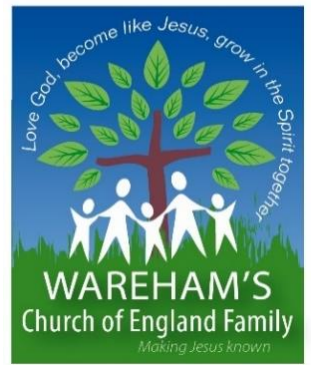


November Newsletter



Dear Friends,

Memory and our ability to remember is amazingly complex. It is incredible isn't it how a smell, a song, a picture, or even a single word, like a name, can trigger experiences, places, and people from our past? Just think of the sound of an alarm, a red poppy, or freshly cut grass! With such memories come a whole host of feelings and thoughts.

November, linked to so many occasions to remember, can be a bit of an emotional and thought-provoking roller coaster of a month. There's All Saints, on the 1st November, remembering people of faith from the past, All Souls, on the 2nd November, remembering loved ones who have died and Remembrance Sunday, this year on the 10th, remembering the sacrifice and suffering of so many people in past wars and ongoing conflicts. In addition to these dates, we have communal events such as Bonfire Night and many people will also be remembering times of individual and personal significance, such as birthdays, or anniversaries.



All of these occasions involve remembering consciously, or unconsciously, people, events, and experiences from the past and present. These contribute to our sense of identity as individuals, as communities and as a nation.

The world religions are big on remembering. Religious faith of all kinds, is based on remembering that there is something more to life than just this life. For Christians our whole Church year, not just November, is punctuated with festivals and services that encourage us to remember in a particular way, for example, the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Every time we celebrate Holy Communion, the Eucharist, for example, we remember Jesus' words:

Do this in remembrance of me ...

We are encouraged to remember, lest we forget, because remembering can influence our emotions, thoughts, and actions in the present and how we will act in the future. For example, on Remembrance Sunday we remember the cost of war, hopefully, to try and work harder for peace in the future and to help those who still suffer.

This November let us value the preciousness of being able to remember, the communal power of remembering and the opportunity to learn and change because we remember.

Remembering wars and conflicts across the world:

"... we pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world.

For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others - hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death."

*Hosam E. Naoum
Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem*

With every blessing,

Neil and Deborah

Team Vicars of Wareham's Family of Churches

News from the Ministry Team ...

Team Rector Vacancy Update

The advert for our new Team Rector appeared in the Church Times on 18th and 25th October and is available on the Salisbury Diocese website.

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/vacancies/clergy-vacancies/team-rector--wareham-team-ministry.php>

The Benefice Profile can also be viewed via the website. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to put this together.

Future dates are:

- 14th November – closing date for applications
- 19th November – short listing of candidates
- 2nd December – orientation day around the Benefice
- 3rd December – interviews

Please pray that people will apply and that the right person will be appointed.

Hilary Goodinge and Mike Quinlan, Parish Churchwardens

News from the Parish ...

Gift Day Sunday 24th November 2024

On the forthcoming Gift Day, we will seek to raise enough income to secure the work of the Parish in the coming year and see the Christian life of our churches thrive.



It is the responsibility of the Parish, of us all, to generate the income to cover the diocesan share which directly pays for our clergy. Ensuring we have the funds to fulfil this commitment is the focus of our fundraising call for this Gift Day.

Firstly, would you prayerfully review your regular giving to the church. This is a personal matter and each person's means will be different to the next, but the biblical principle of tithing is a good guide. The recent Church of England report 'Stewardship- Generosity Report' defines the tithe as giving 10% of monthly income after tax to charitable causes, which includes the church. The easiest way to give to the church is through the Parish Giving Scheme. There is information available in our churches and from the parish office, and help is available if you need it.

Secondly, please consider leaving a legacy to Wareham Parish in your Will. Leaving a legacy, large or small, will help us to continue our Christian mission and enable the people of Wareham Parish to worship and be supported by our five Churches long into the future. Having a will means you can determine exactly what you want to happen to your estate, and this could include a gift to the Church. Do remember that there may be tax benefits arising from gifts to charity. If you already have a will, it is possible to use a device called a 'codicil' to make a small change, without needing a new will.

A leaflet is available in our churches which explains how you can make a will. Thank you all for supporting God's work in our parish.

Diary of Events

Men's Breakfast – The next Men's breakfast is on **Saturday 2nd November 2024 at the Bear Hotel, South Street starting at 8.30am**. The guest speaker this month will be **BILL DAY** the choir master of Lady St Mary's church. Whether you are a regular at men's breakfasts, or have never been before, you are most welcome to come along. **Please contact the Parish Office no later than the Wednesday before to book your place, on 01929 550905 or email:**



parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk

Remembrance Sunday Services 10th November

We gather to remember all those who have died in war and conflict and pray for peace, in services across the Parish

- 10.10 am St John the Evangelist church, East Holme
- 10.45am The Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham
- 10.55 am Sandford St Martin Church, commencing first at the War memorial before moving into church



Going Deeper: Everyone welcome!



Do you want to deepen your faith, learn alongside others, and be encouraged in following Jesus Christ?

This month Going Deeper will be exploring
'The Tricky Bits of 1 Peter'

6pm Sunday 10th November at Sandford St Martin's Church

Led by Adrian Hale with a talk and reflection facilitated by Rob and Anna Richards

Ladies That Lunch and Pray: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th November

2024. Please bring a sandwich, and drinks will be provided, between 12.00 - 14.00pm. Please note that this will be held at the normal venue and any further information or RSVP please contact Elaine Orchard, Margaret Harris, or Debs at the Parish office Tel: 01929 550905 or parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk



Open House

On Thursday 28th November 2024 - 'Open House' at Sandford St Martin's Church at 2pm. 'Singalong' with time after for a cup of tea, chat, and a raffle for charity. All are most Welcome.



Special Events



Christmas Parish Bazaar

Saturday 30th November 2024
10.00am - 12 noon
in the Parish Hall

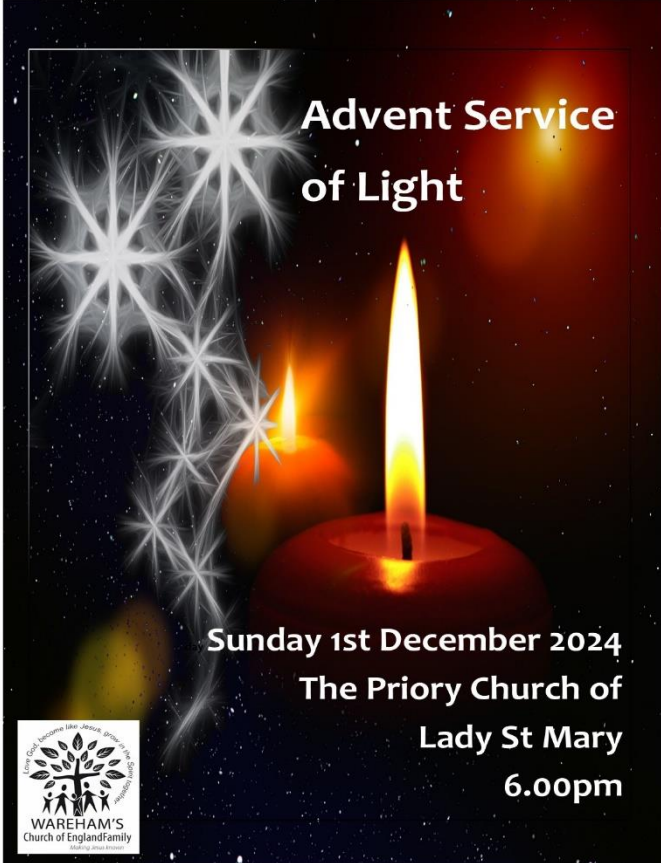
Are you looking to buy Christmas gifts!
Come and support this
Parish Fund Raising Event

Refreshments will be available
(But there will be limited seating)

And if you would like to book a table to sell
your crafts etc at this event please contact the
Parish Office Tel: 550905



Advent Service of Light

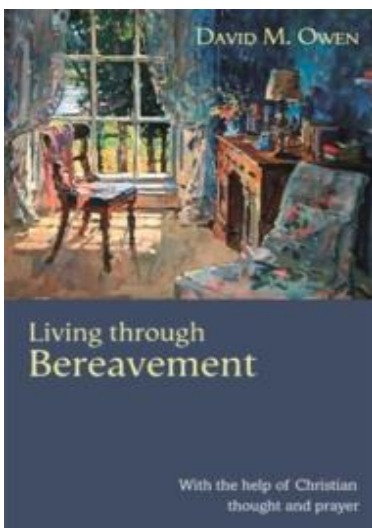


Sunday 1st December 2024
The Priory Church of
Lady St Mary
6.00pm



Reading for November and beyond ...

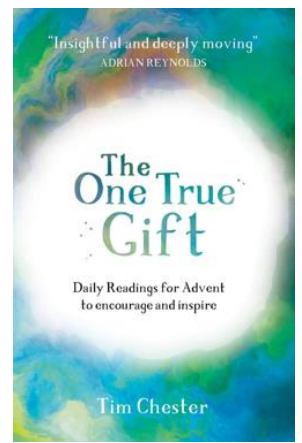
Living Through Bereavement – With the Help of Christian Thought And Prayer
By David M. Owen, SPCK 10.99



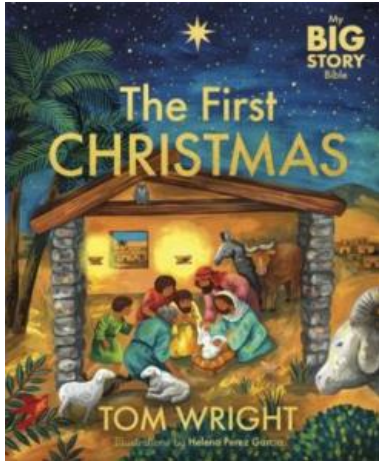
All of us are confronted by death at various times in our lives. Some bereavements are particularly devastating – we may have been very close to the one who has died, or death has come suddenly, unnaturally or even violently.

This anthology of quotations is divided into two sections. The first contains material on the Bible's teaching on life after death; the concept of the soul; the need to face the truth of our own mortality; living to the full; untimely death; suicide; death as the result of disaster and of war. The second focuses on solace in grief; the comfort of Christ; our hope of life in heaven; being reunited with those we love, and the great communion of saints.

Advent devotional book. "The One True Gift" by Tim Chester has Daily Readings from Philippians for reflection prayer and application. Available from the Church Bookstall or direct from Jeannette Guinness, for the special offer of £4.50 rather than £8.99!



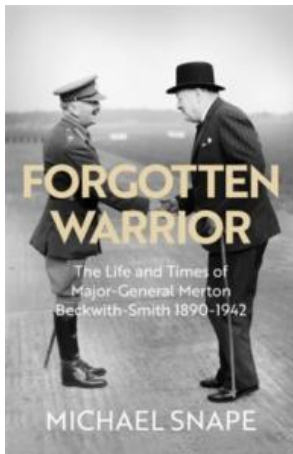
My Big Story Bible: The First Christmas
By Tom Wright, SPCK £9.99



The world-changing events of the nativity are accompanied by stunning and richly detailed illustrations. This book is a beautiful gift to share with children and to introduce them to the miracle of the first Christmas.

Tom Wright writes for younger children, aged 4-6 years, for the first time. The book is part of Tom Wright's bestselling *My Big Story Bible series*.

Forgotten Warrior – The Life and Times of Major-General Merton Beckwith-Smith 1890-1942 By Michael Snape, SPCK £19.99



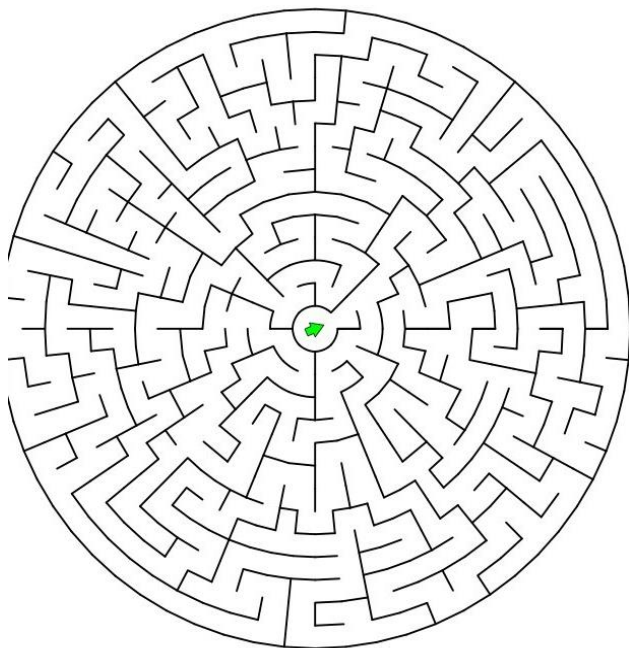
This is a biography of the most senior English soldier to die in a prisoner of war camp during the Second World War, revealing the courage, faith and fortitude of an unjustly forgotten hero of the British army.

Major-General Merton Beckwith-Smith DSO, MC commanded the British 18th Division during the catastrophic Fall of Singapore in February 1942. A much-decorated veteran of the First World War, he was captured along with tens of thousands of other soldiers – British, Indian, Australian, and Malay – who were then held prisoner on Singapore Island.

Amidst hunger, disease and widespread despair in Changi, over the next six months he rallied the spirits of his soldiers, created a make-shift university and theatre, and helped to inspire a remarkable renewal of collective church life. At the same time, he improved conditions for hospital patients and encouraged sports and other recreations.

While the fate of many of the men he led was to die on the infamous Burma Railway, Beckwith-Smith was exiled to Karenko Camp, Formosa (present-day Taiwan), where, mistreated and malnourished, he died of diphtheria and heart failure on 11 November 1942.

Puzzle Section



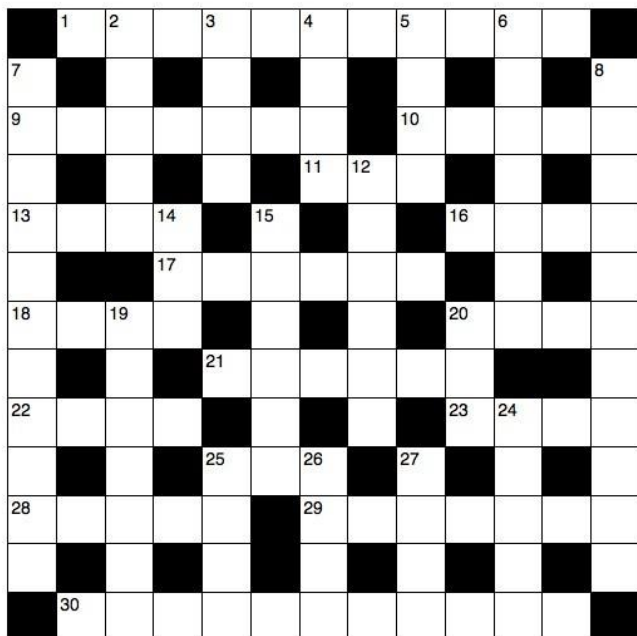
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Sudoku

Crossword



- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Clues Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)

Clues Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No —, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always —, nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1–2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)

- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

Contact information!

Parish Office opening times

The Parish Office will now be open to answer all face-to-face enquiries, telephone and email enquiries **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** 9am to 1pm. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.



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