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Sunday Services November 2026



	1st November	8th November	15th November	22nd November	29th November
Broadmayne St Martin	11am Holy Communion	10.50am Joint Remembrance Service at St Martin's	11am Together@11 at the Methodist Church	8am Holy Communion BCP	11am United Benefice Holy Communion at Broadmayne Methodist Church
Broadmayne Methodist	11am Morning Worship			11am Morning Worship	
Holworth				11am Holy Communion	
Owermoigne	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion		
Warmwell		10.50am Remembrance Service			
West Knighton	3pm Remembering Loved Ones		6pm Worship & Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	

Methodist Sunday 1st November 11am – Rev John Walker
& Joint Sunday 8th November 10.50am – Revs David Johnson & Brenda Stephenson:
Services Sunday 15th November 11am – Remembrance Service at St Martin's
Sunday 22nd November 11am – t@11: Tim Wells & Rev David Johnson
Sunday 29th November 11am – at the Methodist Church
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FROM REV JOHN YARRIEN

It is wonderful to bring greetings not just from Broadmayne Methodist Church, but from the whole Dorset South and West Methodist Circuit. Just a few weeks ago, it was my privilege to chair the Church Council Meeting at Broadmayne Methodist Church. There was a real air of community, of shared responsibility, in taking on the roles that needed to be filled, and in continued partnership with our ecumenical work with the Watercombe benefice, especially as we prepare for our Christmas Through the Trees project with the First School. It reminded me that in this season of 'Thanksgiving', God continues to provide all we need physically and spiritually. For that I give great thanks.

As we come now into the autumn and winter months we are starting to see changes happening across creation and in our communities. As the days shorten, the leaves turn and fall, as nights are cooler and we begin to feel those early morning frosts, this can often be a challenging part of the year. Folks can feel isolated, mental health can be low, and people are in need of our reaching out, and watching over one another in love.

At our Circuit Staff team meeting this week, Rev Kate Konrad led the team in a guided reflection as we held autumnal leaves in our hands, challenging and calling us to intentionally feel how the leaf was formed, its colour, its birth, its life and indeed its death. And in all that seasonal cycle, for us to focus on the beauty of God's working his purpose out through us. A powerful reflection, why not give it a go . . . ?

In this season of thanksgiving, I wonder what God is saying to you today? What preparations do you need to be making for the winter ahead? When I'm seeking guidance, strength, courage from God, I often turn to the words of Psalm 121 – 'I look to the mountains... from where does my strength come?'. I want to encourage you to pick up the phone, write a card, invite someone round, who may be needing to know that you are thinking of them in this season of change. God reaps the harvest of the kingdom, bringing people to Christ, through our actions of reaching out, being connected to others and showing love, compassion and hope in our community of faith here in Broadmayne and beyond.

May this season, be one of colour, light, thankfulness and grace for you all.
With Grace and Peace,

Rev John Yarrien

Superintendent Minister of the Dorset South & West Methodist Circuit

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

The annual service for the bereaved in our villages will be held at St Peter's, West Knighton on Sunday 1st November at 3pm followed by tea. Family and friends are all very welcome to this service of well-known hymns, readings and prayers.

There will be the opportunity to light a candle if you wish.

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Music during November at St Peter's Church, Dorchester

All services are free to attend, and all are welcome. Some have refreshments afterwards.

Saturday 7th November, 11am: Cathedral-style service of Choral Matins for Remembrance which includes Guest's 'For the fallen', the Te Deum and Jubilate in Bb by Stanford, Ayleward's Responses, Parry's 'Crossing the bar' and Eleanor Daley's 'Remembrance'. At **12.30pm** on the same day, the **lunchtime concert** is given by outstanding, young French Horn player, Danny Mitchell, who is accompanied by pianist Rob Taylor in a 30 minute programme of music. The concert is free.

Friday 13th November, 7pm: Royal College of Music harpsichord scholar Markus Sadler performs **Bach's Goldberg Variations** in the evocative, candlelit setting of St Peter's. Tickets, priced £15, are now selling very quickly, so don't miss out! Book online (see below).

Sunday 15th November, 10.30am: Cathedral-style Choral Eucharist with music by Victoria, Mozart and the contemporary Scottish composer James MacMillan.

Saturday 21st November, 4.30pm: Choral Evensong featuring music by Orlando Gibbons, William Smith, Thomas Weekes and Herbert Howells, followed by a glass of wine.

Saturday 28th November, 4.30pm: Candlelit Advent Carol Service. We are delighted to welcome back University Music Chamber Choir Bournemouth to lead the music. Amongst plainsong antiphons and the best-loved Advent hymns, there will be glorious choral settings by composers including Melissa Dunphy, Jim Clements, Philip Stopford and Charles Wood. The service presents a wonderful opportunity to hear these superb young singers.

Sunday 29th November, 10.30am: Cathedral-style service of Choral Eucharist for Advent with music by Anna Lapwood, Haydan and Kerensa Briggs.

Finally, tickets (£15) are on sale for **Handel's Messiah**, performed by the singers and instrumentalists of Music at St Peter's on **Saturday 12th December at 5.30pm**. These and for the Bach concert can be booked online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester

Keep up with events via our website: www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, subscribe through the website or drop us a line at: musicatstpeters@mail.com All of our social media and contact details can be found at: linktr.ee/musicatstpeters

News from Crossways Youth & Community Centre

Youth Club Sessions restarted in September with the new leadership team. A mix of activities have taken place including lots of food making activities; ball games; a visit from an assistance dog; along with a demonstration boxing session. They have also arranged a family Halloween afternoon during the half-term. There are more fun-packed sessions leading up to Christmas. Open to Years 7, 8 and 9 on Fridays from 6.30 to 9pm for £3. Please complete the registration form before attending: <https://www.crosswaysycc.org/yc-reg-form>

Community Café & Table Top Our next session will be on **Saturday, 7 November** running as always from **9am to 12noon**. Munchies a plenty!

Afternoon Bingo Due to the success of our last one, we are holding another afternoon Bingo session on **Friday, 20 November**. Doors open at 2pm, with eyes down at 2.30pm. 6 books for £5 and a cash Flyer for £1.50. A brew and biscuits will be available at half-time for £1! For further queries email: bookings@crosswaysycc.org See you there!

ECO TIP OF THE MONTH

Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing the draughts in your home. Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out (keyholes, letterboxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example). Do what you can to fix these gaps – there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online.

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As a Church of England school, our Christian vision and values underpin everything we do, and Sarah has been a constant source of support, guidance and encouragement in helping us live out that vision. She has played a central role in our collective worship programme, led reflection days and spiritual development opportunities, and worked closely with us in planning and leading our Christmas, Easter and Pentecost services. Through her ministry, generations of children have been given opportunities to reflect, worship, serve others and develop a deeper understanding of faith, values and community.

Sarah's influence extends to the nurturing, caring and inclusive ethos that makes our school such a special place. Through her involvement in activities that promote respect, compassion, forgiveness, responsibility and service, she has enriched our personal development curriculum. Whether helping pupils explore relationships and belonging, encouraging charitable action and community service, supporting emotional wellbeing, or leading thoughtful discussions around values and decision-making, Sarah has helped our children grow into confident, caring and responsible young people. Over the years, Sarah has worked closely with several of our local partner schools and their communities. As a result, many of our pupils have known her for much of their lives. This unique connection has enabled her to build strong and lasting relationships with countless children and families across our area.

Sarah has also served St Mary's School as a highly valued member of our governing body. Her wisdom, challenge, support and unwavering commitment to our school have helped shape both our strategic direction and our distinctive Christian character.

While we are naturally saddened to see Sarah leave, we are delighted that she will be taking up a new ministry in Ledbury and Eastnor, Herefordshire. We thank her for her years of dedicated service and friendship, and we wish her every happiness and success in this exciting new chapter. We would also like to reassure parents and our wider community that we will remain in close contact with Church of England representatives and the Diocese of Salisbury as plans for the future of our parish develop. In the meantime, our Collective Worship Lead, Sam Mead, will continue to provide our pupils with the rich, engaging and high-quality personal development experiences that are such an important part of life at St Mary's.

In October we held a special assembly of thanks for Sarah and, on Sunday 11 October, Sarah led her final service at St Mary's church in Puddletown. Sarah leaves quite a legacy, and we send her our heartfelt thanks and our very best wishes for the future.

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Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride September 2026

Thank you yet again to Reuben who has achieved another excellent result cycling in the Ride & Stride for St. Peter's Church. He visited 31 churches during the day. The amount raised is £500, which is a wonderful result. A big thank you also to the many very generous sponsors who supported him.
Lesley Stubbing

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Thank you too to everyone who came to the Joint Harvest Festival and Harvest lunch at St Martin's Church on 4th October, and who donated food for the Dorchester Foodbank, and money for Dorchester Poverty Action. Donations for Poverty Action amounted to £275, a really good sum. Both organisations are always very grateful for our support. The occasion was a joint effort by St Martin's and The Broadmayne Methodist Church, and was supported by St Peter's, West Knighton too.

Thank you, Susan Adams

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BROADMAYNE WEATHER REPORT FOR September 2026 by Ted Byrne

From the weather station situated at 23 Watergates Lane

September was the first month of the meteorological autumn, though it was hard to believe we weren't still in summer. It did rain, and it was enough for the grass to start turning green again, but it wasn't very much, 46mm, and most of it fell on just two days, the 8th which contributed 27mm and the 30th with 10mm. In total there were 7 days on which it rained 0.5mm or more. Total rainfall for the month was about half what we had last year and well below the September average.

Temperatures were very agreeable and on some days positively hot, with a maximum of 27°C reached on the 6th, one of two days when the temperature exceeded 25°C. More significantly the 20°C mark was breached on 21 days of the month. The minimum temperature was 6.4°C on the 24th, but the minimum dropped below 10°C only twice in the first three weeks of the month. According to the Met Office this September was the third warmest on record in England.

Maximum temperature: 27.2°C on the 6th	Minimum temperature: 6.4°C on the 24th
Wettest day: 27mm on the 8th	Days with rainfall (0.5mm or more): 7
Total rainfall for the month: 46mm	Total rainfall for the year: 681mm

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CHRISTMAS MENU

STARTER

- Baked Camembert (GFOA)**
served with pigs in blankets, red onion and cranberry chutney and a salad garnish
- Duck and Port Pate**
served with melba toast, spicy tomato chutney, salad garnish
- Smoked Salmon Blinis (GFOA)**
topped with lemon and chive cream cheese and topped with caviar
- Parma Ham, Brie and Honey Tart (GFOA)**
Puff pastry tart served with a salad garnish
- Thai Spiced Butternut Squash Soup (GFOA)**
served with crusty bread roll
- Melon Margarita (GFOA)**
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MAIN COURSE

- Roast Turkey Breast (GFOA)**
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- Vegetable Wellington**
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- 6oz Sirloin Steak (GFOA)**
Bourguigonne sauce with watercress and Yorkshire pudding
- Vegan Cranberry Nut Roast (GFOA)**

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- Oven Roasted Salmon Fillet (GF)**
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- Confit Pork Belly (GF)**
served with sage mash, baby carrots, and cider jus

DESSERT

- Christmas pudding** served with brandy sauce (GFOA)
- Black Forest Pavlova (GF)**
- Tiramisu** served with chocolate gelato
- Spiced winter berrie cheesecake**, served with pouring cream (GF)
- Chocolate Profiterole's** with chocolate and caramel sauce (GFOA)
- Selection of local cheese and biscuits** with chutney and grapes (GFOA)

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BROADMAYNE

Broadmayne Parish Council: 5th October Meeting Round-up

Village heritage and planning (i) During public participation, a resident raised concerns about the D-Day memorial, which has become unreadable, and asked whether it could be repaired or replaced. The same resident also holds a stone commemorating the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, recovered after a fire some years ago, and suggested finding a suitable public location for it. (ii) The council considered an application to build three additional homes with parking and a new access at 8 Chalky Road. Members agreed to submit an objection to this proposal, citing possible overlooking following the removal of boundary trees and hedging and concerns about overdevelopment of the plot as their primary concerns. (iii) A provisional Tree Preservation Order has also been announced for land south of High Trees and east of Osmington Drove. Further details are available on the [Broadmayne website](#). (iv) Residents are invited to respond to the "scoping" stage of the revised Dorset Local Plan. This first consultation is about the subjects the plan should cover, rather than detailed housing numbers, development sites or policies, which will come later. Information is available on the [Dorset Council consultation page](#).

Road safety, transport and village services (i) Broadmayne's proposed 20mph zone and the necessary Traffic Regulation Order have now been formally approved. Dorset Council is expected to prepare the detailed signage and road-marking plan, with the scheme anticipated to go live in spring 2027. The parish council will ask how local speed-indicator devices may need to be adjusted and will consider a review if speeds do not fall after implementation. (ii) Community Speedwatch monitored 500 vehicle journeys in Broadmayne during one September session. Four vehicles exceeded the limit, with a highest recorded speed of 42mph. The group also supported a trial session in West Knighton, where a further session is planned. (iii) The council agreed to support neighbouring parishes in exploring a more direct and reliable bus service to and from Dorchester. Requests for clearer signs explaining brideway regulations will be referred to Dorset Council's Rights of Way and Highways teams. The condition of Bridleway S9/4 has already been reported and a maintenance visit is expected.

Good news for the village shop Corner House Stores has been successfully registered as an Asset of Community Value. The designation, normally lasting five years, means that if the shop is offered for sale, a community group may express an interest in buying it and gain time to investigate funding and future management options. Registration does not guarantee a community purchase, but it provides an important opportunity to protect a valued village service.

Maintenance, allotments and local concerns (i) Councillors will meet the grounds-maintenance contractor following concerns about uneven standards and incomplete visits, including missed work at the allotments and memorial area. Seven people are actively waiting for allotment plots, with two others remaining on the list for the future. Five plots showing little recent attention are being followed up with their holders. (ii) Quotes will be sought to replace the poor-condition noticeboard in Chalky Road. (iii) Dorset Council will be asked about missing white lines on roads resurfaced during the summer and continuing water seepage from the roadside bank on Knighton Lane opposite Old Brickfields.

Remembrance and council business (i) Preparations for Remembrance Sunday are well in hand. Road-closure approval is awaited, updated date stickers have been collected for the road signs, volunteers will put up the large poppies and the council's wreath is ready. Invitations will be sent to local youth organisations and the Police Rural Crime Team. (ii) Work has begun on the council's 2027-28 budget. Forecasts will be updated in November and December using current spending, expected costs and inflation. Reviews found that the council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Data Audit remain up to date. Updated IT and Social Media policies were also approved.

Next meeting The next parish council meeting will take place on Monday 2nd November 2026 in the Methodist Church Hall, unless otherwise advised. Residents are welcome to attend and speak during the 'public participation' part of the agenda.



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BROADMAYNE / OWERMOIGNE

BROADMAYNE FIRST SCHOOL

It has been a busy and productive summer at the school, filled with exciting transformations and structural enhancements. Over the break, we installed new secure fencing around the perimeter of the school grounds, as well as a completely new toilet block and an accessible toilet facility. In addition to these physical changes, we are thrilled to share that we have now officially merged with Broadmayne and West Knighton Pre-school, allowing us to offer seamless education from ages 2 to 9.

Looking ahead over the coming months, we will be entering another phase of building works. This next step will see the nursery move into the main building, while our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils transition over to the modular block – providing much-needed, expanded learning spaces for all of our children. Furthermore, new furniture has been added to our Year 2 and Year 3 classrooms, creating a remarkably calm and relaxing atmosphere for learning.

Our pupils have worked exceptionally hard throughout this busy first half term and are certainly ready for a well-deserved half-term holiday. A particular highlight was coming together with St Martin's Church to celebrate Harvest. It was an absolute joy to watch the children sing songs and perform poems during the church service. We are now eagerly anticipating our upcoming Christmas activities, which are already planned and promise to be equally special.

Our final week of term will focus on Safe and Healthy Me Week. As part of the week's events, every child will learn basic First Aid and enjoy interactive visits from both the Life Education tent and the RNLI, along with a variety of engaging activities organised by our class teachers.

Open Day Invitation: We are throwing open our doors on **Saturday 24th October 11:00am – 2:00pm** for prospective families and members of the community to tour our facilities and see our fabulous school in action. Please do come along and visit us!

Christmas through the trees Children from the First School will be coming to the Methodist Church from 24th to 26th November for 'Christmas through the trees'. This will include a craft activity in which all the children will make and decorate a small tree to take home. It will be open to everyone during Chapel Café on Friday 27th, 10 – 12. Come and make and decorate a tree!



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Owermoigne Photography Group

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Owermoigne Village Hall – November

Our main events are:

• **Film Evening Friday 6th November**
 Doors open from 6:30pm, show from 7pm.
 Details on notice board

• **Village Market, Saturday 14th November**

Visit our monthly market for fresh foodstuffs, plants, gift ideas and delicious tea, coffee and homemade cakes. Please come along to support local makers and growers and Owermoigne's wonderful village hall.

Our regular events are:

Village coffee mornings, 10th & 24th November

In November we meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays so come along between 10.30am and 12 noon to receive a warm welcome. We have shelves full of books for you to borrow and you can also get help with any digital issues you may have. We'll be pleased to see you.

Group guitar lessons

Wednesdays 7-8pm. Contact Nick for more info at nickandjudy@hotmail.com

Owermoigne painters

Our friendly painting group welcomes new members. We meet on Friday 10am-12 noon, except the last Friday of the month.

Contact nigel_baker@icloud.com

Short mat bowls

The Short Mat Bowls Club usually meets on the first and third Saturdays from 10am till 12 noon. We welcome new members so contact Rob Burgess on 07836 386088 if you're interested in learning a new game.

Table tennis every Thursday

Table tennis at 10am. Come along to join in or call Jill on 01305 354467.

Dog Training Club

Peter Gibbins runs a number of classes on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm. Call him to check availability on 07767 147248.

The Village Hall also hosts a wide variety of clubs and societies and everyone is welcome. Please see the separate adverts for **Owermoigne Photography Group**, **Owermoigne Flower Club**, **Pilates classes** with Deni and **Yoga classes** with Kaly.

You can see event bookings online at <https://owermoignedorset.com/calendar>

Contact Margaret Burgess on 07909 718569 to book the hall or send an e-mail to her at crozlemargaret1950@gmail.com

You can find the village Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/owermoigne/>

Neil and Carol Legg's Julia's House Great Wall of China Trek Fundraising Update

In April 2027 we are embarking on a 5-day trek to the Great Wall to raise money for Julia's House Children's Hospice. We signed up to do this in March this year and elected to raise £3000 for the charity (we have paid for the trek ourselves). Since then we have held various fundraising events and have been blown away by the support that we have been given. The recent TOADS murder mystery was our last programmed fundraising event and the money raised here brought the total so far to over £3570. Although we will welcome any further donations, we felt that now was an ideal time to thank everyone for their support. We really didn't think we would be able to reach our target so soon. Heartfelt thanks and blessings,

Neil and Carol Legg

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OWERMOIGNE FLOWER CLUB

We hope visitors will come along to our meeting on 17th November which is a Christmas demonstration from Area Demonstrator Carolyn Vanstone "The Christmas Story". Always a delight to see a Christmas themed demonstration giving us ideas for our own Christmas decorations at home and church. For information, please contact Sue Legg, 07775 741439 or you can email: owermoigneflowerclub@gmail.com

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Owermoigne Cricket and Social Club

A HUGE THANK YOU! The Committee would like to thank everyone who took part in this year's Car Treasure Hunt! We had a fantastic turnout, and the sun certainly smiled upon us as we explored some beautiful spots in our lovely county. A big Thank You to last year's winners, Karen and Mark, for organising and presenting such a brilliant Hunt this year. It was a wonderful day! And another big Thank You to Jill for her wonderful selection of soups afterwards. We were truly spoiled for choice, and every single one was delicious! Huge congratulations to this year's winning team - Team Twinwood - Colin Shaw, Suzanne Shaw, David Grewcock, Sue Grewcock. We look forward to seeing where you take us next year! Thank you all for making it such an enjoyable day!

Forthcoming events

- **Fish & Chips Supper – Thursday, 19th November , followed by Col's Quiz – pre-orders and payment at the Club bar by no later than Sunday, 15th November**
- **Meat Raffle – No Meat Raffle in November, but instead we will hold a Christmas Meat Raffle on Friday, 4th December at 8pm – Tickets available to purchase from the Club bar – £1 each or 6 for £5**

Keep your eyes peeled for posters and emails with all the event details!

Caroline Holmes, OC&SC Secretary

The next walk for the **Owermoigne ladies walking group** will meet at the park and ride at Weymouth and walk to Lodmore and back. It will be on **Thursday 19th November at 10.00 am** weather permitting. For further information please contact Sarah Power 07919 551317.

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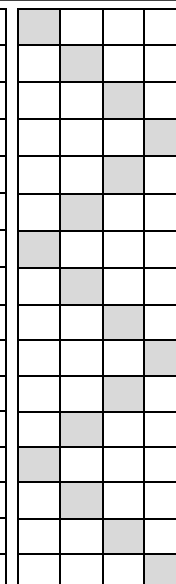
PUZZLES — 1

WORD LINKS

Find the 4-letter word that connects the three words on each line. For example, BODIED, TAX and WORK are all linked by the word ABLE, making ABLE BODIED, TAXABLE and WORKABLE.

Put the link word in the grid, and then rearrange the shaded letters to find something that can be seen from afar in parts of Dorset (three words).

WIRE	ROAD	ROUND
CUTTING	LEADING	OUT
WATER	ENGINE	THINK
BUN	HIP	ROOM
KEEPER	LIFE	TABLE
KICK	DUTY	HAND
FIRE	CAST	SECRET
AGAIN	FOR	OVER
TAX	BOOK	LEAP
STICK	BRAKE	KETTLE
SON	LADDER	QUICK
OUT	FOOT	KNIT
SUN	DOOR	MOUSE
SHAPE	FLAG	READER
CREAM	GRAPES	TURN
TIME	PEN	HORSE



WORDSEARCH - The poppies of Remembrance Sunday

In late 1914, **World War 1** erupted across Northern **France** and **Flanders**. Great swathes of previously **green fields** and forests were blasted and **bombed**, leaving them **bleak** and **barren**, with seemingly every living thing **destroyed**. But then in the **Spring** of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the **destruction**. Tens of thousands of **bright red** Flanders **poppies** began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of **mud**. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much **chaos** and destruction, because their **seeds grow** when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to **soil**. Those endless fields of **cheerful** poppies, **growing** in the midst of such **horror**, were what inspired the Canadian **doctor**, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous **poem** 'In Flanders Fields'.

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LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS

CODEBREAKER

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WORDSEARCH ▶

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Easy SUDOKU

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Medium SUDOKU

LIFE IN THE 21st CENTURY

Why you should not squeeze your teabag

We turn to chemistry professors on the Tea Advisory Panel for their tea-making tips. Why chemistry professors? Because there are almost 2,000 chemicals in tea!

- 1 Use boiling water on the tea leaves
- 2 Warm your mug or teapot to ensure the water is HOT when it hits your tea leaves
- 3 Swirl the bag or pot – swirling releases more of those subtle flavours
- 4 Let it mash, steep or brew for three to five minutes, to get the best flavour
- 5 Never squeeze your teabag! That releases bitter tannic acids
- 6 Add the milk last, or the water won't be hot enough to brew your tea
- 7 Take a moment to enjoy your tea. Chemists stress that medium to strong tea is really good for you. It increases your hydration, your cognitive function, and your bone health. It even helps cut the risk of type-2 diabetes and heart disease

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ALL IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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175 years ago, on 13th November 1851 that the first telegraph service between London and Paris began operating.

150 years ago, on 1st November 1876 that the North Sea Canal in the Netherlands was officially opened. It links Amsterdam to the North Sea.

125 years ago, on 12th November 1901 that German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen was awarded the first Nobel Prize in Physics, for discovering X-rays.

100 years ago, on 15th November 1926 that the Balfour Declaration was approved by the delegates to the Imperial Conference of 1926: it declared that the UK and its Dominions in the British Empire were equal in status.

90 years ago, on 30th November 1936 that the Crystal Palace in London was destroyed by a fire.

75 years ago, on 2nd November 1951 that the Suez Crisis began: 6,000 British troops arrived in Fayid, Egypt, to quell unrest in the Canal Zone and was the biggest airlift of troops since WW2.

70 years ago, on 11th November 1956 that the Hungarian Revolution ended after its uprising was brutally suppressed by the Soviet Union.

60 years ago, on 22nd November 1966 that the first chess match between two computers took place, between the USA and Russia: the Soviet Union's computer won.

40 years ago, on 22nd November 1986 that the American boxer Mike Tyson became the youngest-ever WBC world heavy-weight champion, at the age of 20.

30 years ago, on 18th November 1996 that the Channel Tunnel fire took place when a truck caught fire while on board a Heavy Goods Vehicle shuttle travelling through the tunnel, causing considerable damage and closing the tunnel for six months for repairs: there was another serious fire in September 2008; and on 30th November 1996 England officially returned the Stone of Scone to Scotland after 700 years: it was the coronation stone of the Scottish and later English and British monarchs and is now on permanent display in Perth Museum (see p35).

25 years ago, from 22nd November to 9th December 2001 that the Fall of Kandahar took place when coalition forces ousted the Taliban from the last major city under their control, marking the end of the Taliban regime's control of Afghanistan, but in August 2021, NATO withdrew and the Taliban moved back in.

20 years ago, on 23rd November 2006 that Alexander Litvinenko, Russian-born British intelligence agent, journalist and writer, died from poisoning by radioactive polonium: his death is believed to have been ordered by President Putin (see p35).

15 years ago, on 12th November 2011 that the Prime Minister of Italy, Silvio Berlusconi, resigned over Italy's debt crisis.

10 years ago, on 4th November 2016 that the Paris Agreement on Climate Change came into effect; and on 7th November 2016 that Leonard Cohen, Canadian folk/soft rock singer, songwriter and poet died (see p33); and on 8th November 2016 that Donald Trump was elected as 45th President of the USA.

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH WITH REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN MIND

In war, there are no unwounded soldiers.

Aron Kilbourn

War is a tragedy which commonly destroys the stage it is acted on. Matthew Henry

Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind. John F Kennedy



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14th November – Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America

As this year the USA marks 250 years since independence, it is worth remembering the poor bishop who got entangled between the King of England, the Anglican church, and the young America. Samuel Seabury never set out to make international headlines. Born in Connecticut in 1729, he had studied theology at Yale and then medicine at Edinburgh. In 1753 he was ordained by the Bishop of Lincoln and then felt called to return to North America as a missionary with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. He began his ministry in New Brunswick, Canada, before moving on to several parishes in New York.

But Seabury's peaceful ministry was soon swept up into politics. For tensions were growing between the American colonies and the mother country, and the slide to war was underway. Seabury never wanted the war. He never wanted independence for America. He wanted to remain loyal to the Crown, and he even went to prison for his opposition to the Declaration of Independence.

Even after the war ended, Seabury ran into difficulties. For in 1783 the Protestant Episcopal Church of America decided to elect him as Bishop of Connecticut and Rhode Island. But how was he to be consecrated? Canon law said that the Anglican church could not consecrate anyone without them taking an Oath of Allegiance to the king. But Seabury was now an American, so he could no longer take that vow.

In the end, he was sent off to Scotland in 1784, to be consecrated a bishop by the Bishop of Aberdeen, who belonged to the Scottish Episcopal Church. It had been disestablished after the Glorious Revolution of 1688, and had no link with the State, and so its bishops were free agents.

Although some good links between the Scottish and the American Episcopal churches came out of Seabury's consecration, his experience as an American becoming a bishop via the Scottish church was to be unique. For by the time the next bishop was due to be consecrated, an Act of Parliament in 1786 had empowered the two archbishops to consecrate bishops for territories outside British jurisdiction. It was a sign of things to come: the Anglican Church being a wider and more diverse worldwide Communion.

MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

Brace yourself for the Midterms

America can be hard to ignore. Especially this month when, on 3rd November, America will hold her Midterm General Elections. The Midterms are all about Congress. America votes for her president every four years, while the Midterms fall in between, at the two-year mark. They are always held on the second Tuesday in November.

The Midterms decide which party controls the House of Representatives and the Senate. This year, all 435 seats in House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate are up for grabs. Whoever wins will become part of the 120th US Congress.

The Midterms are always a face-off between the Democrats and the Republicans, so it is no surprise that this year they are very heated. Midterms are a way for Americans to voice their approval or dismay at the current administration, and Donald Trump certainly provokes strong feelings, both ways.

If Trump loses the Republican majority, it will create a dramatic power shift in the USA. That will affect national policy on numerous issues that are giving Americans headaches just now. These range from the too-rapid progress in Artificial Intelligence and the spread of giant sprawling data centres, to the soaring price of gasoline, food and health care, to the huge tariffs and strained relationships with allies, and to the 2026 Iran War and widespread suffering in Gaza.

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St Peter's 400th anniversary – Tim Lenton

Four hundred years ago, on 18th November 1626, St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City was completed. It is the largest church in the world (measured by its interior). Planned at first by Pope Nicholas V in the 15th century, its construction started on 18th April 1506, under Pope Julius II. The idea was to replace a 4th century church – Old St Peter's Basilica – built by the Emperor Constantine, supposedly on the site of Peter's martyrdom and burial. The new building took 120 years to finish.

Its dome, designed by Michelangelo, rises to a height of almost 450 feet from the floor of the Basilica to the top of its external cross and is the tallest dome in the world. The original design of the Italian Renaissance church was created by Donato Bramante, with additional features by Carlo Maderno and Gian Lorenzo Bernini.

Despite its size and prominence, St Peter's Basilica is not the Pope's official seat and does not rank first of the major basilicas of Rome. That honour goes to the Pope's Cathedral, the Archbasilica of St John Lateran, which is also seen as the mother church of all churches in communion with the Catholic Church, despite being located outside Vatican City.

Nevertheless St Peter's functions for most purposes as the Pope's principal church, because nearly all Papal liturgies and ceremonies take place there: this is because of its location within Vatican City, its size, and the convenience of being close to the Papal residence. The liturgies at which the Pope presides draw congregations of up to 80,000 people. It also contains the ancient 'Chair of Saint Peter', a gift to Pope John VIII from Holy Roman Emperor Charles the Bald in 875 which, despite its dubious pedigree, is used to symbolise the line of apostolic succession.

Remembering Leonard Cohen, poet and singer – Tim Lenton

Ten years ago, on 7th November 2016, Leonard Cohen, Canadian folk/soft rock singer, songwriter and poet died. He was born into a well-off Jewish family in Montreal that was said to claim direct descent from Aaron – the name Cohen meaning priest. Bob Dylan once observed that Cohen wrote songs that were really prayers.

Before he was a singer Cohen was a poet and a novelist. Two collections – *Let Us Compare Mythologies* in 1956 and *Spice-Box of Earth* in 1961 – brought him acclaim as a poet, and this was enhanced by two novels, *The Favourite Game* and *Beautiful Losers*, in the early 1960s.

He had already moved to the Greek island of Hydra in 1960, where he met the Norwegian Marianne Ihlen, who became his muse. Later he was the long-time companion – though not husband – of Suzanne Elrod, who he met in a lift in Manhattan in 1968. They had two children: Adam, also a singer-songwriter, and Lorca, a photographer. Somewhat confusingly, Cohen's early song *Suzanne*, on his 1967 debut album, *The Songs of Leonard Cohen*, referred to a different woman, the wife of a friend.

Though some people mysteriously described his distinctive baritone voice as "depressing", many others found his performances and his songs magical, compelling and full of spiritual and physical depth. Songs like *Hallelujah* and *You Want it Darker*, with its use of the Hebrew word *hineni* (here I am), implying total availability to God, meant much to practising Jews and Christians.

Cohen spent seven years in a Buddhist monastery in the 1990s, and afterwards lost much of his life savings through financial betrayal by his former manager. Following that, at the age of 71 he embarked on a global tour that was a massive success. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2008, and two years later was honoured with a lifetime achievement Grammy.



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Remembering Alexander Litvinenko – Tim Lenton

Twenty years ago, on 23rd November 2006, Alexander Litvinenko, Russian-born British intelligence agent, journalist and writer, died. He had been poisoned by radioactive polonium. His death is believed to have been ordered by President Putin.

Litvinenko was a former officer in the Soviet and Russian security services (KGB and FSB), reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was a whistleblower, having discovered many connections between Russian law enforcement agencies and mafia groups; his attempts to publicise this were rebuffed, and he gradually realised the entire system was corrupt.

He fled with his family to London in 2000 and was granted political asylum. His experiences in Russia were valuable to MI6, and he worked in exile as a journalist and consultant. He wrote *Blowing up Russia*, which accused the FSB of organising apartment bombings in 1999 that led to Putin's ascendancy. He also accused Putin of ordering the assassination of Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya in 2006.

He said that "all the bloodiest terrorists of the world" were connected to FSB-KGB, including Carlos 'The Jackal' Ramirez and Saddam Hussein.

Litvinenko's poisoning is believed to have happened when he met former Russian agents Andrei Lugovoi and Dmitry Kovtun at a bar in Mayfair. A 2016 UK public inquiry concluded that it was 'probably approved' by Putin. When Russia refused to extradite the two men, the European Court of Human Rights ruled Russia responsible for the murder.

Litvinenko was buried in a lead-lined casket at Highgate Cemetery with Christian, Jewish and Muslim rites, including a Christian and Muslim prayer being said by an imam and Orthodox priest. He told his father he had converted to Islam while in Britain. His father commented: "At least you're not a communist."

His wife Marina continues to live and work in London as an active critic of Russia.

Stone of Scone: still safely home in Perth – Tim Lenton

Thirty years ago, on 30th November 1996, England officially returned the Stone of Scone to Scotland, after 700 years. It was the coronation stone of the Scottish and later English and British monarchs. It is now on permanent display in Perth Museum.

According to Scottish history the 336lb block of sandstone – also known as the Stone of Destiny – was first recorded in 1249 as being used for the Scottish coronation of Alexander III. It was then taken by Edward Longshanks (Edward I of England) in 1296, who transferred it to Westminster Abbey, where it was placed under the English Coronation Chair.

Geologists say the stone was quarried near Scone, two miles north of Perth. There is little doubt that it was kept at Scone Abbey as a symbol of Scottish sovereignty, but there are also claims that it came originally from Ireland, and even that it had its origins in biblical times, being in fact the Stone of Jacob, taken from Bethel to Ireland by the prophet Jeremiah.

There are also suggestions that the stone taken by Edward I was a substitute, with the original hidden by local monks, perhaps in the nearby River Tay. Nevertheless, the stone taken by Edward remained at Westminster for another six centuries, being used in the coronation of Scottish Stuart kings – and others – on the English throne.

Scottish nationalist students stole the stone from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1950, but accidentally broke it in two before its reappearance at Arbroath Abbey the following year. It was restored to Westminster in February 1952, but fragments of it appear to have gone missing during its repair.

Its official return to Scotland in 1996 was conditional on its returning to Westminster Abbey for coronations such as that of King Charles III in 2023.



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What a flaming nuisance! – David Pickup

'...His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor...' Matthew 3:12

Autumn is time to tidy up the garden, whether it is collecting leaves, or cutting down trees and shrubs. So what do you do with the rubbish? Suppose you light a fire and you then get an angry neighbour coming around complaining about the smoke? You point out that the nearby farm and the village shop both burn rubbish. They are not impressed.

It is illegal to burn trade waste. This includes agricultural rubbish and commercial waste. If you work at home, you cannot put any business related rubbish on the bonfire. If you are burning domestic waste, there are still laws which apply.

In some areas there are local laws called byelaws, about when you can and cannot light a fire. If the bonfires become a problem, then it could involve the civil law when an individual uses a County Court to apply for compensation or an order to stop something, or even the criminal law when an individual asks the State to punish someone.

A Private Nuisance is concerned with protecting the rights of an occupier in respect of unreasonable interference with the enjoyment or use of his land. Public Nuisance is a crime where a defendant's actions "materially affect the reasonable comfort and convenience of life" of a group of people. Nuisance can include other things as well as smoke, such as flood water, or noise.

As always this is a summary of the law, and if you have a problem, you should take proper professional advice. Many local councils have a neighbour mediation scheme and advice on taking action including ways of disposing of rubbish. If you have an issue with a neighbour, always try to be polite and not make the situation worse.

Kirk school matron who died in the Holocaust recognised at Auschwitz

The name of a Scottish woman who died in the Holocaust after refusing to abandon Jewish children in her care has been added to a special memorial wall at Auschwitz. Jane Haining, the matron of a Church boarding school, is recognised in a renewed section of the Auschwitz Birkenau Memorial and Museum's main exhibition, which is devoted to hundreds of prisoners for whom no registration photographs were taken.

Originally from Dunscore in Dumfries and Galloway, Miss Haining was the matron at the Scottish Mission School in Budapest, Hungary from 1932-1944. It had around 400 day and boarder pupils aged from six to 16 years old, a mixture of Jewish and Christian girls.

Miss Haining helped keep the children safe for more than four years after the war broke out in 1939 until she was betrayed by the cook's son-in-law, whom she scolded for taking scarce food meant for the girls, some of whom were orphans or abandoned by their parents. She was determined to stick to her post and had repeatedly ignored Church of Scotland requests to return home, saying: "If these children need me in days of sunshine, how much more do they need me in days of darkness?"

Miss Haining was arrested by German officers in April 1944, and former pupil Agnes Rostas said her haunting last words to sobbing children were: "Don't worry, I'll be back by lunch." But the kind-hearted Scot never returned to the school. She was transported along with Hungarian Jews to Auschwitz on 14 May 1944. Miss Haining was 47 and it is widely accepted that she died in a gas chamber and her remains are on the Auschwitz site.

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My dear nephew Darren

I am absolutely delighted to hear that you are getting a dog. But be careful which variety you choose. First, your dog must be something substantial, but not prone to fighting or making amorous advances towards parishioners' dogs. A mongrel may be all very well for you as a curate, but think to the future when you are an incumbent. Get a pedigree. It sets a better tone at the Rectory.

It should also be a breed that sheds hair copiously, which should deter your more fastidious parishioners from bothering you at home. If it also drools, that is a bonus. I would recommend you do not get a sheepdog. They become neurotic trying to round everyone up as they roam round your lawn at the annual Summer Fete.

It can be quite useful giving your dog a name that – naturally, by coincidence – is remarkably similar to that of an awkward parishioner. Being able to bawl out commands to “come”, “sit”, and “stop that”, along with the pet's name, can be cathartic to you, salutary to the parishioner concerned and instructive to the rest of your congregation.

Dogs keep every confidence you tell them, are infinitely sympathetic when you moan about the flower arrangers, and make an excellent audience when you rehearse your Sunday sermon on them. Just like my parishioners, my Labrador gives me a look of well-meaning incomprehension as I get underway, and within minutes slips into a peaceful doze, which continues until my sermon concludes.

Dogs also provide an excellent excuse for terminating endless meetings, overlong phone calls, parish socials and even visits to the bishop. Even the hardest of hearts cannot stop you from dashing home to give your pet a toilet break, much, of course, as you would like to continue enjoying yourself with whoever it is you are obliged to flee from.

But do not take them to your church council meetings. When difficult decisions have to be made, you can never rely on them voting the way you want. My Labrador will wag her tail and agree with anyone.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

POETRY CORNER — Feedback Fatigue

Nigel Beeton writes: I don't know about you, but sometimes I grow weary of the incessant feedback questionnaires that come after just about any purchase or service we use! Sometimes I just want to say, "I plugged it in and it worked. So what?" And do these endless questionnaires really make any difference? But you know I'm an old cynic, and I get worse as I get older!

Whene'er we place an order
For goods or merry tune,
There's one thing to be sure of –
The questions follow soon!

How did you like your purchase?
From one to five – please score!
How easy were your searches?
Will you return once more?

Or will you recommend us
To family or friend?
The questions that they send us
They never seem to end!

For feedback they are thirsting
“For quality”, they say.
With questions they are bursting!
They pour in every day!

Our time is cast asunder –
“Five minutes it will take!”
But then we have to wonder –
What difference will it make?

For what is really galling
Despite their questionnaires;
Their service? Still appalling!
For no-one really cares!

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AND FINALLY . . .

Home alone?

The bishop needed to call one of his clergy about an urgent problem within the diocese. But when he rang the vicar's number, he was greeted with a child's whispered, "Hello?"

Feeling impatient, the bishop asked, "Is your Daddy home?"

"Yes," whispered the small voice.

"May I talk with him?" the bishop asked. To his surprise, the small voice whispered, "No."

"Well, is your Mummy there?" asked the bishop. The small voice said "Yes."

"May I talk with her?" Again, the small voice whispered, "No."

"Well, who else is in your house?" the bishop demanded.

"A policeman," whispered the child. Startled, the bishop asked to speak with him.

"No, he's busy," whispered the child. "He's talking to Daddy and Mummy and the search team."

"What is going on there? Who are they searching for?" demanded the bishop, now thoroughly alarmed.

Still whispering, the young voice replied, along with a muffled giggle: "Me."

Loan

Text home from uni: "Thank you so-o-o-o much for the student loans you send me. I don't think I can ever repay you."

I really think you should remind your wife about her eye test!



The vicar's alternative to after-service coffee was having a dramatic effect on male church attendance

Still waiting

A pious man, who had reached the age of 105, suddenly stopped going to church. Alarmed by the old fellow's absence after so many years of faithful attendance, the minister went to see him.

He found him in excellent health, so the minister asked, "How come after all these years we don't see you at services any more?"

The old man lowered his voice. "When I got to be 90, I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be 95, then 100, then 105. So, I figured that God is very busy and must've forgotten about me, and now I don't want to remind Him!"

A good match?

I'm good at firework displays. I've got a flare for it.

