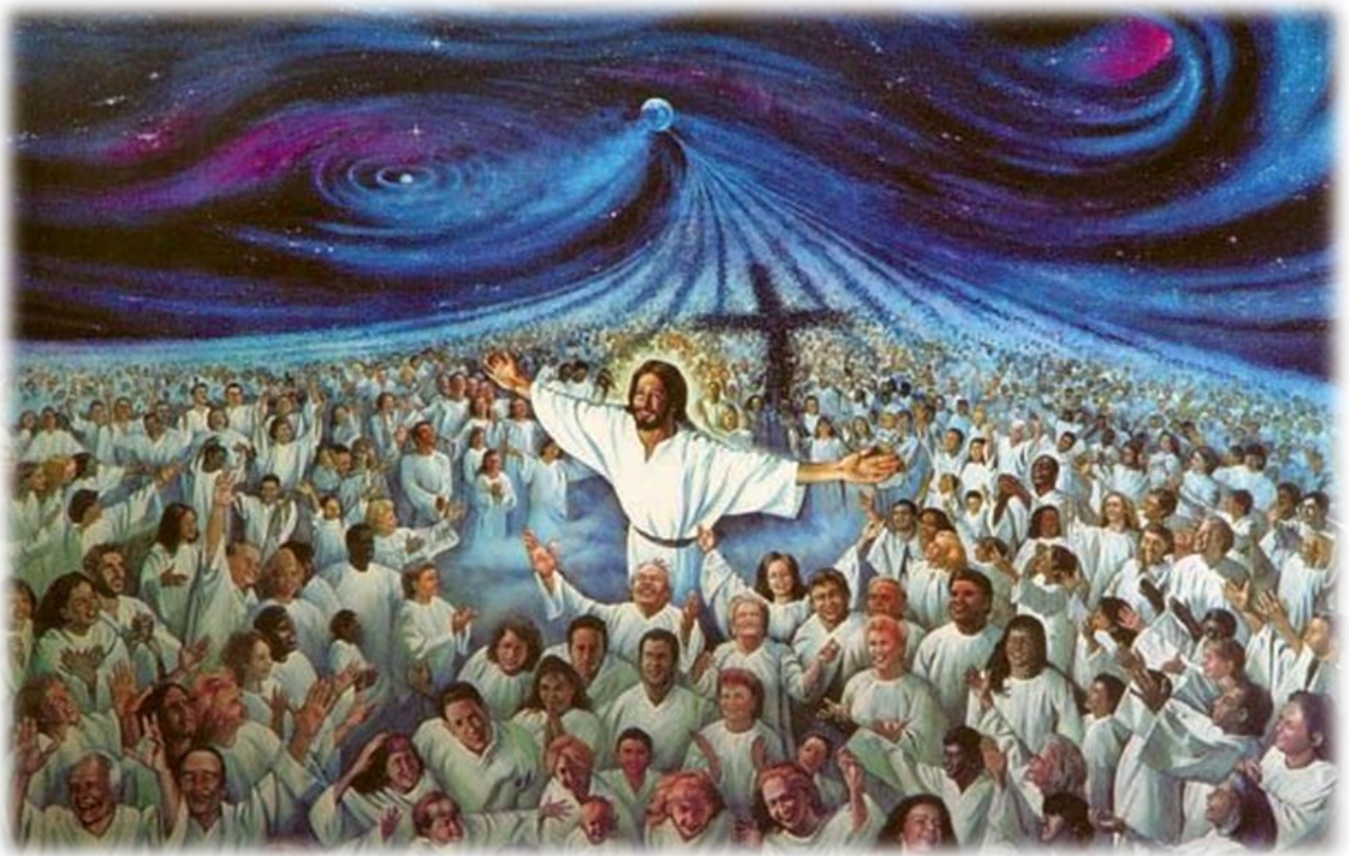


How about putting “something nice for foodbank” on your buying Christmas presents list ?

At present they are looking for tins of meat, it needn't be caviar or venison!  
And THANK YOU for putting contributions into the buckets at church,  
Foodbank couldn't function without your generosity.

# All Saints to Advent

We now enter the time between All Saints Day (celebrated on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> November) and Advent. We often call this period 'Kingdom Season'. All Saints Sunday and All Souls, which we also celebrate on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> November in the evening, declare our belonging and triumph in God. The Gospel announces that those who sleep in death will arise!



All Saints Day uses the famous dream given to John of the final day when there is a host in white robes worshipping God at the throne of the lamb: “who will wipe away every tear from their eyes”.

Death cannot hold a believer. The resurrection is not a dream, but the reality of realities. Resurrection is more real than the death we will feel. What will it look like? The Bible tells us...a huge host “arrayed in white”—“all tribes and peoples and languages”. They will have palm branches in hand and be crying in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!”



John the seer in the book of Revelation asks “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” “They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb.”

These are the saints who kept God’s Word; they are the honoured of the Lord. How are they honoured? The Saints of God are radiant, and they behold God’s glory!

They are washed clean as snow by hearing this promise: “I forgive you all your sins”—and filled by the Holy Spirit! All Saints’ Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the well-known saints.

All Souls is an opportunity to remember our own saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Redemption is a work of God’s grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done.

Remembrance Sunday which we celebrate on the 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am goes on to explore the theme of memory, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-gift, memory and forgetting.

The annual cycle of the Church’s year ends with the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> November. We will proclaim Christ’s universal sovereignty, before we begin the new Church’s year in the season of Advent.

So be attentive! Join the host arrayed in white, listen to the word and you too will say, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!”

*The Rev’d Chris Bishop*

Vicar

# Arrangements for Baptism (Christening) and Weddings

St Lawrence would love to celebrate your special day with you and your family. The first step in arranging a Baptism or a Wedding is to attend one of our services. Please introduce yourself to Chris our Vicar, who will speak with you about the next steps.

These are joyful and life changing events! Both require making serious promises before God and some preparation will take place before a date can be set.

Another option for Parents is a 'Thanksgiving Service' rather than a Baptism. This is a great way to celebrate the gift of a child with family and friends for those who aren't quite sure about God, but would still like to thank Him for the gift of a new life! Thanksgiving Services can be booked directly with Chris our Vicar and don't require any preparation.

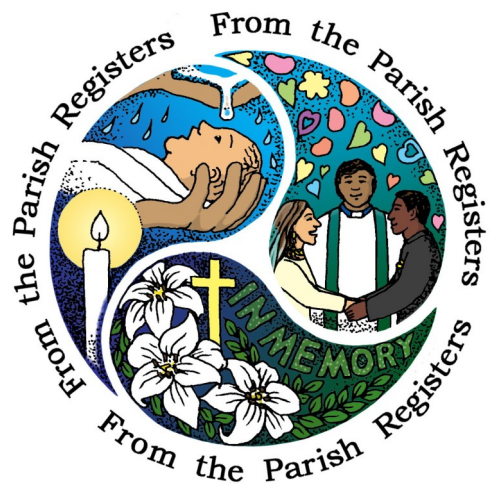
## Funerals

Tony Gibson

Doreen Bridgwood

Clifford Roger Tuby 'Roger'

Christine Whiting



Chris our Parish Priest is very happy to be contacted directly by email or phone to arrange a convenient time for any of the following;

- A conversation for spiritual guidance and advice

- The Sacrament of Confession

- House Blessings

- Visiting parishioners, especially the sick

- Ministry at the time of death (day or night)



24<sup>th</sup> November is the Sunday of Christ the King,  
when we look forward...

## Peace

My soul, there is a country  
Far beyond the stars,  
Where stands a winged sentry  
All skilful in the wars:

There, above noise and danger,  
Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,  
And one born in a manger  
Commands the beauteous files,

He is thy gracious Friend,  
And – O my soul, awake! –  
Did in pure love descend  
To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,  
There grows the flower of Peace,  
The Rose that cannot wither,  
Thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges;  
For none can thee secure  
But one who never changes –  
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

*By Henry Vaughan 1623-95*

Set to music by Sir Hubert Parry, and played at The State  
Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

# 100 Club and Vera's chatter

1<sup>st</sup> prize Chrissy Grindle

2<sup>nd</sup> prize John Chaplin

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Rosina Friar

This was the first draw of this cycle, as always Terry has beaten me in the collection stakes, but I will soon catch up so expect a call, if you would like to join in it is not too late.

I am writing this after the Autumn Fayre and am pleased to report we made £1200 which is amazing as it was a very wet morning. We have lovely stall holders with a good selection of crafts and sweeties, not to mention the ever-popular pre loved jewellery, I am looking forward to being dazzled by at least one lady's purchase. If you find any forgotten or unloved jewellery lurking at the bottom of your sock drawer, please pass it on to one of the Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust, even broken jewellery has a value and is a good revenue source for them. We had very tempting home baking and I hope the gentlemen who were disappointed that I hadn't made whisky marmalade will wait just a little longer, I will make it soon.

As always these events do not happen without a great team effort so my thanks go to you all. Our next exciting event will be The Christmas Tree Festival taking place during December starting with the lights switch on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December and a visit from that terribly busy gentleman on the 7<sup>th</sup>. We plan to open the Church 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> to show off the trees. If you would like to decorate a tree please speak to me, the theme is Christmas films. with each tree having 3 clues. We will of course need a gang of stewards and refreshment folk, so if you are able to gather some friends to make a team please do so and let me know when you would like your team to be in Church. It is really good fun meeting new people and welcoming them into our beautiful Church it may be the time you meet your new best friend, who knows what those Christmas lights will do!

Before that of course we have a games afternoon hosted by Rachel and the Hatfield Heroes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and The Children's Society Coffee morning and box opening in the Barn on the 9<sup>th</sup>. I don't know about you



but I have found it difficult to fill my box this time because I use plastic so much, so I hit on the plan that each time I have coffee out with someone I make a note and will tot it up into real money for our box ...I could be in for a shock but all in a good cause.

We are also planning to deliver the Parish Christmas card before Advent, most will come out with your Thorne Times but if yours is one of the estates that do not have a Times delivered please let us know. It would be a pity if your neighbours missed the opportunity to join a Church service because they did not know when it was. For some people Christmas is the time they feel drawn back to Church, perhaps with fond memories of school services, so lets not miss this opportunity.

I can't close without thanking people for their sympathies and kind words when my brother died although it may make you smile to read that one of my cousins delighted in informing everyone that "our Ve" was there with both her husbands at his funeral, he would have enjoyed the joke at my expense.

Best wishes  
Vera x

*I'm really not just saying this because of my first place in 100 Club winnings, 😊 but Vera wrote this in the evening of having run the Autumn Fayre, with support but she was in command. She must have been exhausted. Think of her or one of the many other people who help in church, and make the effort to say thank you to them.*

*Editor*

## **NEW SERVICE PATTERN FROM JANUARY 2025**

Sung Eucharist – Every Sunday @ 10am  
Café Church – 1st and 3rd Sundays @ 4:30pm  
Evening Services – as advertised @ 6:30pm



## **What Happened to the Choir?**

Towards the end of August, I announced my plan to recruit a church choir and declared it my intention to have a viable body of singers in place by the middle of September. I should have known that this objective was hopelessly optimistic.

That my ambition to form a choir wasn't realized doesn't mean that no-one at Hatfield Church is interested in singing. A successful Come and Sing session, to which everyone was invited, took place on October 8th and, at the time of writing this, another is planned for October 29th. Moreover, as long as such sessions prove to be viable, I plan to hold Come and Sing sessions on a more-or-less monthly basis.

But what of a church choir? And I mean an effective one consisting of members who are willing and able to attend rehearsals and are available to sing at services as required. (Readers may recall my stipulation that attendance of a minimum of two thirds of practices and services is essential.) Would it really matter if Hatfield Church never again had a choir? Should church choirs be consigned to history? Far fewer churches have choirs and organists now than when I began playing at services in the 60s. Many churches, indeed, have no regular live music at all. At least Hatfield Church still has an organ and an organist, albeit one who, at seventy-six, is noticeably a couple of decades beyond his 'best before date'.

In general, the state of music in parish churches is depressing to say the least and Hatfield Church is far better off than many, though I'm convinced that having a choir would be a significant asset. Accordingly, I am just as keen to recruit one as I was earlier this year. However, because I want the choir to get off to a secure and effective start, rehearsals will begin only when I'm confident that there are sufficient singers.

If you enjoy singing and have time to commit to attending the necessary practices and services, please add your name to the list at the back of church. Practices will take place on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm. The date of the first practice will be announced in due course.

**Vernon Hoyle**



## Wendy's famous door wreaths!

Or should that be the Famous Wendy! The lovely Wendy is happy to help us make Christmas wreaths, and we'll manage to have tea/coffee and nibbly biscuits too, of course! She quite wonderfully helps us all to turn out a masterpiece, and has been doing for years. She provides absolutely everything, and will soon need to go and buy what we will need. So names on the list in church please, by the end of October, and these names will be binding to pay. £18 for a cemetery wreath and £20 for a door—the ribbons make the difference in price.

You **MUST** book a place as they are limited, sign the list in church and give money to Chrissy Grindle please, no money, no place.



*Another list in church is for **INDIVIDUAL CHRISTMAS CAKES**, payment with order only to Chrissy Grindle please, by 24th November, £5.80 undecorated, £6.30 decorated with fruit and nuts, sorry about the price rise. Cakes will be in church to be collected on the morning of Sunday 8th December.*

# **This year Prisons Week was from 13 to 19 October.**

We may well be the parish with more prisoners in it than any other in country. There are a couple of prisons in the country with around 2000 prisoners each. In our parish there is Moorland with over 1000, Lindholme with around 900, and Hatfield and Hatfield Lakes, with 330. So we have probably around 2500 (all males) in our parish! That also means there are many people in our area who work in the prisons or who used to work there.

Hatfield Prison was a Borstal years ago (Borstals were a place of custody and training for 16-21year olds, but ceased to exist in 1982). You will recognise the sign “HMP and YOI Hatfield” when you drive along the Thorne Road. The sign means His Majesty’s Prison and Young Offender Institution. There is a little farm shop and café with great cakes, called Thyme Served. It also sells some other products like towels and pillows and wood work, and there are refurbished garden tools. It’s open every day 10am to 4pm.

Hatfield Prison is a category D prison, or Open Prison. The prisoners age from 20 into retirement age. It is over two sites, the main site, and the site where prisoners start, Hatfield Lakes, which is next to Lindholme. At the main site more than half the men have paid jobs in the community, at places like Next and GXO, building sites and a bakery. At Hatfield all the prisoners can go out for monthly town visits, or for longer periods away seeing their family.

The chaplain of HMP and YOI Hatfield, the Rev’d Christopher Hobbs, came to midweek communion on the 9th of October to mark Prison Sunday.

He said, We might be thinking how good that there are chaplains who are telling prisoners that they need to be saved, they really need it! But heaven is not a reward for a good life. Everyone needs to receive salvation like a little child. No one deserves eternal life. They need to be saved, and we do too. And no one is saved because they deserve it.

The motto this year is “Jesus looked at him and loved him”. It is based on the gospel reading from Mark 10: 17-27.



In that reading there is a wealthy man who seems so devoted. He runs up to Jesus, gets down on his knees and says 'Good teacher what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

We might be thinking how good when wealthy people start coming to church.

But what matters is what is going on in our heart.

Jesus knew the man's heart. So Jesus quizzed him whether he had kept the commandments to do with our neighbour. Oh yes, he said, from his youth. The thing is, Jesus didn't ask him about the commandments to do with God. Sadly Jesus knew that this man's 'god' was actually his wealth. That was what comforted him, and what he trusted in.

So Jesus said to him he had to give it all away, and the man couldn't do that and went away sad.

Money often makes us feel safe without God.

We need to ask ourselves whether we would prefer some other 'god', like money, or power, or ourselves: or whether we are prepared to accept the gift of God in Jesus Christ.

It's just as hard for prisoners to do that as it is for us, but at least most of them know that they have done wrong. Some of us find it hard to admit we really have done wrong. Praise God for his mercy to us in Jesus Christ. He wants to give us eternal life. We can do nothing to earn it.



Thyme Served Farm Shop, coffee available too!

*Our vicar Chris writes "I'm very happy to let you know that Denise Stothard, who is currently a Lay Reader at St Leonards & St Mary's Armthorpe will be joining us here at St Lawrence.*

*She was recently selected for Ordination Training, and has commenced her academic study with St Hild College. Denise will be on placement with us commencing on Advent Sunday and will be with us until Palm Sunday 2025."*



Hello, I'm Denise and have been married to Kev for forty-one years. We have lived in Armthorpe for around eighteen years, and we attend St Leonard and St Mary's Church where I am currently a Reader.

We have been blessed with two sons; Jonathan who is married to Laura and Chris who is married to Kelly. We have four grandchildren, Noah, Matilda (in heaven), Evie and Abigail who bring us much joy.

My hobbies are gardening, visiting garden centres, walking with Heidi our King Charles Cavalier and visiting the coast when we get time.

My faith journey began when I was in what was known then as Infant school. When I moved to Junior school, I had a fantastic Headteacher called Mr Harrison who put daily prayer and hymn singing high on the curriculum and this nurtured my belief in Jesus.

I was baptised, married and confirmed at St Leonard and St Jude's in Scawsby, but it is when I moved to Armthorpe that my faith matured. Rev'd Jan Foden who has since retired encouraged me to explore my calling by attending a What Next? event that the Sheffield Diocese was staging at Church House. I started Reader ministry training through the Sheffield School of Ministry and was licenced at Doncaster Minster on 21st September 2019, a day after the birth of Evie, a double celebration.

Just before Revd Jan retired, I spoke to her about the feeling I had about

God calling me to ordained ministry, how I had ignored it during the pandemic lockdowns and that this was the last chance I had to explore this nudging. Jan wasn't surprised and encouraged me to speak to Dan Christian the DDO. Here I am two years later, a first-year ordinand in training at St Hild, nervous and yet excited to see what plans God has for me at this stage of my life.

I find much comfort in Psalm 23, knowing that God is with me, that he sustains and guides me as I venture out on this new journey. As the Bible verse on my mug says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future", (Jeremiah 29:11). Knowing God is with me, leading me and refreshing me on this journey is very encouraging as I put my trust in the Lord.

I am very much looking forward to joining you and getting to know you as I start my placement in December.

With love and prayers

## Denise



*"... at the going down of the sun we would have remembered them—but some rotten scrap metal thief has stolen the brass plaque with the names on!"*

**We hope to see you at Woodhouse Cemetery on Sunday November 10th at 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served in church with a short memorial at 11.**



# Slowing down the Lord's Prayer.

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;***

*As you start, remember that God loves us like a perfect Father. He is here ready to listen to us, and respond to us.*

*In your imagination, put down at his feet any hassles or stresses you have been carrying around.*

*Then look up from them, to him:*

Father God you love me and you know me inside out.

You know the words that I will speak before I speak them out.

You are all around me, you hold me in your hand.

Your love for me is more than I can ever understand.

***Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;***

***on earth as it is in heaven.***

*Pray, asking for God's will to be done:*

*Look back at the last 24 hours:*

*Give thanks for what has been good.*

*Pray for God's healing and God's way forward for things that make you sad.*

*Pray for those you know who are ill or in particular need, for God's blessing for them.*

***Give us this day our daily bread.***

*Consider the day ahead of you: what you will be doing, people you will see.*

*Offer the day to God, asking for his help with anything that worries you, to provide what you need and opportunities to serve him, and keep you safe.*







***And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us.***

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all  
desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are  
hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.***

O Lord, our heavenly Father,  
almighty and everlasting God,  
we thank you that you have brought  
us safely to the beginning of this day.  
Keep us from falling into sin,  
or running into danger;  
order us in all our doings,  
and guide us to do always  
what is right in your eyes,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***For thine is the kingdom, the  
power, and the glory, for ever  
and ever.***

God of every time and place,  
you hold each moment and shape  
each day;  
you hold this diocese, our bishops  
and our clergy;  
you hold our parishes and deaneries;  
you hold our people and our  
communities.  
By the gentleness of your Spirit  
transform us;  
with the gifts of your Spirit equip us;  
in the boldness of your Spirit send us  
out,  
to serve you and transform the world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**The Children's Society                      £62,911.40?**  
**November 9th box opening coffee morning**

The Children's Society is supported by St Lawrence Church: by a Christingle service at Christmas, and by many people having boxes in their homes that hold the small change from their pockets. Don't belittle this, it's not just pennies. Last year this so-called "small change" raised £898, mainly in 1p, 2p and 5p pieces, I know, I counted them with help from Anne Render and Gill Atkinson, thank you both. In July 2018 £713 was paid into the bank and it weighed 7 stone, that's 44.4521 kilograms, so most of it IS in small change! Read on. To the end.

Someone asked me recently why I supported the Children's Society. I really do respect and trust other children's organisations such as the NSPCC. It's not a competition, if anything there need to be more groups helping children!

But I personally support the Children's Society because they are a Christian organisation. That means that they are interested in them living a life *with God* in this world, as well as their lives beyond this world, in God's glorious heaven. The society does not overtly "preach the Gospel" but shows God's love by example, and have Christian values. Another reason is that they are proactive to the very top level of decision-making. They research partly by asking children's opinions, twenty-three surveys have been conducted to date, including almost 48,000 children, in their annual Good Childhood Report. Using this data they then inform and lobby government.

**What they say about themselves:**

"We respond to government proposals, inform parliamentarians about our key concerns, and provide briefings suggesting solutions. Children in poverty including the impact of debt and financial exclusion on children and young people; children at risk including children who run away and those involved in or at risk of sexual exploitation; young refugees and migrants including trafficked and undocumented children; mental health and children and young people's wellbeing.

By focusing our efforts on the most marginalised or discriminated young people we strive to ensure that every child has a good childhood.”

After seven years campaigning, the government promised to make school uniforms more affordable; 530,000 families have been given time to pay their debt after our Breathing Space campaign; £1.4 billion was secured through campaigning to help families in crisis. For over ten years we’ve been campaigning so children in poverty don’t go hungry at school: in 2014, our campaign meant that all children in years one and two get free school meals, that’s 1.3 million more children with a guaranteed meal each day. Read more on <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/>

All of us are aware of the present financial pressures, and the helpless feeling of not being able to do anything to help anyone. An important way to help is to tell people about the Society, pass on this magazine for instance.

And of course please help financially too, in pennies would do nicely!

In the town and civil parish of Hatfield the population was 17,236 at the 2011 Census. (<https://hatfield-tc.gov.uk/the-town/>) If everyone put in 1p per year that would be £172.36. If they put that in a week — I can see you’re ahead of me here - that would be £8,962.72. 1p each day... £62,911.40. WOW! And even if just the 190 paper copies of this November magazine, plus the 140 emailed ones raised 1p each day that would be £1204.50. Never belittle putting pennies in boxes, this is not little money! Why not pick up a collecting candle on the coffee morning on 9th November and see how many coins are in there by Christmas?

But the most important way to help the Children’s Society is to talk to God about it, to pray for the Society and the children and young people it serves, to talk to other people about it too, and about why you choose to support it.





Hatfield Woodhouse present's the annual



# SCARECROW WEEKEND

## 2ND & 3RD NOVEMBER

Create your own fabulous Scarecrow and display it on your property so they can be viewed from the footpath  
Entries to be registered by 30th October

A list of scarecrows will be available from the Methodist Chapel  
for you to vote

£1 per list and all entries added into a prize draw

Enjoy a walk around the village and then call at the Chapel to  
hand your vote in

Bacon rolls served 10am-1pm & Cream teas 1pm - 3pm

To register your scarecrows location please email  
[hatfieldwoodhouseevents@gmail.com](mailto:hatfieldwoodhouseevents@gmail.com) or call in at the  
Chapel any Saturday morning

*Thanks Lucy for the information*



The Hatfield Woodhouse  
Events Team presents a

# FREE SCARECROW WORKSHOP

29th Oct | 12PM - 4PM | FREE Entry

Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall  
Main Street, Hatfield Woodhouse  
DN7 6NF

To book a place  
please email

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

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ACCOMPANIED BY AN  
ADULT. ALL MATERIALS  
ARE PROVIDED BUT YOU  
CAN BRING ANY EXTRA  
OLD CLOTHING.**



Refreshments  
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Each MONDAY coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30 Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist

Each WEDNESDAY coffee after church at St Lawrence, Holy Communion at 10, coffee 11-12:30

Each WEDNESDAY coffee morning 10-11:30 at Stainforth Methodist

Each THURSDAY coffee morning 10-11:30 at Dunsville Methodist, Greens Road.

Each THURSDAY chair exercise group 13:30-14:30 at Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall

Each SATURDAY 10-12 coffee morning Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist church



2nd and 3rd, Saturday and Sunday, Woodhouse Scarecrow Festival, see previous pages

5th Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday), knowledgeable and entertaining speakers!

7th Thursday Stainforth History Group 19:00 Stainforth Methodist Church (every first Thursday) You don't have to be a member to come to this friendly group, there's a remarkably small entrance fee to cover costs, and you will be made most welcome!

**9th 10-12 The Children's Society coffee morning and box opening! Please bring your box to be opened, and/or learn all about what they do! Cake stall and raffle, possibly a tombola...**

9th every second Saturday coffee afternoon 14:00-15:3– Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road

20th Wednesday 11:30 onwards, Christmas door wreath making in church, there will be a hot drink and biscuits, but you are welcome to bring your own lunch. Many MANY thanks to Wendy once again!

30th Saturday Coffee Morning at Hatfield Community Library from 10am to 12 noon, **The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust.**

# The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

Recycling for Good Causes came up trumps yet again last week with another cheque for us for **£68** for the latest batch of recycled items. Please keep collecting those old mobile phones, sat navs, iPads, used stamps, foreign currency, old watches working or not and any jewellery as it all adds up.

We have booked another Coffee Morning at Hatfield Community Library on Sat 30th November from 10am to 12 noon. There will be a raffle, tombola, jewellery, drinks and homemade cakes for sale. This could be the start of the Festive Season so why not wear your Christmas jumper or even a Christmas hat and scarf and maybe there'll be a prize for the favourite??

We will be back in Hatfield Library the following Friday 6th December at their Christmas Fayre from around 4pm selling our jewellery so why not go over to St Lawrence Church to see the tower lights switch on and then pop over to the Library? If we don't see you there

***we wish you all a wonderful Christmas.***

**Information** – You can become a 'Friend' for a minimum donation of £5 per year. These subscriptions are the backbone of our fundraising efforts with all funds raised going only to maintain, conserve and restore our wonderful Grade 1 Listed building and grounds. Anyone can join us. For more information and to pay Membership renewal fees please contact Jean Singleton, Eastby, Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield, Doncaster, DN7 6QE. Tel 01302 842363.

Tina O'Halloran



*This is a very SAD notice to make as from the 27th November HATFIELD Post Office will be closing it's doors for the last time.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers that have used us for many years.*

*Unfortunately with Royal Mail removing the post men and post ladies from the premises, the revenue from the Post Office business is no longer viable.*

*Thank you everyone for your support.*

*Lots of love from*

*Debbie, Donna, Joy*

*And my long lost partner and friend  
Lynn.*

I am sure all readers thank Debbie, Donna and Joy for their years of faithful service, for their patience with us, and their invaluable service to the whole community.

We wish you a healthy, hassle-free and very happy future, and we look forward to seeing you as friends, not behind a counter!



# Travel by bus and see the world!

Save money every time you board one, a single adult fare is £2 max! And you meet really nice people to chat to and they even give you a paper to read! Yes, OK, I know you can get wet and cold too ... When Janet Hoffman gave me the Methodist events details, which she does every month thank you Janet, she passed on this amazing photo, which had been in the free paper on the bus.



It is an underwater picture of toad tadpoles in a Canadian lake, taken by Shane Gross, and it wins the Wildlife Photographer of the Year award. "The jury was captivated by the mix of light and energy", and beat the other 59,228 entrants!

And it shows the beauty, light and energy of God's world.



## IN COMMEMORATION TO INTREPIDATION

Come forth, deserved glory from your sacred earth  
Arise into the nation's welcoming caring hearts  
The wealth of appreciation responds to its worth  
That no other sacrifice ever, attain such valiant parts



The beauty of silence to the fallen holds grace  
The white stoned epitaphs untold courage relays  
To eyes of observers who, gratefully embrace  
That such sacrifice gave us our future days

The tragedy of conflict in sacred earth reside  
Every red of field with a tear gently hung  
And not one name shall be ever denied  
Each for its own praise be sweetly sung

Will the power of reasoning ever understand  
The terrible loss by order or whistle blown  
The sworn rule of war, obey the command  
As for question or why, reason disown



May this morn's brightness spur a myriad of respect  
To the fallen a place in hearts crammed full  
May they witness our tears and prayers accept  
And receive our gratitude in the minutes of lull

The magnitude of loss tempered victories roar  
No doubt such loss would again answer the call  
For lasting country and peace every danger ignore  
May such courage and devotion be inherited to us all



And those even denied a name stone white  
May God's holy light surround that unmarked place  
And for all fallen we pray in Heavens infinite light  
May you find eternal peace in His wonderful grace

Benny Wilkinson

In 2023 a few Crafty Women visited the Ministry of Craft shop in Conisbrough, where we had the great pleasure of meeting Benny Wilkinson, who gave us the poem without at first saying he was the poet! He did give permission for it to be published in our magazine. Unfortunately the shop is no longer serving the community with friendliness, cake and coffee, but a copy of the magazine will be sent to St Peter's church opposite in the hope that someone will know Benny or his daughter.



# "THE INQUISITIVE MIND OF A CHILD"

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?  
Selling poppies in town today.  
The poppies, child, are flowers of love.  
For the men who marched away.



But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?  
Why not a beautiful rose?  
Because my child, men fought and died  
In the fields where the poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?  
Why are the poppies so red?  
Red is the colour of blood, my child.  
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy?  
Why does it have to be black?  
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.  
For the men who never came back.

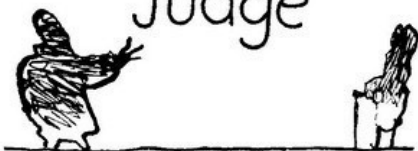


But why, Mummy are you crying so?  
Your tears are giving you pain.  
My tears are my fears for you my child.  
For the world is forgetting again.

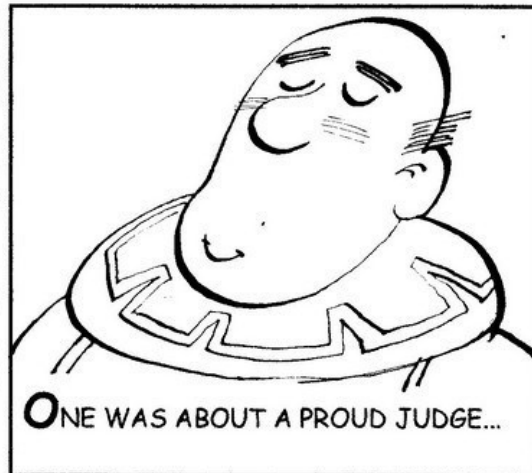
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Many thanks to Gordon Harper for passing this on for inclusion.

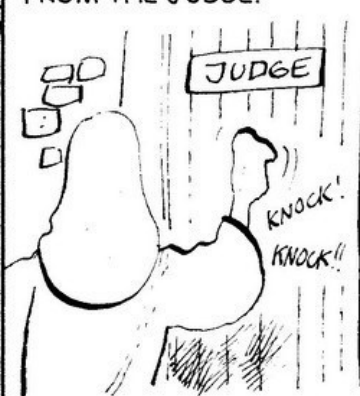
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and the  
Judge



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STORIES WITH  
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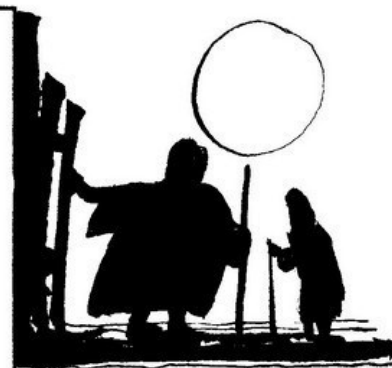
THE WIDOW NEEDED HELP  
FROM THE JUDGE.



BUT THE WIDOW  
WOULD NOT GIVE UP

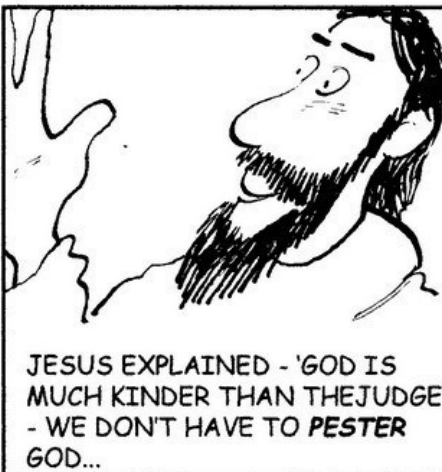


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MY LEGAL PROBLEMS

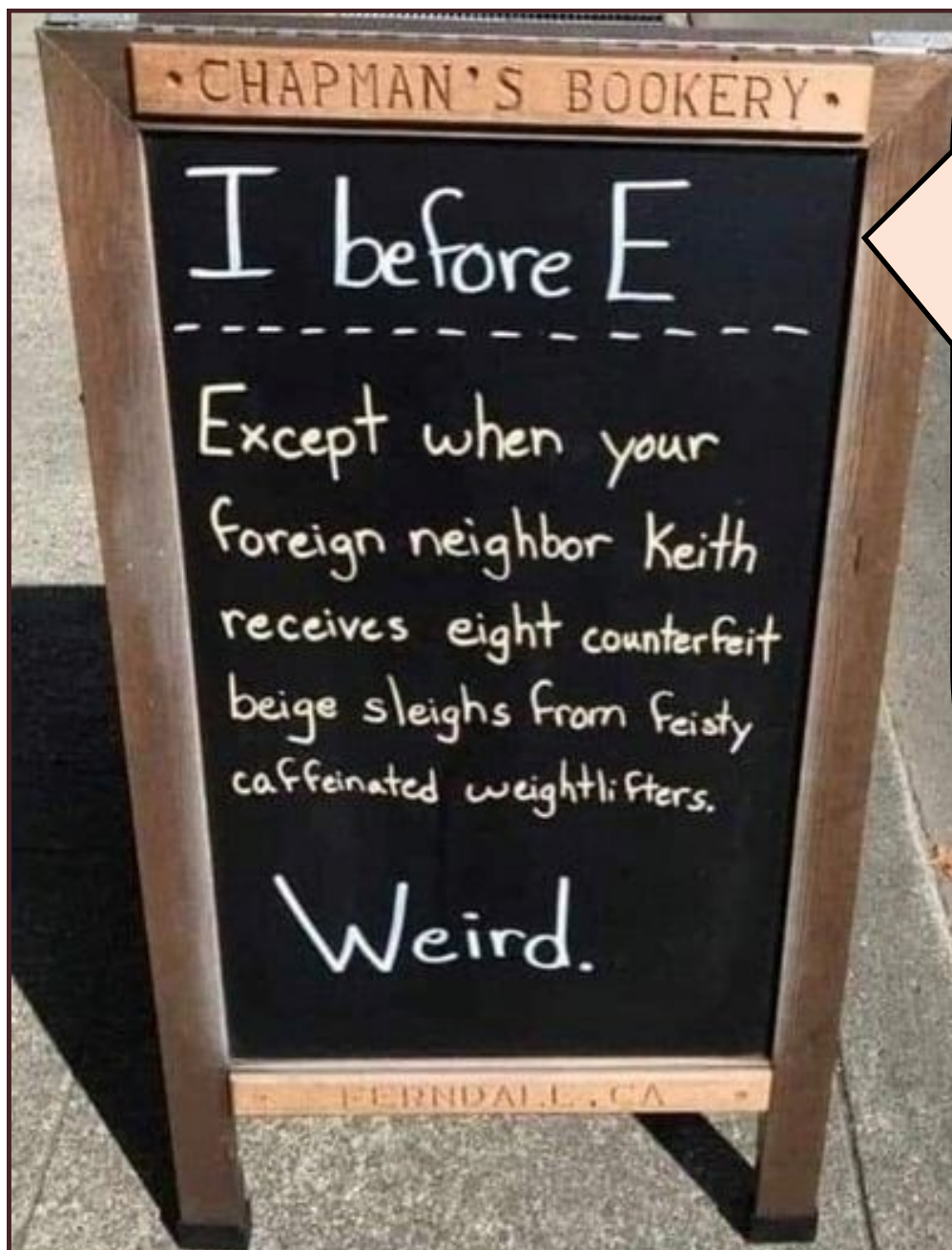


AT LAST THE JUDGE  
GAVE IN - AND WENT  
TO HELP THE WOMAN

I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE  
YOU KEPT PESTERING ME!







Thanks  
Stephen  
Hewlett in  
Elkhorn,  
Wisconsin,  
USA  
via Facebook



hence the  
spelling of  
neighbor!

## What I've learned from others today..

In Beryl's prayers this morning, Wednesday 16th, she prayed "Let us see others with God's affection". I've thought of God's mercy, of his loving-kindness, of his omnipotence, but never of his "gentle feeling of fondness or liking" as the Oxford Languages Dictionary defines affection. Then chatting to Susan McQuade she said "affection is so powerful." So let's see each other with God's **powerful** but gentle feeling of fondness and liking! Affectionate peace be with you all!

Editor.



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monthly

## Sarah's Cleaning Service

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Sarahbridge82@gmail.com

### ***Joining in on Facebook!***

You can join Rev'd Gill on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8:30 for a short Morning Prayer— 10 minutes, and on Saturday evenings at 9:30 for Night Prayer.

Go to the St Lawrence Hatfield page and try it out!



*Please ensure that copy for the magazine is with the editor by the 15th of each month, preferably in writing. This means that the magazine can be put together, printed and collated and in church by the last Sunday in each month, and to be delivered by the time of the first activities in the month.*

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Chrissy Grindle, letter in church or to  
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*Thank you.*



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# Worship times

Each Wednesday

10.00 Holy Communion followed by Open Church from 11.00 – 12.00  
join us for coffee, chat, quiet prayer..... Well-behaved dogs are welcomed, as are well-behaved owners !!

Sunday 3d November **All Saints' Sunday** **4th Sunday before Advent**

10:00 Holy Communion, also known as Eucharist. Please see Chris's letter to realise why we're having Communion and not Café Church on the first Sunday morning

16:30 Memorial Service (All Souls)

Sunday 10th November **Remembrance Sunday**  
**3rd Sunday before Advent**

9:30 Civic Service, followed by walk to the Cenotaph at Cemetery Road

18:30 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 17th November **2nd Sunday before Advent**

10:00 Café Church

18:30 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 24th November **Christ the King**

10:00 Sung Eucharist

The cover this month is from Parish Pump, thank you!



This is the QR (quick response) code for St Lawrence Church, There is also a card reader in church for easy payments towards the mission and ministry of our beautiful church, and there is a facility for gift-aiding there too.