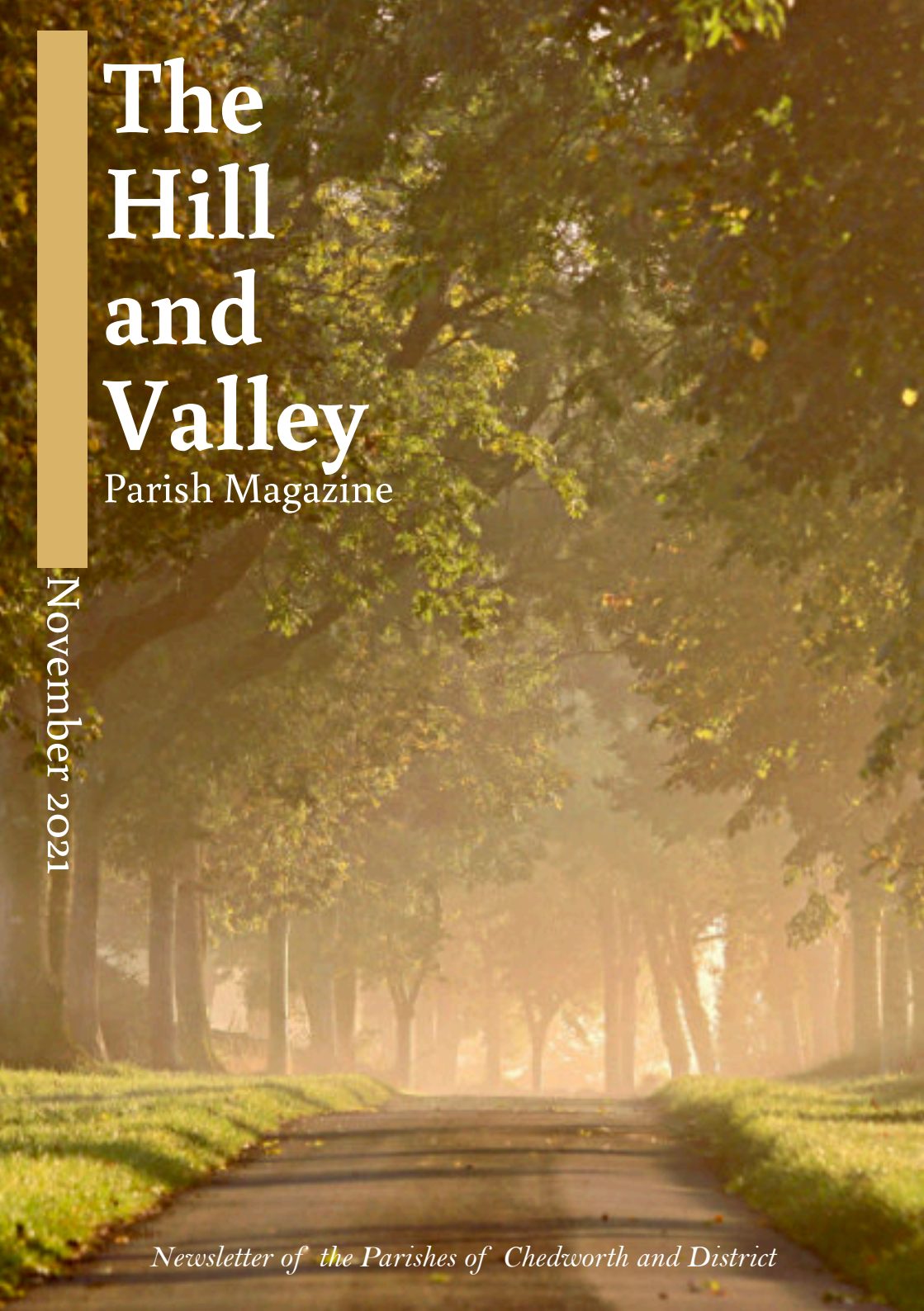




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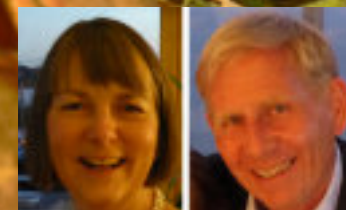
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Sue & Iain Robertson
Coordinators for this edition

Stephen's Letter

World at War

"Jesus said, 'You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.'" Matt 24v6

The two terrible world wars of the 20th century have largely receded into history. Last year, we marked the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2 and the numbers of veterans of that war are dwindling. But if we truly wish to honour the memory of those who died defending our freedoms in the past, we should pay proper attention to the threat of conflict, and its impact on human society today.

Just because there hasn't been a world war in over fifty years doesn't mean that war is no longer a world problem. Jesus' words from St Matthew's Gospel remind us that there will be wars, and rumours of wars, in the world until the end of human history. The tragedy of war is something that we will always have to live with, one way or another.

But the nature of war is changing. These days, many powers – for example, China and Russia – perpetrate "competition" and "micro-aggression" which are troublesome for international relations, but which are below the threshold for all-out war. And the chilling prospect of autonomous weapons brings the possibility of war without frontiers –

and maybe even war lacking in responsibility.

These developments should alarm us – but, on a Christian analysis of the world as imperfect and sinful, they really shouldn't surprise us. And while the wars of today may not involve the sacrifice and privations of the previous world wars for us as British citizens, we are involved due to the simple fact that we all live together in this troubled world and that, in this global village, we don't have to go too far to see the effects of these wars.

We may not think we can do anything as individuals. But we always can. We can pray for the areas of conflict around the world, and we can contribute to humanitarian aid in those places. If we want, we can vote for a political party which we are confident will act responsibly on the world stage. And we can be peacemakers and mediators in our own families and communities. Do join us for our annual Service of Remembrance on 14th November as we honour those who have served our country in the past and pray that we might uphold the peace in the future.

With every good wish,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for November 2021

Sunday 7th November

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Sunday

Service of Remembrance

10.45 am - Chedworth

Communion for World Peace

6 pm – Coln Rogers

Sunday 21st November

Holy Communion

9 am - Yanworth

Family Service

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 28th November – Advent Sunday

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Chedworth

Advent Carol Service

6 pm – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 5th December

Family Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Remembrance Sunday – 14th November

Please do join us for our Annual **Service of Remembrance** at **10.45 am** on Sunday 14th November at **St Andrew's Church, Chedworth**. As ever, we will be joined by members of the Chedworth & District Royal British Legion and members of uniformed organisations. The RBL will be hosting a curry lunch after the service – see separate notice.

Advent Carol Service – 28th November

Our **Advent Carol Service** this year will take place on at **6 pm** on **Sunday 28th November** at **Coln St Dennis**. Please join us if you can for the special seasonal service.

Supporting Our Parish Churches

I am very grateful for the support and goodwill of all our parishioners – not just regular church attenders – for our parish churches in this Benefice. These are not easy times for rural churches. As well as the ongoing running costs of Grade 1 listed buildings, the Church of England's current focus is on "resource churches", Fresh Expressions, and widescale pastoral reorganisation. While new forms of church are undoubtedly important for the church's overall ministry in this country, they do mean that rural churches are rather unfashionable in the Church of England at present.

But here in the Hill & Valley Parishes, we believe that the love of God for all

Church Briefing

people, and the presence of God in a local community, begins and ends with the local parish church - the building and the people. And we cannot take this for granted.

What can you do? If you live in Chedworth, please join the **Friends of St Andrew's (FoStA)** (<https://chedworth.org.uk/church/friends-of-st-andrews-fosta/>), which supports the life and work of St Andrew's Church, Chedworth. Since Chedworth is a hub for church life in the other two parishes, supporting Chedworth church is beneficial for the whole of our benefice. And if you live in the Valley or Yanworth & Stowell, do support our fund-raising initiatives there, and help at any fundraising events or activities if you can.

Chedworth Community Land Charity

The Chedworth Community Land Charity is a charity whose objective is to provide assistance to people in Chedworth parish facing particular urgent health or welfare needs or financial hardship. The Trustees consist of the Rector and two Parish Council nominees. The Chedworth Community Land Charity has helped various parishioners over the last few years and is able to respond rapidly to any urgent financial needs.

While (hopefully) the COVID lockdowns are at an end, the economic impact of COVID on businesses will

be felt for a while yet, and together with rising energy prices, this may make this autumn and winter a difficult time for ordinary families. But there is help if you need it. To find out more or to apply, please contact Rev'd Dr Stephen Goundrey-Smith (720392) or Bryan Bowley (720369). All applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

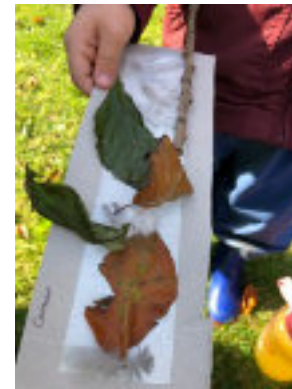
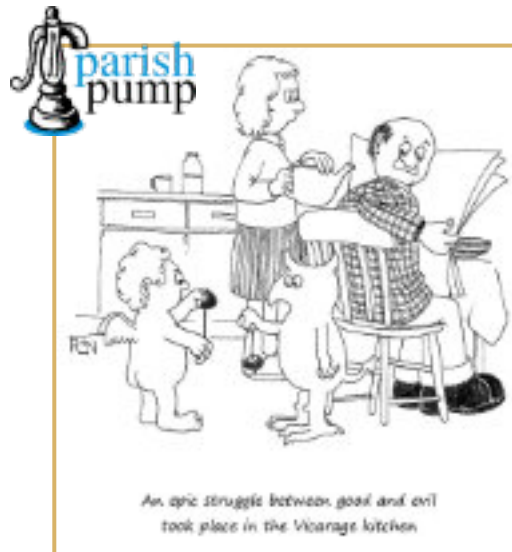
From the Registers

Marriages

"Let us love one another for love comes from God". 1 John 4v.7

Christopher Miles & Holly Jones – St Andrew's Church, Chedworth – 2nd October.

Thomas Parkes & Sarah Walker – St Andrew's Church, Chedworth – 8th October.



Autumn has been the big theme with our children's choice of play inspired learning, we are so fortunate to have such beautiful surroundings

to share with our children! We have been looking at the colours of the leaves along with watching squirrels collecting Walnuts from the tree within the play area at the Village Hall whilst we sit eating our morning snack! Along with making Blackberry playdough using the Blackberries collected during a walk!

Within our weekly Forest School sessions, the children have created their own pictures using 'treasures' found along with exploring the wind with the



help of streamers and bubbles! Not to mention the all-important bug hunts that continuously take place - great news that we have discovered "Trevor" the Toad living in our pond, the children take great delight in spotting him and watching him!

An enormous thank you to everyone who was involved with or supported our Wing Walk fundraiser - I will update you next month as to how our 45th Celebrations went!! If you wish to donate, please do pop by and see us!

I am also delighted to say that our popular Christmas Fayre will return once again this year! With lots of small local businesses selling their unique wares for loved ones Christmas presents along with treating yourself with a cup of tea and slice of cake, do join us at Chedworth Village Hall on Saturday 27th November.



Sarah Smith

For more information please take a look at our website

www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk

Contact Sarah on 07840 370220 or email chedworthpreschool@gmail.com to arrange a visit!

Dates for Your Diary

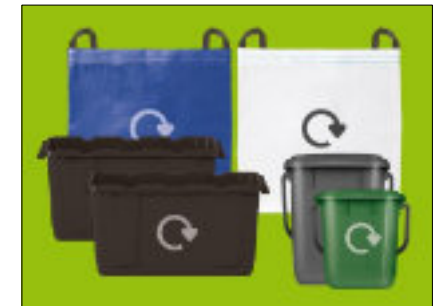
Date	Time	Event	Venue
01-Nov	10:00-13:00	Pop Up Cafe	Chedworth Village Hall
03-Nov		St Andrews School Open Morning	St Andrews School
05-Nov	18:30	Bonfire, Fireworks & BBQ	Yanworth Village Hall
05-Nov	18:30	Cotswold Festival of Music - Musical Fireworks	Northleach Church
08-Nov	10:00-13:00	Pop Up Cafe	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Nov	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Nov	19:15	WI AGM & Supper Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Nov	11:00	RBL Wreath Laying	Pancake Hill War Memorial
12-Nov	19:30	Back Row Club showing the film "The Father"	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Nov	19:30	Bertie Pearce - Magician, in aid of FoStA	Chedworth Village Hall
14-Nov	10:35	Chedworth Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service	Tuns Hill & St Andrew's Church
14-Nov	12:30	Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch	Chedworth Village Hall
15-Nov	10:00-13:00	Pop Up Cafe	Chedworth Village Hall
19-Nov	19:00	Hill & Valley Tennis Club AGM & Supper	Seven Tuns
20-Nov		Chedworth Climate Action Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
22-Nov	10:00-13:00	Pop Up Cafe	Chedworth Village Hall
24-Nov	19:30	Chedworth & District Horticultural Society AGM	Seven Tuns
27-Nov	11:30-14:30	Chedworth Pre-School Christmas Fair	Chedworth Village Hall
29-Nov	10:00-13:00	Pop Up Cafe	Chedworth Village Hall
03-Dec	19:30	Murder Mystery Dinner presented by Chedworth Drama	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Dec	19:15	WI meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Dec	19:30	Back Row Club showing the film "The Last Bus"	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Dec	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
12-Jan	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
14-Jan	19:30	Back Row Club showing the film "The Courier"	Chedworth Village Hall
15-Jan	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - AIR in G "Noble Jacks" (music)	Chedworth Village Hall
09-Feb	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Feb	19:30	Back Row Club showing the film "Nomadland"	Chedworth Village Hall
17-Feb	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - NT Live screening - tbc	Chedworth Village Hall
25-Feb	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - AIR in G "Moscow Drug Club" (music)	Chedworth Village Hall
09-Mar	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
17-Mar	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - NT Live screening - tbc	Chedworth Village Hall

See www.hillandvalley.co.uk for more details of events

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Including glass, paper, mixed recycling, cardboard, garden waste, non-recyclable waste, food waste



Chedworth Area, Fossebridge, Yanworth

Tuesday	2	Nov
Tuesday	16	Nov
Tuesday	30	Nov
Tuesday	14	Dec
Tuesday	28	Dec

Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Friday	12	Nov
Friday	26	Nov
Friday	10	Dec
Friday	24	Dec

Turn your event into an occasion at

Chedworth Village Hall

Visit our website for full details including making booking enquiries

chedworthvillagehall.co.uk

St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



Autumn Term



We have had a wonderful start to term and have enjoyed opening up and allowing parents back into school. We held a Harvest Festival service in October, during which we collected a huge amount of food for our local foodbank. Children read poems such as: 'The Cotswold Farmers' and 'Field of Autumn' by Laurie Lee.

We were incredibly honoured to also be joined by some local farmers and



by local artist, Mr Ray Hedger. Mr Hedger bought his amazing art work to show our families and children and the Year 5 & 6 pupils have been enjoying looking at his wood carvings, which are then used to print beautiful Cotswold landscapes.

Year 5 & 6 have been on a trip to Toddington and had a wonderful time bringing their history lessons to life. Year 1 & 2, walked to Chedworth Roman Villa and explored the remains there, practicing their sketching skills while drawing baths and mosaics. Year 3&4 have also been learning about local history



and went to the Corinium Museum to find out more about how are local area was impacted by the Roman period.

Community



The school is planning to hold a Science Week in March (14th). We are really grateful to some parents in our parent body, who will be supporting us with this. If there is anyone in the local community who has any interests or skills related to any area of Science, we would love to hear from you. Please email our Science

coordinator,
vbrosch@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk



Meet the Staff!

Name: **Mrs Katy Roberts**

Role: Year 5&6 Class Teacher

I joined St Andrew's C of E in September 2019 and have taught in Year 1,2,3,5 and 6. I enjoy the varied curriculum and seeing the successes

of the children. I have a real passion for reading and love giving book recommendations to the children in school.

Chedworth is such a wonderful village and I have loved getting to know some local faces and families during my time here. I have lived in the Cheltenham area for many years now and

I have 2 children of my own, who attend Balcarras School.

Open Morning

Our normal open morning is on Wednesday 3rd November, but we are asking families to email school directly to book an appointment to come at a mutually convenient time.

*Mrs N Smith
Headteacher*



Planning

The Parish Council is asked to comment on all planning applications by CDC. At every PC Meeting we provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment on planning or indeed any other matters for a nominal 10 minutes at the beginning of the meeting. We try to identify matters of concern and if the item is on the agenda we invite members of the public to speak to that item and bring it forward on the agenda for Councillors to make a decision while the comments are still fresh in our minds. In return we do ask that when the public session ends the public refrain from engaging with Councillors as they debate the nature of their response. This seemed to work very well at the October meeting, albeit the

ten minutes stretched to something like half an hour.

The Parish Council considered an application for fine dining pods at Manor Farm at the October meeting. A large number of residents attended and the majority were opposed to the application. The PC responded by registering their objection with CDC on the grounds of an adverse effect on the Conservation Area and the Grade One Listed church, by virtue of its siting on the skyline; and the effect on the Conservation Area of the lighting of the structure, and the potential effect on the tranquility of the Conservation Area caused by the proposed ambient music.

The PC was also concerned about the massing and loss of views through the site at Fair Haven, Fields Road and the cumulative effect of this work together with the proposed development of two houses on the adjacent Normannia site.

The PC had no objection to changes at The Vineyard or the new Tennis Court at Hartshill.

An application to build 9 houses on the site of the former Farm Shop at Denfurlong Farm was lodged with CDC too late for our October meeting and the Parish Council will be composing their response at our next meeting at the Village Hall on 8th November commencing at 7.30pm.

Councillors

David Broad (Chairman)	01285 720313
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George Broad	01285 720313
Tony Kingsley	01285 720743
Alan McLellan	01285 720642
Ian Morgan	01285 720885
Jeremy Theyer	07765 007129

To contact the Council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad (chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk), or call her on 720313, or get in touch with any of the councillors directly.

For more information check out our website chedworthpc.org.uk

Notice Board

The Council is keen to hear from anyone who can help with refurbishing the lower end notice board whether on a voluntary or professional basis. The board appears structurally sound but the cork tiled surface is breaking away and an alternative solution for the pin board is required. Please contact the clerk at clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk if you can help.

Dog Mess

The problems of dog mess on the playing field continue. We need everyone to support us in trying to end some individuals practice of allowing their dogs to foul the field and not clear it up. It is dangerous to children and quite unacceptable. The alternative will be a complete ban on dogs on the field, a draconian solution but much easier to enforce than a poo ban.

Storage Shed

The Storage shed project is now moving ahead with the base completed at the time of writing and the Council is trying to get the shed supplier to



Know what to do

The town's fire prevention officer was conducting a health and safety course at the local church. The officer said to the minister: "Now imagine this: it is a Sunday morning, and you have a

bring the delivery date forward. It is quite possible it may be in place by the time you read this. Many thanks to Tony Kingsley for his unstinting efforts to progress this project.

Salt Bins

The Council installed a large number of salt bins a few years ago and as far as we are aware they have been refilled ready for winter by the County Council.

If your bin has not been refilled could you please let us know at clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk giving clear directions and our Winter Emergency team led by Alan McLellan will ensure they are filled ready for the bad weather if it comes.

*David Broad
Chairman*



number of people, spread throughout your church building. Some are in the choir stalls, some are in the kitchen, and some are in the nave. Suddenly, a big fire breaks out. What are the first steps you would take?"

The minister thought carefully for a moment. "Really big ones," he said.

Your Gardening Tips for Nov 2021



It has been a strange year for fruit trees in particular. Some trees have produced plenty of fruit but some have been completely bare of fruit. Is this something that we should be alert to in the future. It is time to put the garden to bed for the winter.

- Feed and provide water for your garden birds and keep some wood and leaf piles for the hedgehogs.
- Continue to clear up fallen leaves from lawns and borders regularly to make compost. Best shredded through the mower or blower/shredder to help break down the leaf structure and add manure!
- Cover brassicas against pigeon attack, but be ready to lift the netting if snow is forecast!
- If you are not clamp storing root vegetables for the winter, keep some in the ground as parsnips especially improve with frosting.
- Insulate vulnerable plants in outdoor containers with fleece, hessian or bubble wrap.
- If not already done, tie grease bands around trunks of fruit trees against winter moth damage.
- Prune roses to prevent wind-rock, and clear away fallen leaves to prevent black spot.
- Plant tulips, and this your last chance to plant winter bedding plants such as wallflowers, forget-me-nots, primulas and pansies.
- Keep weeds in check. Mulch with compost, and where space allows, cover the ground with a membrane to suppress weeds. Check for slug eggs.
- Cut down faded herbaceous perennials and ornamental grasses. This still time to lift and divide overgrown clumps of herbaceous perennials.
- Lift and store pelargoniums, dahlias, cannas and tuberous bedding begonias.
- Mature dahlias can be left to overwinter in the ground as long as temperatures do not fall too far below freezing point. Cut down to the base this month and protect well with a thick layer of mulch.
- Still time in early November, to sow broad beans, winter lettuce, garlic, onions and spinach for early cropping next year. Plant winter lettuce in your used grow bags in the greenhouse.
- Plant bare rooted raspberry canes, either summer or autumn fruiting varieties, from now until February
- Divide rhubarb plants once dormant.
- Prune apple and pear trees over the winter until February, but leave plum trees until the summer to avoid silver leaf fungus attack.

- Deciduous hedging can be planted bare rooted, throughout the winter, but best when the soil is not too hard. Guard against squirrels and deer gnawing the bark.
- This a good time to plant roses, avoiding areas where roses have previously grown.
- Shrubs normally pruned hard in the spring, such as Buddleja, Cornus and Lavatera, can be cut back by half, to prevent wind rock and neaten their appearance.
- If lawns need to be mowed, set the cutter 1.5 inches above the ground to avoid stressing the grass. After the final mow, clean and dry the mower and drain the fuel because it will go sour. Service the mower!
- Clean out water butts, as they will soon fill up again, but be careful to drain any with taps if deep freezing weather is forecast, to avoid the tap joint cracking.
- Do not apply fertiliser in the garden as will not be taken up by plants.
- Cover temporarily unused ground with a membrane or black polythene to prevent nutrients being washed away and rogue seeds settling to germinate.
- If you want to pack a container/pot with plants for winter interest make sure that you use a heavy stoneware pot which will be more stable than a light plastic one. A Cornus can be placed centrally surrounded by ivy and pansies.
- Hopefully all those who wanted it have had enough 'HORTSOC' compost to last until the spring when another delivery will be ordered.

*Simon Colbeck
Chairman*

Chedworth & District HORTSOC

CHEDWORTH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY FOUNDED IN 1880

HORTSOC AGM
Wednesday 24 November 2021
at 7.30pm
At the Seven Tuns

Please can those wishing to attend the meeting
let Jane Spooner (Hon Sec) know by Friday 19 November.

Tel: 01285 720788 email : jane@pancakehill.com

Mr SJT Colbeck, Chairman

On Wednesday 13th October over 30 members enjoyed a lively evening in the village hall. It was good to meet 3 visitors and hopefully they will return; the first 2 visits are free.

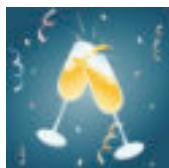
After a busy business meeting the President introduced the speaker, Doug Eyre.

His subject was on his lifestyle as a caricaturist artist. He explained that he realised that he had a pictorial brain and was able to draw it as an artistic character sketch. His easy relaxed wit took us through many anecdotes and character sketches of John Sargent, Sean Connery and Lionel Blair. The last clever sketch was of a girl dressed as a cancan dancer and Doug completed the entertainment with a small object taken from his pocket, which happened to be a tiny

harmonica, and he played a happy tune to the delight of us all.

Doug's stories were fun and as his talk was our first live one for nearly 2 years, it was great way to celebrate our return to speaker meetings.

Our busy evening was completed with a celebration for one of our member's imminent 80th birthday. Although still 79 that evening, we drank a toast to our very special Chedworth WI member.



Our next meeting is our AGM and supper on 10th November at 7.15pm in Chedworth village hall.

Carol Bailey

FoSTA Christmas Cards



Christmas Cards

Christmas kneelers in St. Andrew's Church

Sold in aid of Friends of St. Andrew's church

Pack of 10 cards and envelopes £5

Contact Sue Callard 01285 720468
suecallard324@btinternet.com

Chedworth Back Row Club



become essential following Anne's decision to move to Paris with her partner.

As Anne's father tries to make sense of his changing circumstances, he begins to doubt his loved ones, his own mind and even the fabric of his reality.

With superb performances from Hopkins and Colman in particular, the film is

poignant, powerful and mesmerising.

The Chedworth Back Row Club at the Village Hall presents "The Father"

12 November 2021

7.30 pm Chedworth Village Hall
Doors and Bar open 7.00 pm.

Half time choc ices as usual!

In an Academy Award winning performance, Anthony Hopkins plays Anthony, in the eponymous role of a mischievous and highly independent man who, as he ages, refuses all assistance from his daughter Anne (Olivia Colman). Yet such help has

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE OF £15 FOR 2022 CAN BE PAID FROM THIS MONTH.

Future Films

It is planned to show the following films over the next three months and 'No Time to Die' as soon as the DVD is released.

10 December 2021 - The Last Bus
14 January 2022 - The Courier
11 February 2022 - Nomadland



Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch



14 November 2021
Chedworth Village Hall
12.30 pm

Sponsored by Chedworth & District RBL

Curry and pudding provided by Claire Booth
(Vegetarian available)

Tickets £15 per head, and the bar will be open
Everyone is welcome to join us for a curry

Payment for the meal can be taken on the door,
or by bank transfer, but to gauge numbers for catering,
please book your meal(s) with Simon Colbeck by 9th November.
to: simoncolbeck@msn.com or Tel : 01285 720146

Bank details : Sort Code: 30-92-06 Account No: 00038677
Please use reference 'RBL Curry and your Surname'



Royal British Legion

Wreath Laying, Pancake Hill
11 November 2021



Simon Colbeck will be laying a wreath
at the Pancake Hill War Memorial at
11.00 am on Thursday 11 November.
Everyone is welcome to attend this
short dedication.

Chedworth Remembrance
Sunday Parade & Service
14 November 2021

For those who wish to march to
church, there will be a short parade
and march from the top of Tuns Hill
to Church Row below the St Andrews
Church. Move off at 10.35am in time
to be seated in church by 10.45am.

Simon Colbeck



Steven
Devine and
Robin
Bigwood on
double

Enjoy an evening of Musical
Fireworks at 6.30pm on Friday
November 5th.

Imagine it's 1723 and Bach has just
arrived in Leipzig to the world-
renowned and best-appointed
Kaffehaus.

Just for one night, Café Zimmermann
will be recreated in the glorious
setting of the Cathedral of the
Cotswolds - Northleach Church. It
will be an intimate evening featuring

harpichords with the Devine
Musique Baroque Ensemble, in a
programme which includes Bach,
Telemann and Handel's Music for the
Royal Fireworks.

Small tables and chairs will be set
around two harpichords, in the
centre of the Church, with coffee and
wine available to purchase. Tickets
£25 Premium, £20 Standard and £10
Students and under 18s, available at
[thelittleboxoffice.com/
cotswoldfestivalofmusic/](http://thelittleboxoffice.com/cotswoldfestivalofmusic/)

Dinner and a Death



Chedworth Drama Presents

Add a little spice with a Death over Dinner!

**Coming to Chedworth Village Hall,
Friday 3rd December 2021**

**Chedworth Drama presents a
Murder Mystery evening.**

Bar opens at 7:00pm for Dinner at 8:00pm, with Claire Booth catering.

Best costume prize

£20 per head, tickets available online and in advance only (we have to plan the catering)

Guests will be assigned to tables and each table will work together to solve the murder.

Chedworth Drama will provide the characters (suspects) and scripted answers to specific questions that are set out on the tables. The rest is ad lib and up to you.

A great way to start your Christmas season, and a chance to dress up and show off your sleuthing skills.

<https://www.chedworthdrama.co.uk/blog>. Full details will follow soon, together with menu options and payment methods.



A Magical Evening with Bertie Pearce

A Magical Evening with Bertie Pearce

(a Member of The Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star)

He has performed all over the world in weird and wonderful places including: The Magic Castle in Hollywood; The Kulm Hotel in St Moritz and The Bertie and Boo Cafe in Balham, London.

**Come and be amazed at
Chedworth Village Hall on Saturday
13th November 2021 at 7.30pm**



Tickets £15 under 16yrs £10 available from :-

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John Hubbard Retires

John Hubbard's retirement do at The Seven Tuns

After 20 years of being the postman to much of Chedworth unfortunately John has retired.

When we moved to Chedworth 15 years ago with our newborn baby it was so lovely when John arrived with the post the next day – he welcomed me to the village and offered his help if I needed anything.

Over the years he has seen our children grow up, watched me renovate the house and generally been part of our lives. Even our dog looked forward to his cheery arrival although that might have been due to the dog treat!

A post on Nextdoor for him quickly snowballed into arranging a leaving do for him as so many people wanted to say goodbye and express their thanks. There were numerous Nextdoor posts commenting on his cheerful friendly manner and how much he had helped

villagers in practical ways also.

Around 60 people were able to attend the leaving do at the Seven Tuns. Some people who were working still popped into the pub to say goodbye as he had been such a significant part of their lives.

John seemed very touched and grateful – he was pleased to talk to everyone individually.

We welcome his cousin as his successor in Chedworth and I hope that John enjoys his retirement. Thank you to the Seven Tuns for your support to Chedworth community and lovely cake!

Vanessa Sissons



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CLUB NEWS

Our Winter Membership runs until the end of February. If you would like to come along to one of our sessions to get a feel for the club before joining then please get in touch with our Membership Secretary, Caroline Baker, 07733 322176 carolinebaker75@gmail.com.

AGM

Our AGM is on Friday, November 19th and all are invited. We will be having a two-course supper in the Seven Tuns beforehand at 7pm, £20 per head please email for the menu and to book hillandvalleylta@gmail.com

AFTER SCHOOL COACHING

After school coaching with David Ayala on Wednesdays for children aged 4-18yrs a new 6 week block starts on Nov 3rd. <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Coaching>



MONTHLY CLINICS

Coaching for adults and matchplay for juniors with Tom Wyman see website for details and next dates.



EASY FUNDRAISING

This is a really easy way to help raise funds for the club so please sign up, info is on the home page of the website Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site; it is a free way for UK schools, charities, sports clubs, community groups and any other good causes to raise money.

Please connect with us on social media to keep updated on the latest information.



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Robert Baker
Chairman

Chedworth Climate Action

The new Chedworth Climate Action Group.

By the time this is published, the first signs of progress from COP 26 (the 26th meeting of the Conference of Parties) will have been scrutinised by the press, politicians, scientists and activists. The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) sixth assessment reveals that “Climate change is widespread, rapid, and intensifying”, and states that the current decade is the most vital period for climate action. A decade may feel like a long time, but it is only 0.0000002% of the earth’s lifetime. As a result, the outcomes of COP26 will be critical to our success as a civilised population of the earth. At the national level, democratically elected leaders are relied on to complete the more difficult, macro-strategy for how we reach our net-zero goals.

**How to
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Europe, as a block of countries, is the fourth highest carbon emitter after China, the US and India. Consequently, we cannot solely look to those that are higher polluting as the problem without setting an example ourselves. Action at all levels is, therefore, beneficial. More and more people

are feeling inclined to act on the individual level, often through

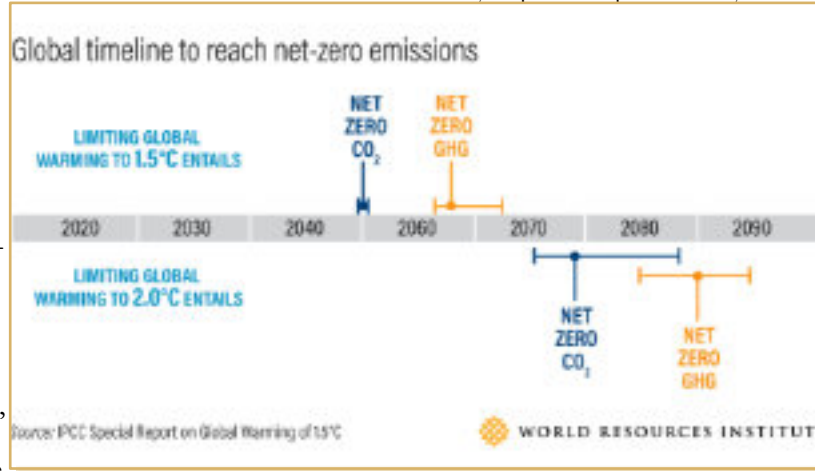
changes to daily lives, altering diet, switching energy supplier, and reducing flights to name a few. Pooling this individual action together in the form of a community is a great platform for support and knowledge sharing.

The widespread concern about the

state of the planet and how to reach our net-zero targets has spread to the Cotswolds. Enough people have raised concern in the Hill and Valley parish that Iain Robertson, Hugh Blackwell, Matt Fulford and myself have

decided to launch the Chedworth Climate Action group. Many will have been supporters of the previous group (CHEG - Chedworth Environment Group) and the core values will be consistent; to reduce the carbon footprint of the Parish and encourage sustainable living, to conserve and enhance the biodiversity and landscape of the Parish. However, a lot has

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changed since then in terms of technologies, methods, cost and urgency.

We notice that accessing information on what options for action are available is not necessarily straightforward, due to the high volume of material and opinions available. Consequently, we will be hosting an initial public meeting on **Saturday 20th November** and we are looking to the community for areas of concern to help direct how the group moves forward. Some topics mentioned have been; building efficiency, heating methods, community energy, community car share, and financing. We will also be joined by industry experts to present key issues

around heating and insulating homes, and grants and loans that are available. In our area, buildings are not always easy to retrofit and so many people are put off at the initial stages. The meeting, therefore, will be a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about ways to reduce CO2 emissions from our homes.

There are many barriers to climate engagement, the two biggest being cost and

social acceptance, but we believe that

things are changing. It is more and more the case that people want to be part of the green transition, but struggle to find ways to do so. People have great intentions, but subconsciously become passive because action is more difficult. Our community group will serve as a facilitator for action and change. The community has already achieved a great landmark with the Chedworth Primary School going carbon neutral and it is our goal to build upon this success. Feeling pride towards the community’s green agenda is essential to its success and we want to extend this to everyone. The group and meeting are open to all and we welcome contributions in any form.

We look forward to welcoming you and discussing all topics you may have questions on.

*Freddie Baker,
Iain Robertson,
Hugh Blackwell,
Matt Fulford*

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TRANSITION
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Wine Column

Hello Wine Friends,

November is here and I find our fireplace has already had nightly fires for almost a month. Perfect time to dip into hearty stews and red wines to warm the body and soul. But, in our house, no matter how chilly it is, I still find myself opening a bottle of sparkling wine a couple days a week. We have been trying Sparkling Wines from England and it has been such a treat. There are very few bottlings in the US so I have found some new favourites! I thought it may be a proper time to chat about it with the holidays just weeks away.

English Wine Facts:

Planted area: 3,800ha under vine.

98% of the plantings are in England

Wine production: 8.7million bottles were produced in 2020

How many vineyards/wineries are there? Around 800 vineyards and 170+ wineries

Main growing areas: South East (61%), Wessex (12%) and East Anglia



(10%) are the top three growing regions.

Main grape varieties: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier and Bacchus account for over 80% of all plantings.

Styles: Sparkling Wine bubbles in at over 60% of what the UK produces and the rest of the world has noticed. High profile Champagne houses in France have been investing in the English countryside by quietly purchasing large quantities of hectares, Taittinger being one of the largest.



English sparkling wine is made the same way as Champagne, a process that takes between 15 months and two years and 'English Sparkling Wine' is a protected term and can only be used on products where certain viticulture and wine making standards have been met.

English Sparkling Wine has already proven its quality potential and has won in blind competitions with wine from Champagne and other wine growing regions of the world. As the world continues to find out about English Sparkling, the technology will improve, and quality and consistency will follow. Also, with climate change tugging at our heels, we will continue to see growth in the English Wine industry as conditions are better for growing grapes.

My favourite Bottles of English Wine

The Wine: Deer Park Wines Bacchus (English Still White Wine)
The Grapes: Bacchus

The Wine: Woodchester Valley Classic Cuvee (English Sparkling)
The Grape: Mostly Pinot Noir

The Wine: Kits Coty Blanc de Blanc (English Sparkling)
The Grape: Chardonnay

The Wine: Busi Jacobson (English Sparkling)
The Grape: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier
They make a Sparkling and a Sparkling Rose – both delicious
So buy local and pick up some English Sparkling Wine! Some people think that sparkling wine is only for celebrations – but I think a Tuesday night, a fire and living in the Cotswolds is the perfect thing to help with “researching” the perfect English wine, you can reach me at cotswoldswineadventure@gmail.com.
I look forward to meeting you and being a part of this community.

Amber Minha



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Seasonal Wild Flowers - Bramble

Bramble - *Rubus fruticosus*

is a member of the rose family and is also known as blackberry. It is of prehistoric origin, blackberry seeds have been found in the stomach of a Neolithic man dug up at Walton-on-the-Maze, Essex. The name Bramble comes from the Germanic word "*brom*" which means "thorny shrub". It is one of the most familiar "free foods" of our hedgerows. John Gerard, the English herbalist (1545-1612) said "*The bramble growth for the most part in every hedge and bush*".

Over 2,000 varieties have been recorded, this is because bramble can produce seed without pollination, so new seed carries mutations, leading to the production of new species; as a result the brambles in one area often look rather different from those of another areas. As brambles are eaten by birds and mammals, the seeds can spread widely over a large area.

Bramble flowers between May to October, producing beautiful white to deep pink flowers. It is an abundant and familiar thorny scrub that colonises freely especially on acid soils which are not grazed or mown. It is found throughout the British Isles. It is a vigorous and vibrant plant that grows up to 12 feet high and forces its way through hedgerows, often overhanging paths and roads and forming a hazard to travellers. The long, arching stems of brambles were once known as "lawyers" because of the trouble you



have in escaping if you happen to fall into their clutches. Where stems arch to the ground they take root at the tip to form thickets. The thorns are formidable and I recall being driven around a farm in a land drover and

finding an old ewe with a heavy fleece firmly caught in a bramble thicket. Fortunately the farmer carried a pair of secateurs and after a few minutes the ewe was released. The ancient Britons used the thorny stems of brambles as a boundary or barrier, in the way that we use barbed wire.

Bramble flowers are a good nectar source for insects, including butterflies and moths and are a home for the shield bug. Blackberries are an important food source for birds and mammals during the autumn. Examination of the droppings, especially of badgers and foxes confirm that blackberries are consumed in large quantities. The leaves are eaten by certain caterpillars as well as some grazing animals, especially deer. Brambles are a habitat for animals, including grass snakes and are important for their conservation and wildlife value. Companion species include hawthorn, blackthorn, elder and travellers joy.

One of the joys of autumn is to go blackberrying on a warm day. The discomfort of prickles and nettles is a small price to pay for the bounty of delicious fruit. Blackberries can be utilised in many ways, including puddings, jams, preserves, cordials and wine. In the last century, blackberries were picked commercially in Eynsham, Oxfordshire. Fruit was picked and sold to Coopers Marmalade of Oxford, who had the contract to make the jam for the troops in the First World War. In past times, blackberries were an important source of free food for the poor for whom hunger was ever present. I recall speaking to an old estate employee, who when he left school before the Second World War had worked as an under game keeper on a large Scottish estate near Glasgow. It was the time of the depression. He told me that in the autumn the gamekeepers were ordered to deter the large groups of unemployed men from Glasgow who had walked miles to gather blackberries and of the resultant pitched fights. They were hard times.

There is a well known superstition that blackberries should not be picked after Michaelmas (29th September) because the Devil had spat on them, fallen on them, thrown his cloak over them or stamped on them (having been cast out of heaven on that day). In practice, the condition of the fruit is weather dependant as prolonged rain and sultry weather encourages the grey mould botrytis and flies that piece the fruit. Brambles are an important source of vitamin C.

In times past brambles were planted on graves to prevent them being trampled by grazing livestock, especially sheep. There is a clause in the will of a parishioner at Braughing in Hertfordshire in 1696 which directed that his grave be annually "brambled." This practice may also be an echo of more ancient and magical hopes of keeping the dead in and the Devil out! In the mid-Mediterranean, folklore claims that Christ's Crown of Thorns was made of blackberry runners. The deep colour of the berries represent Christ's blood. They have been used in Christian art to symbolise spiritual neglect or ignorance.

Bramble are frequently found in woodland, particularly where felling or thinning has taken place and light is allowed in. Some foresters consider that brambles smother young trees and seek to eradicate them but traditional foresters regarded brambles as a friend, as they help to protect young coppice from grazing by deer which can be very destructive.

Split bramble stems are traditionally used as binding material for straw in production of lip-work in basketry, such as lip-work chairs and bee skips and are sometimes used to protect other fruits such as strawberries. The roots of brambles produce a black dye and are also used in the production of an orange dye and a green dye for wool in Scotland and Ireland.

Robert Young



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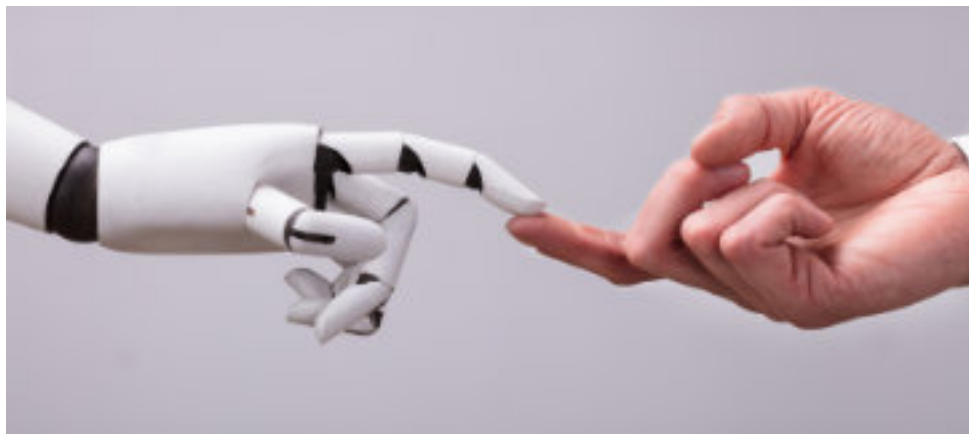
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Thinking for Life

Want to think about what life is all about, and what you really believe about it? Look out for these two forthcoming books.

Stephen Goundrey-Smith, *Transhumanism, Ethics & The New Therapeutic Revolution: Agents of Change* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2023 (expected)).

Future radical biomedical technologies will have a profound effect on human life and flourishing. Some suggest that these enhancement technologies will change human nature as we know it, and could lead to a dystopian society. Yet these same technologies have potential as therapies to remedy some of humanity's most persistent diseases in a way that has not been possible previously. In adopting new biomedical technology, how can we be sure we are doing the right thing?



In this book, Stephen Goundrey-Smith provides a Christian ethical analysis of transhumanism and future “hi tech” medical enhancement technologies, in the light of the impact of previous major developments in pharmaceutical medicine in the 20th century. This approach will apply wisdom from medical ethics to date to future biomedical technologies, to determine just where the ethical problems would lie. Analysis of past medical developments indicates that four areas will be significant in the ethical evaluation of future medical technologies – autonomy, nature, embodiment and the imago Dei (the belief that humans are made in God's image). Taken together, these four areas would help us to understand what human values new biomedical technologies would endorse, and this would be of benefit to citizens of all faiths or none.



Stephen Goundrey-Smith, *Tenets: Christian Beliefs To Cling To* (London: Humana Bookman, 2022 (expected)).

Imagine that you are drowning at sea and a lifeboat comes to rescue you. You just have to reach for safety – and hope that the rope is secure, and the lifeboat crew know what they are doing. Or, alternatively, imagine that you are climbing a mountain. The summit is so close – but below you, there is a sheer drop, which would be fatal. Can you trust your equipment?

The word tenet means “to hold on”, and a tenet is a belief or principle that you hold on to. In this book, Stephen Goundrey-Smith takes a close look at the beliefs that are regarded as tenets of Christianity, exploring how they have developed, some of the controversies surrounding them and what insights into life they can give us.

These tenets form the doctrine (right thinking) of Christianity, and can be found in the Bible and the Creeds. They cover important questions such as: a) how did God create the universe and why? b) how can Jesus be both God and human?, c) what exactly did Jesus achieve on the cross?, and d) how will God work out his purposes in the world in the end.

Throughout history, these beliefs have often been disputed – even among Christians. This book will give readers a clear understanding of the basics of these tenets, yet highlight the tensions and uncertainties in these beliefs that believers inevitably must learn to live with. In doing so, the book will identify a number of current issues that really should be tenets of Christian faith in 21st century society, and which would make the traditional tenets of Christian faith real again in a post-modern world.



Stephen Goundrey-Smith

All in the month of November

- 100 years ago, on 11th Nov 1921 that Remembrance poppies were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries to commemorate military personnel who died in war. In the UK they are sold by the Royal British Legion to raise funds for current and former members of the British Armed Forces. Around 30 million poppies are sold each year.
- 90 years ago, on 30th Nov 1931 that the Crystal Palace in London was destroyed by fire.
- 80 years ago, on 13th Nov 1941 that the British aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Mediterranean Sea near Gibraltar. It sank the following day.
- 65 years ago, on 5th Nov 1956 that Premium Bonds went on sale in the UK. They were designed to encourage people to save, and they offered cash prizes instead of interest.
- 50 years ago, on 14th Nov 1971 that NASA's Mariner 9 spacecraft (launched that May) reached Mars. It was the first spacecraft to orbit another planet. Mars was engulfed in a planet-wide dust storm at the time, but 85% of the surface was eventually imaged. Mariner 9 was deactivated in October 1972.
- 40 years ago, on 12th Nov 1981 that the US Space Shuttle Columbia was launched on its second flight into space, becoming the world's first reusable manned spacecraft.
- 30 years ago, on 5th Nov 1991 that Robert Maxwell, Czech-born British newspaper publisher, media proprietor and politician, was found dead at sea off Tenerife. Following his death, he was found to have fraudulently misappropriated the Mirror Group's pension fund.
- Also 30 years ago on 18th Nov 1991 that the Church of England envoy Terry Waite and American educator Thomas Sutherland were released by Islamic Jihad in Lebanon after being held hostage since January 1987 and June 1985 respectively.
- 25 years ago, on 30th Nov 1996 that 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. Scotland agreed to loan the Stone to Westminster Abbey for future coronations.
- 20 years ago, from 12th to 13th Nov 2001 that the Afghanistan's ruling Taliban abandoned the capital without a fight, as a coalition of US/NATO and Northern Alliance forces entered the city.
- Also 20 years ago, on 29th Nov 2001 that George Harrison, British rock guitarist, singer and songwriter with the Beatles, died.
- 15 years ago, on 13th Nov 2006 that Google acquired the video-sharing site YouTube.

Kids Corner



School Puzzle Sheet

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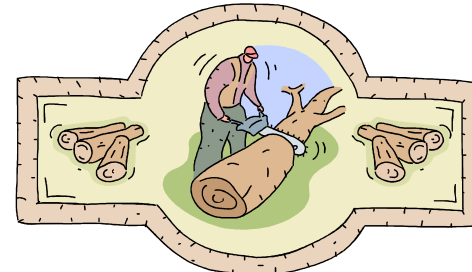
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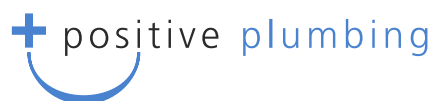
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