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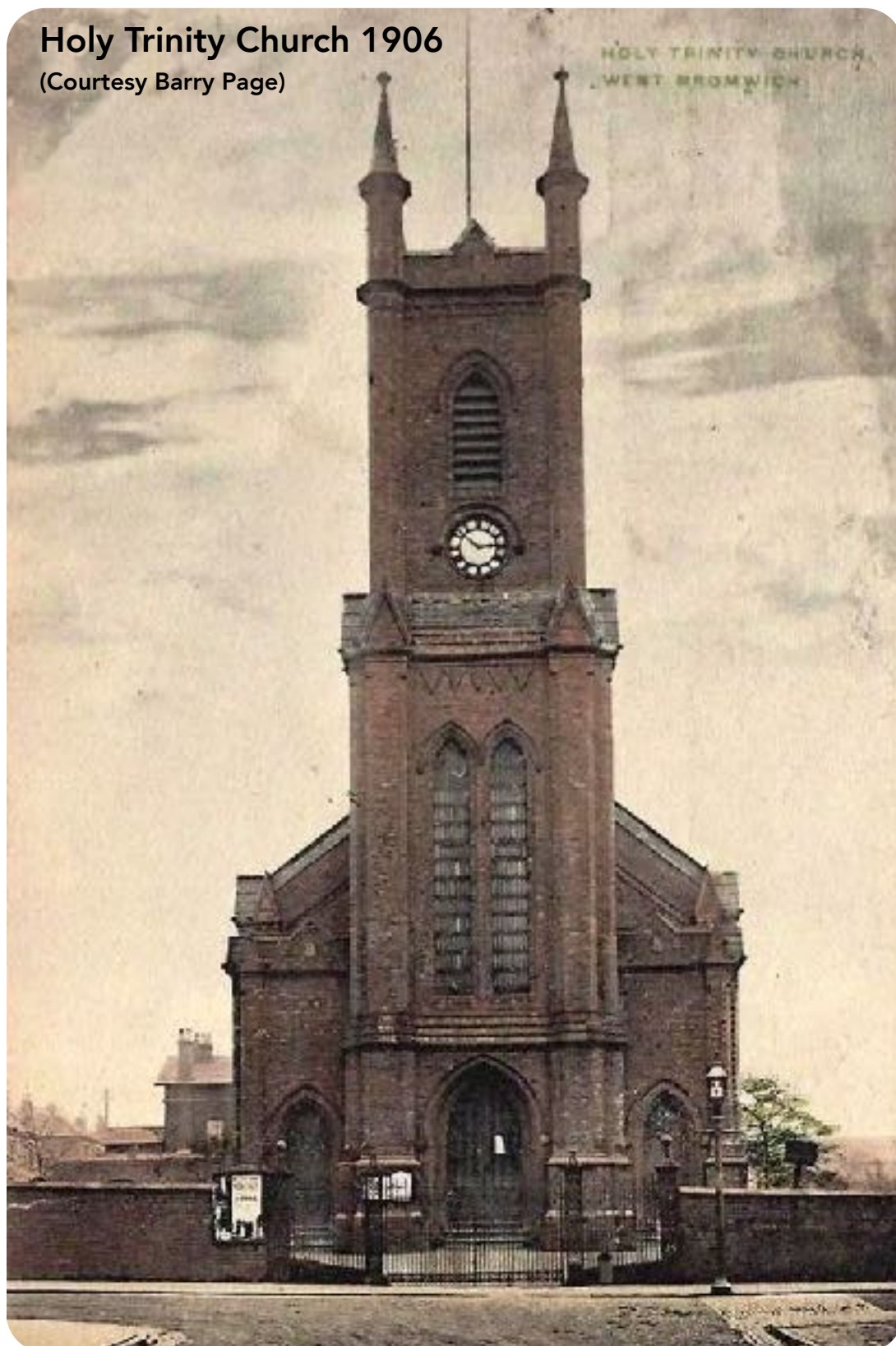
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Holy Trinity Church 1906
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Love-links

To lose a loved one
feels to break the heart and being.
All those years ahead, alone, to face.
A new reality.

And yet the true reality
is that we loved.
We loved each other
and we loved the Lord Jesus – who lives!
He lives in me
as He lives in the one I love.
And that love goes on,
linking heaven and earth
in life that will never end.
Love-links to comfort and encourage
as the journey continues
in trust and anticipation...

by Daphne Kitching

Compassionate Father

You are Sovereign. Your plans and timing are not always easy for us to understand, but we trust you and know that you love us and only want good things for us.

At this time of Remembering, when so many are so sad, thank you for giving your only Son, Jesus, so that if we believe and trust in Him we have the promise of eternal life and re-union with all who loved Him too. We choose to believe and trust, in Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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From the Vicarage



It was Charles Dickens who wrote the famous line “The word of a gentleman is as good as his bond; and sometimes better.”

Promises are a vital part of life and we should do everything we can to keep our word. When we make promises and keep them, trust grows between people and this makes us happy. At times, when we break our word, we leave other people frustrated, disappointed and even angry. Our broken promises reflect on our character too. People learn not to trust us, to take what we say with a pinch of salt, and our character comes into question. Who of us can always keep our word?

In the bible, God reveals himself as the promise-making, promise-keeping God. God has always been completely faithful to his word. His word is his bond. God will never frustrate, disappoint or anger us. His character is shown to be faithful and dependable by the actions which follow his promises.

Throughout history, the bible records the unbreakable agreements which God has made with his people. God has shown by his actions, in the person of Jesus, that he is completely faithful to his word, so we know that we can trust him and be happy.

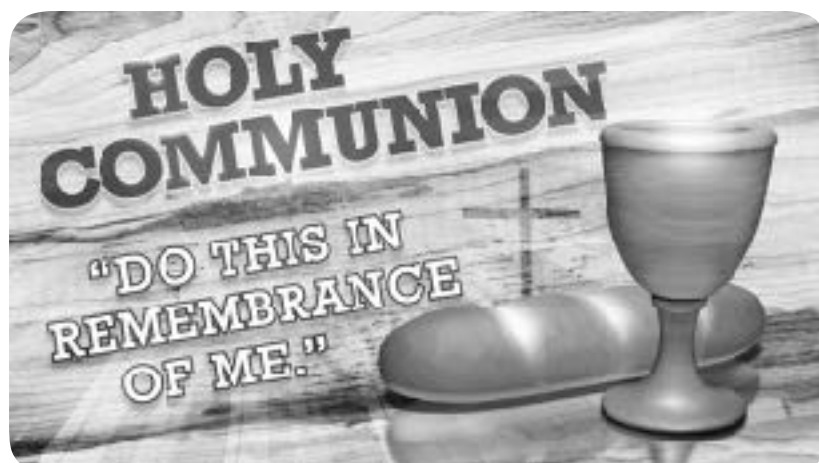
When we discover that God is the covenant-making, covenant-keeping God, who does everything he can to keep his promises, his people want to be like him. It is this single idea which makes society work. From the simplest thing, like making arrangements to meet for coffee at 11:00am at Costa, to contracts between companies or even countries, the idea that when we make an agreement we stick to it makes everything work.

God has given us the communion service as his way of reminding us of his faithfulness to his promises. The communion service is where God renews his agreements with us, even when we have forgotten or even deliberately chosen not to keep our promises to him.

When we come to church, we come to get back on good terms with God and other people. When our actions don't match our promises or intentions we frustrate, disappoint and anger God. But God has promised to forgive anyone who asks for mercy and we know that can trust God's promise because of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. The cross is God's demonstration of his faithfulness, justice and mercy.

The way of the cross is also the way of the Christian believer. The cross shows the cost to God of keeping his word. The cross also shows the cost of forgiveness for our broken promises. When we make a promise, it might cost us dearly to keep it, and the cross is our model of faithfulness. When someone breaks a promise to us, frustrating, disappointing and angering us, the cross is our model of forgiveness.

With love



Prayer Focus - Peace and Thanksgiving

With our world in turmoil in many countries of the world and in every continent of the world we pray this month for world peace. With standards dropping in every society we also pray for the people of every nation. For the leaders of every nation that they would work together to try to end wars and conflicts and try to bring some resemblance of peace in our troubled world.

Dear God, we hear of peace only as a faraway dream;
we long for it in our lives, in the lives of our families,
our friends, and our countries.

But with each passing day
the prospect for peace
seems to be increasingly tantalizing.

Restlessness seems to be
the order of our present existence:
our inner restlessness rooted in various anxieties,
our societal restlessness rooted in
the evils that go on around us,
the restlessness of our world
plagued by conflicts of all sorts.

*Dear God, we hear of peace only as a dream;
a dream we would love to be part of,
a dream we long to have in our hearts, in our neighbourhoods,
in our countries, and even in our churches.*

*We pray that we may experience that peace
that passes all understanding,
we pray, O God, that we may experience You,
the Peace of the world.*

*Dear God,
Penetrate the grieving heart,
accompany the lonely one,
remember the forgotten,
reclaim the strayed,
make music out of the
disharmony of conflict and chaos.*

*Let our restless hearts rest in you, O God.
This we pray in the name of the Christ,
who beckons us into the vision of Peace. Amen*

David Tonghou Ngong Posted on the Lakeshore Baptist Church website



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Vienna Cobb Anderson

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

*We thank you for the gift of life:
for the breath that sustains life,
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,
for the love of family and friends
without which there would be no life.*

*We thank you for the mystery of creation:
for the beauty that the eye can see,
for the joy that the ear may hear,
for the unknown
that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,
for the expanse of space
that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.*

*We thank you for setting us in communities:
for families who nurture our becoming,
for friends who love us by choice,
for companions at work,
who share our burdens and daily tasks,
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,
for people from other lands
who call us to grow in understanding,
for children who lighten our moments with delight,
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.*

*We thank you for this day:
for life and one more day to love,
for opportunity
and one more day to work for justice and peace,
for neighbours
and one more person to love and by whom be loved,
for your grace
and one more experience of your presence,
for your promise:
to be with us,
to be our God,
and to give salvation.*

*For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal,
loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*



HISTORY OF THE POPPY

www.britishlegion.org.uk

The inspiration behind the poppy as a symbol of Remembrance.

In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies growing in battle-scarred fields to write a now famous poem called 'In Flanders Fields'. After the First World War, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of Remembrance.



100 YEARS AGO

During the First World War (1914–1918) much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. Previously beautiful countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over, again and again. The landscape swiftly turned to fields of mud: bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow.

Bright red Flanders poppies (*Papaver rhoeas*) however, were delicate but resilient flowers and grew in their thousands, flourishing even in the middle of chaos and destruction. In early May 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lt Col John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies to write a now famous poem called 'In Flanders Fields'.

McCrae's poem inspired an American academic, Moina Michael, to make and sell red silk poppies which were brought to England by a French woman, Anna Guérin. The (Royal) British Legion, formed in 1921, ordered 9 million of these poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. The poppies sold out almost immediately and that first ever 'Poppy Appeal' raised over £106,000; a considerable amount of money at the time. This was used to help WW1 veterans with employment and housing.

The following year, Major George Howson set up the Poppy Factory to employ disabled ex-Servicemen. Today, the factory and the Legion's warehouse in Aylesford produces millions of poppies each year.



The demand for poppies in England was so high that few were reaching Scotland. Earl Haig's wife established the 'Lady Haig Poppy Factory' in Edinburgh in 1926 to produce poppies exclusively for Scotland.

Over 5 million Scottish poppies (which have four petals and no leaf unlike poppies in the rest of the UK) are still made by hand by disabled ex-Servicemen at Lady Haig's Poppy Factory each year and distributed by our sister charity Poppyscotland.

THE POEM

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.



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THE POPPY IS...

- A symbol of Remembrance and hope
- Worn by millions of people
- Red because of the natural colour of field poppies

THE POPPY IS NOT...

- A symbol of death
- A sign of support for war
- A rejection of politics or religion
- Red to reflect the colour of blood

WEARING A POPPY...

- is a personal choice
- rejects individual and personal memories
- is not compulsory
- is appreciated by those it helps



Remembrance Day reminds us of our fallenness and need for redemption. By Preb. Richard Bewes.

The other side of 'The Dambusters' – God is our refuge and strength

My wife Pam and I recently watched again the British war film 'The Dambusters' – and all that lay behind RAF Squadron 617's historic 'bouncing bomb' attack on the dams that resourced Hitler's industrial heartland. At a 'Bible Week' once in Germany, I was driven by my generous hosts to see the initial target of the 1943 raid - the Mohne Dam. Some of the original scars were still visible on the great repaired structure.

But there is always another side to war. For, back in England, a church friend whom Pam and I greatly love is 'Inge' – a sweet German Christian woman. Her family home had been in the valley, just below the Mohne Dam, the night of the fatal 17th May. Somehow Inge survived.

"How could I ever forget it?" she confided. "We heard the planes and explosions; then came the crashing water - sweeping homes, people, whole families to destruction. Almost the worst sound," she went on, "was that of the animals all around us, in their terrified baying and shrieking, as they were swept away."

War.... It occurs as an ever-repeated reminder of our own fallenness and need of redemption through the cross of Christ. And yet – according to the Psalmist - we were originally made only 'a little lower than the angels,' capable – even in our fallenness and at the height of war – of acts of incredible heroism and selfless care.

I decided to write a hymn on Psalm 46, and obtained copyright permission to set it to the film's theme music – 'The Dambusters' March.' Since then, 'God is our Strength and Refuge' has gone all over the world, and is used in many churches on Remembrance Sunday.

A hand-written letter once arrived for me from an RAF veteran who had been rear-gunner in one of the Lancaster bombers flying in the famous 617 Squadron. He had been thrilled “to hear our own squadron’s Dambuster’s March now set to words of peace!”

There is massive inspiration in The Dambusters’ story. Yet Remembrance Sunday, at its heart, reminds us again of the other side. It can even summon us on, beyond the memories, sorrows and hurt of war, to where our friend Inge is today; in the permanence of a secure faith, and in the membership of the eternal Church, against which – as Jesus promised - not even the powers of hell can stand.

God is our strength and Refuge

1. God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble,
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble.
Though swirling waters are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

2. There is a flowing river,
within God’s holy city,
God is in the midst of her –
she shall not be moved!
God’s help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at his presence –
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

3. Come, see the works of our maker,
learn of his deeds all-powerful;
wars will cease across the world
when he shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator,
uplift him in the nations –
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

From Psalm 46, Richard Bewes; Copyright, Jubilate Songs; Tune Dambusters’ March, (“Sing Glory” No 650)

Holy Trinity 1941 Church Magazine Annual

During our 175th anniversary exhibition several hard backed books dating from 1921-1941 were displayed. These books not only contained adverts, household tips and stories but what we now call "From the Vicarage" but what was then called "Motto Text " for the whole of the year. Well worth a look at and read.

Over the next few weeks I'm going to include some items from these books in the magazine. Hopefully you will enjoy reading items from our old magazines. This months extract by coincidence is also about Psalm 46 and is taken from Rev. F. Sutton's letter of November 1941 about Prayer.

The Vicarage
14th November 1941

My Dear Friends,

I have recently written several letters in the magazine about Prayer. May we now turn our thoughts to what prayer can lead us to. Here I would say at once that it leads to a surer trust and confidence in God. Read the 46th Psalm and see the various movements of the Psalmist as he goes on to describe what can be done when we have confidence in God. *"The heathen raged, the Kingdoms were moved; He (God) uttered His voice, the earth melted."* *"Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."*

What God has done He can still do. We don't want to imagine for a moment that because men like the Prophets of old, and men who wrote the New Testament are not alive in the flesh that God to-day has no mouthpiece; and that there is not the same access to Him as there used to be. The church is still God's power house, as it was in the very early days, and people to-day have far easier means of approaching God than those who lived in the days of the Prophets.

We begin with faith in God and this leads us to pray. As we pray day by day we get a renewed contract with God; we may pray somewhat shyly at first but, like a friend, our frequent talks to him make us feel more confident. We get to know him. It is just the same with God. The more we pray the more confident we become that *"with Him all things are possible."*

You can quite easily see that His confidence gives to us such a strong support in life that we can say; no matter what may come; no matter how dark the valley may be; at the other end there is the light of day; and in the meantime God is guiding me safely so that I shall not fall.

May God preserve you and keep you in His holy care and keeping.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

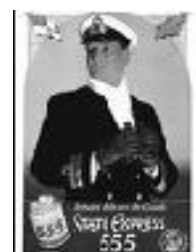
F. SUTTON.

A NOTE FROM THE 1941 CHURCH ANNUAL Pew Sittings

Sittings may be taken after any service:

Price, 6/- per sitting per half year. Apply to the Wardens.

IMAGES FROM 1941



Canon David Winter looks forward to Advent...

Good old Advent!

On the last Sunday in November the Church celebrates Advent. In popular thought this is seen as the start of the Christmas season. Advent Calendars are on sale in the supermarkets. Christmas, our annual festival of excess, is just a few weeks away. Good old Advent!

I yield to no one in my enjoyment of Christmas, with all the trimmings, but where Advent is concerned I have to be a bit of a party-pooper. It's not the start of the 'run-up to Christmas', whatever the shops think. In any case, they've been 'running up' since September. Advent is a solemn but exciting reminder that Christmas is not the end of the Christian story, *but the beginning*.

The end, with which Advent is concerned, is the ultimate triumph of love and goodness over evil and cruelty. The final loving purpose of God will be achieved. The kingdom of heaven will lie before us, its gates permanently open. 'Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more'. God says, 'I am making everything new'.

'Advent' simply means 'Coming'. The first Advent was Christmas, the second Advent will be when all that the coming of Jesus promised will be fulfilled. Yes, it's a bit more complicated than a cattle shed and a manger, but it's a wonderful prospect. Good old Advent!



Justus – leading the Church in troubled times

Does this sound familiar? An Archbishop of Canterbury tries to bring unity and calm to a Church split down the middle over seemingly irreconcilable differences, and all the while to promote the Gospel to the wider non-Christian society, in the face of widespread ignorance and even hostility towards Christianity.

This isn't Justin Welby, though. It was Justus, a 7th century archbishop of Canterbury. Like Justin Welby, he had a passion for mission – he began as one of the Roman missionaries sent in 601 by Pope Gregory the Great – to reinforce Augustine. Once in England, he was quickly put to work – becoming the first ever Bishop of Rochester, in 604. It was then that he joined with other church leaders to urge the Irish and British (Celtic) Christians to repair the great church divide of the time – to conform their customs to those of Rome. (They were largely ignored.)

In 616 things got worse. There was a pagan reaction in Kent and Essex, and without any support from the pagan King Edbald, Justus and Mellitus knew it was time to get out – quick. They escaped to France, and the whole English mission seemed in peril. Then – an unexpected breakthrough occurred – the king was converted. So back came Justus, to become Archbishop of Canterbury in 624. Pope Boniface V had faith in his ability and courage – he bestowed on him both the pallium and the power to consecrate bishops in England.

When Justus died in 627, he was buried at St Augustine's monastery. Then, in the 11th century, Justus was moved to a site in Canterbury Cathedral, behind the high altar.

Bonfire Night: How well do you know the story behind Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot?

We all celebrate bonfire night to commemorate what Guy Fawkes did - but how well do you actually know the story?



Which King was Guy Fawkes attempting to assassinate?

- King Henry V11
- Charles 1
- King Robert 111
- King James 1



What year Fawkes attempt to blow up Parliament?

- 1604
- 1605
- 1607
- 1606



But when was the plan originally devised ?

- 1601
- 1602
- 1603
- 1604



Who first had the idea for the Gunpowder plot ?

- Robert Catesby
- Thomas Percy
- Thomas Bates
- Guy Fawkes



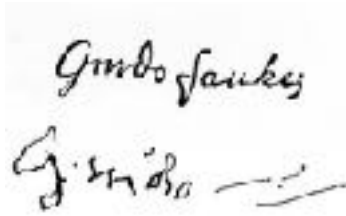
How many plotters were in the initial inner circle of the plot ?

- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6



Who leased the vault that was the setting for the explosion?

Robert Catesby
Thomas Percy
Guy Fawkes
King James 1



How did they transport the gunpowder to the Houses of Parliament?

By post
Via the Thames
By horse and cart
On foot



How many barrels of gunpowder was Fawkes found with when the plot failed ?

32
36
40
46



Which vault was Fawkes captured in ?

House of Lords
House of Commons

<http://www.independent.co.uk>

Answers on page 20



The vicar got a little carried away with the church's new state-of-the-art PA system

precious lord - Thomas A Dorsey



Birth of a Song - A TRUE Story

Back in 1932, I was 32 years old and a fairly new husband. My wife, Nettie and I were living in a little apartment on Chicago's Southside. One hot August afternoon I had to go to St. Louis, where I was to be the featured soloist at a large revival meeting. I didn't want to go. Nettie was in the last month of pregnancy with our first child. But a lot of people were expecting me in St. Louis. I kissed Nettie good-bye, clattered downstairs to our Model A and, in a fresh Lake Michigan breeze, chugged out of Chicago on Route 66.

However, outside the city, I discovered that in my anxiety at leaving, had forgotten my music case. I wheeled around and headed back. I found Nettie sleeping peacefully. I hesitated by her bed; something was strongly telling me to stay. But eager to get on my way, and not wanting to disturb Nettie, I shrugged off the feeling and quietly slipped out of the room with my music.

The next night, in the steaming St. Louis heat, the crowd called on me to sing again and again. When I finally sat down, a messenger boy ran up with a Western Union telegram. I ripped open the envelope. Pasted on the yellow sheet were the words: YOUR WIFE JUST DIED. People were happily singing and clapping around me, but I could hardly keep from crying out. I rushed to a phone and called home. All I could hear on the other end was "Nettie is dead. Nettie is dead."

When I got back, I learned that Nettie had given birth to a boy. I swung between grief and joy. Yet that night, the baby died. I buried Nettie and our little boy together, in the same casket. Then I fell apart. For days I closeted myself. I felt that God had done me an injustice. I didn't want to serve Him any more or write gospel songs. I just wanted to go back to that jazz world I once knew so well.

But then, as I hunched alone in that dark apartment those first sad days, I thought back to the afternoon I went to St. Louis. Something kept telling me to stay with Nettie. Was that something God? Oh, if I had paid more attention to Him that day, I would have stayed and been with Nettie when she died. From that moment on I vowed to listen more closely to Him.

But still I was lost in grief. Everyone was kind to me, especially a friend, Professor Frye, who seemed to know what I needed. On the following Saturday evening he took me up to Madam Malone's Poro College, a neighbourhood music school. It was quiet; the late evening sun crept through the curtained windows. I sat down at the piano, and my hands began to browse over the keys.

Something happened to me then I felt at peace. I feel as though I could reach out and touch God. I found myself playing a melody, one I'd never heard or played before, and the words into my head—they just seemed to fall into place:

*"Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand!
I am tired, I am weak,
I am worn, Through the storm,
through the night lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home."*

The Lord gave me these words and melody. He also healed my spirit. I learned that when we are in our deepest grief, when we feel farthest from God, this is when He is closest, and when we are most open to His restoring power. And so I go on living for God willingly and joyfully, until that day comes when He will take me and gently lead me home.

Thomas A. Dorsey
Gospel Songwriter

This story is completely true. These sad events served to inspire gospel great, Thomas A. Dorsey, to pen "Precious Lord" in 1932. The song has since been translated into 32 languages and was the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s favourite... the one Mahalia Jackson sang at his funeral. However, this story has circulated the web for years falsely giving credit to Big Bandleader, Tommy Dorsey.



When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night
draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me
home

Someone out there must be very good at Scrabble!

Presbyterian – Best in prayer	
Astronomer – Moon starrer	
Desperation – A rope ends it	9 - House of Lords
The eyes – They see	8 - 36
George Bush – He bugs Gore	7 - Via the Thames
Answers:	6 - Thomas Percy
The Morse Code – Here come dots	5 - 5
Dormitory – Dirty room	4 - Robert Catesby
Slot machines – Cash lost in me	3 - 1604
Animosity – Is no amity	2 - 1605
Election results – Lies; Let's recount	1 - King James 1
Snooze alarms – Alas! No more Z's	Answers:
A decimal point – I'm a dot in place	
The earthquakes – That queer shake	
Eleven plus two – Twelve plus one	

As for those signs found outside churches:

Church carpark sign...FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised!!

No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.

Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!

Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed. A headline reads: 'For fast relief, take two tablets.'

When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its own message: 'We are open on Sundays, too.'

Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

Thursday at 10am there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All those wishing to become Little Mothers please see our new minister in the vicarage....

Operation Christmas Child 2016

– time to pack those shoeboxes!

Earlier this year, thousands of children in Liberia were delighted to receive Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts, especially following that country's widespread trauma over the Ebola crisis. Now a new film showing the OCC delivery to the children of Liberia is available, as another season of packing shoeboxes gets underway.

The Operation Christmas Child yearly campaign is all about providing some joy to deprived children in the developing world. "A simple Christmas shoebox gift is a 'treasure chest' for a child who has never received such a gift before. It is a powerful symbol of hope that someone, somewhere, cared enough to pack a gift meant just for them."

In 2015, generous people across the UK packed 900,008 shoeboxes for children. These were sent to 14 different countries – their only Christmas gifts that year. Worldwide, 11 million children were given shoeboxes, "experiencing God's unconditional love through a simple gift."

This year, OCC will be again supported by individuals, families, churches, schools, workplaces and community groups across the UK.



Last date Sunday 13th November

We continue our column that looks at memorable dates in the month (this time, November) down the years. Here is a range from which to pick and choose, as your space allows.

All in the month of NOVEMBER

100 years ago: - on 21st Nov 1916 that the British hospital ship HMHS Britannic hit a mine and sank off Greece. 30 people were killed and 1,036 survivors were rescued. The Britannic was the sister ship of the Titanic, converted for war service shortly after its launch. It was the biggest ship lost in WWI.

90 years ago:- on 11th Nov 1926 that Route 66 was established in the USA. It was one of the most famous highways in the country and was celebrated in popular culture.

70 years ago:- on 1st Nov 1946 that Karol Wojtyla (later Pope John Paul II) was ordained a priest in Krakow, Poland.

60 years ago:- on 5th Nov 1956 that the first Premium Bond was sold in Britain (to the Lord Mayor of London).

25 years ago:- on 5th Nov 1991 that Robert Maxwell, Czech-born British newspaper publisher, media proprietor and politician, died. His body was found in the sea near his boat, off the coast of Tenerife.

Also 25 years ago:- on 14th Nov 1991 that Britain and the USA accused two Libyan intelligence agents of carrying out the bombing of the Pan Am jet that crashed in Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, and demanded that Libya hand them over to face trial.

Also 25 years ago:- on 18th Nov 1991 that C of E envoy Terry Waite and American educator Thomas Sutherland were released by Islamic Jihad in London after being held hostage since Jan 1987 and Jun 1985 respectively.

20 years ago:- on 12th Nov 1996 that the European Court of Justice ordered Britain to comply with the EU mandate of a maximum 48-hour working week.

Also 20 years ago:- on 15th Nov 1996 that England handed the Stone of Scone back to Scotland after 700 years.

15 years ago:- on 16th Nov 2001 that the first Harry Potter film, 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' was released.

10 years ago:- on 5th Nov 2006 that Saddam Hussein, the former President of Iraq, was sentenced to death for his role in the massacre of 148 Iraqi Shi'ites in 1982. (He was executed on 30th Dec).

People and News

Birthday Celebrations - November 2016

19th Christine



19th Jack Forrest-Sadler



*Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday to you
May God Bless you and keep you
Happy Birthday to you.*

*Happy Birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May the Lord bless you richly
In all that you do*

Remembrance - November 2016

6th Sheldon - In thankful remembrance of order son Barrie Sheldon who died December 28th 1941.

"In God's care and holy keeping"

In loving memory of my dear mother Mary Ann Jenny Hook who passed away July 13th 1958. Aged 77 years.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus"

13th Mrs Wilkinson - In loving memory of my dear husband Herbert Edward.

20th Mrs Fisher - In affectionate memory of my dear brother-in-law Herbert E. Wilkinson.

27th Willis - In loving memory of our dear parents Henry Willis, who died November 24th 1948 and Emily Willis, who died February 5th 1958.

Grant unto them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them . May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the

Prayer for those in church who are ill

Father ,

*We pray for those who are hurting in our church family today. Lord, some have minor health problems while others have some very serious ones. We pray that You will be with them and heal them, Father. You are the Great Healer and we believe in Your power to heal! Lord, please give peace to those who are in the midst of serious health issues. Father, we pray that they turn to You and know that You are right there beside them in their time of crisis. May Your will be done in their lives this day. **Amen***

Regular Prayer Times and Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Prayer - Every morning at 10.00 am. prior to the morning service for quiet prayer.

Tuesday Morning Prayer - Prayer and Bible Study at 9.30am.

Tuesday and Thursday Evening Prayer - A time time for open intercession or quiet prayer run by Ian and Kevin at different venues @ 7.30pm.

Midweek Morning Prayer - Every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8.00am there is a time for quiet prayer.

Please pray for Holy Trinity Ministries

TNG - youth work
Messy Church
Kids Club
Trinity Tots
Soup & Roll Lunch Club
Social Afternoon
Coffee Morning
Cake and Chat

Please pray for our Church Leaders

Vicar Neil and his family
Wardens
PCC
Lay Reader
Readers and all who help in any way in our church

Regular Donations

Books and Magazines - for the League of Friends at Sandwell Hospital.

West Bromwich Food Bank - * Milk (UHT or powdered) * Sugar (500g) * Fruit juice (carton) * Soup * Pasta sauces * Sponge pudding (tinned) * Tomatoes (tinned) *Cereals * Rice pudding (tinned) * Tea Bags/instant coffee * Instant mash potato * Rice/pasta * Tinned meat/fish * Tinned fruit * Jam * Biscuits or snack bars * Or cash donation



All profits from the October coffee morning will be donated to the **Black River Hospital in St Elizabeth, Jamaica**. The hospital is well known to a number of our congregation whose families live in Jamaica.

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MUSIC MINISTRY



at
Holy Trinity



David Partridge with help from Lauren, Amanda and Helen are endeavouring to start a music group to lead our morning services. If you are interested in joining such a group and can play an instrument or enjoy singing please talk to David, Lauren, Amanda or Helen.

It would be great to see a music group again in church.



**Remembrance Sunday
service November 13th**
**10.30am and 6.30pm
services**



Events for your diary

Bonfire Night and fireworks in Sandwell



**Saturday 5 November
2016** - Dartmouth
Park, Lloyd Street,
West Bromwich (near
Sandwell Valley)

- 5.30pm – event starts
- 6.15pm – lighting the bonfire
- 7.15pm – children's fireworks display
- 8.15pm – large fireworks display

Admission charges apply for event in West Bromwich for adults are £3, children £1.50 and family ticket £7.50 which includes two adults and two children or three children and one adult. There will be a stage with entertainment, licensed bar, glow lights and hot and cold food stalls.

Parking

There is no on-site parking at these events.
For the West Bromwich event, please park in the town centre.

Church members



Hot dogs will be served in the church hall prior to the bonfire at 5.00 pm

Events for your diary



REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

Now at the back of church.

The recommended retail price is £3.99 and comes with a free 28 page Christmas story-activity booklet designed to be used each day in Advent as well as celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, the calendar makes a charity donation from every sale.



HILLSONG

Worship + Worship Central

Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way,
West Bromwich

Saturday, 19 November @ 7.20pm

Doors open 6.30pm



Crafty Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 26th November

10.00am - 12.00

Any donations or ideas of Craft items for sale on the day welcomed.



St James Church, Hill Top - Life Exhibition

Discovering the exciting story and teachings of Jesus.
The interactive exhibition features tablets, films,
songs, graphic panels and games.

Monday 21st November - Friday 25th November 6.00pm -
9.00pm and Saturday 26th November 9.30 - 1.00pm.



For more information contact -
stjameswithstpauls@gmail.com or 0121 532 2865



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES



Sunday 13th November is the last Sunday for Shoeboxes. After this date they will be taken to the local distribution point for dispatch to the various countries.



Holy Trinity congregation have taken part in the Shoebox appeal for a number of years now. The idea being passed to us by a member of the WI (Womens Institute) so thank you very much for your generosity.



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