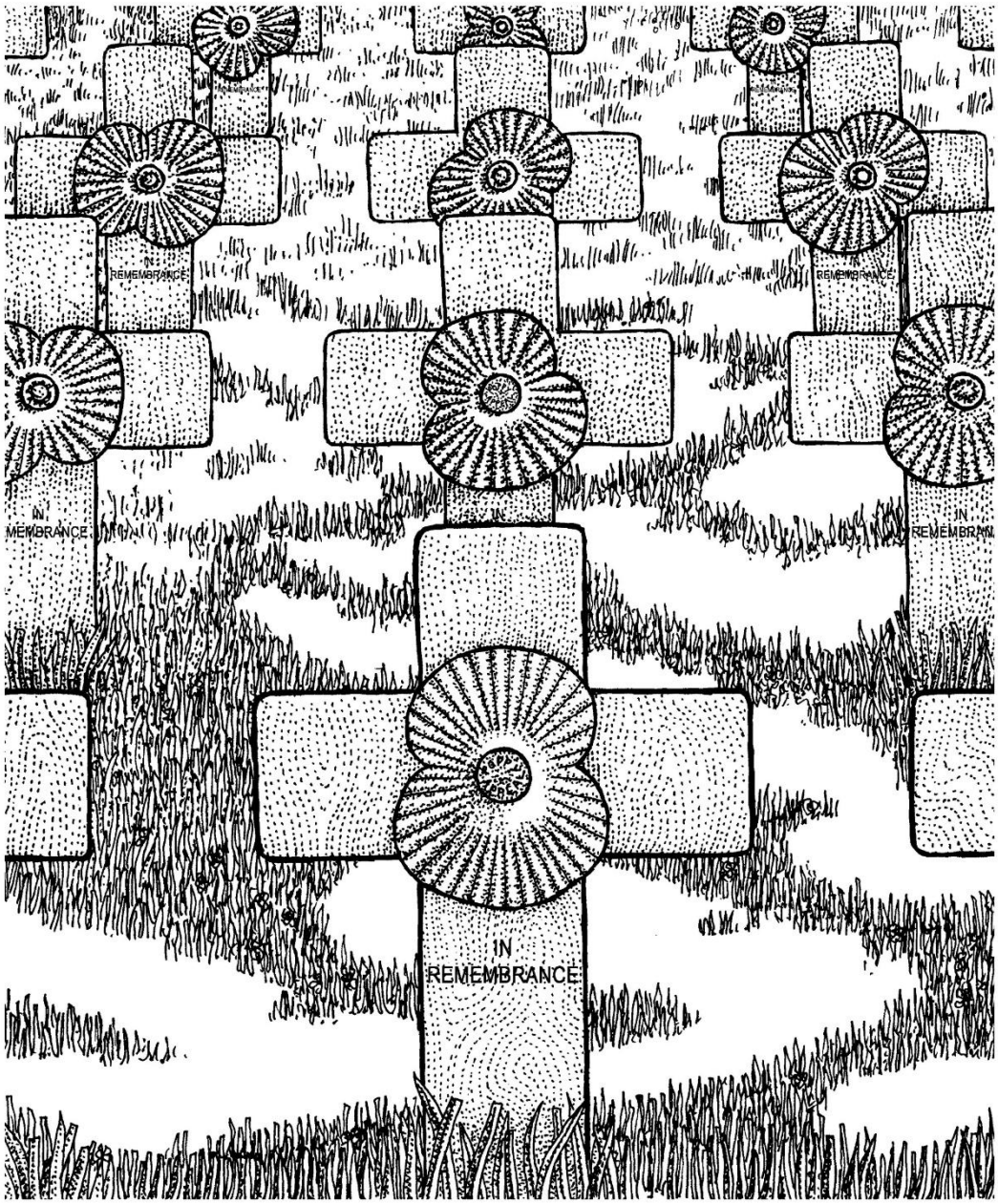
# Parish Magazine

November 2026 30p




# St. John's Parish Church

Rufford Road, Crossens, Southport

(A member of the North Meols Team Ministry)

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**Sunday (10am)**
Holy Communion: 15th November, 29th November
Morning Prayer: 1st November, 22nd November

*****Remembrance Sunday 8th November starts at 10:30am*****

**Wednesday (10am, unless otherwise stated)**
Morning Prayer or Holy Communion

For later dates, please check the website: *www.stjohncrossens.co.uk*

*A Letter from Jacqueline Ascroft*

As all our Churches have had their harvest Celebrations, my mind goes to the verse from Jeremiah ch 8 v 20. 'The harvest is past, the summer has ended and we are not saved'

The book of Jeremiah was written to the people of Judah who had been faithless to God and gone their own way: running after pagan gods and practising the most vile acts in worship of these demon gods. They had known of God, known His Law, had the priests and prophets, kept the festivals of the year which spoke of the goodness of God to them and their ancestors. Yet, with so many blessings and with so much knowledge, they had willingly and wilfully turned their back as a nation on their God.

This wasn't some nation that God had not revealed Himself to, this was His chosen people, the family through whom all the nations of the world would be blessed, that was promised to Abraham, then continuing on through David and His sons.

The story feels so familiar. We as a country have so much Christian history behind us. We sent missionaries out all over the world, we built our laws, government, education system, hospitals and society upon Christian principles, but as a nation we have turned our backs on God. 'The harvest is past, the summer has ended and we are not saved' means that as a country both Judah back in Jeremiah's day and our country in the present have lost every good opportunity given to us by God and are now entirely without hope unless we repent and return to our Creator God.

We see decline in all good things, we see a rise in anxiety, suicides, marriage breakdown, cruelty, violence and selfishness. We see truth denied and wrong praised.

What should our response as Christians following Jesus be to this dismal outlook?

We should remain faithful to Jesus, keep following Him, keep believing His word, the Bible. Now is not a time for giving up but following ever closer and we must pray.

There is only one answer to the worlds needs and that is Jesus. However dark the time we live in becomes, we need to remember that Jesus is even now in heaven at the Father's right hand and all authority has been given to Him. Many Christians across the world right now are facing hostility, persecution and death, but this is only what Jesus told us would happen. It does not mean that God will not or cannot help us. We know the future, we can read the last chapter, we know the Lamb wins.

So, as we look out at our world and our country we must not despair. Jeremiah spoke of restoration and hope because of The Loving God who had promised that, and today those same promises are still real, trustworthy and strong. Let us, who love our God, still

worship Him together, read the Bible, come to Church and pray knowing that He is in complete control.

## St Cuthbert's Church Christmas Events

* Christmas Fair
* Saturday 28th November 10.30am -2,00pm

* Christingle and Sunday Club Nativity
* Sunday 13th December 4.00pm



* Community Carols in Church
* Tuesday 15th December 7.00pm – 8.00pm

* Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
* Sunday 20th December 6.00pm

# ROTAS

## Sunday Coffee Rota



1st Nov Louise J & Heather
8th Nov Kath & Jane
15th Nov Nicola & Andrew
22nd Nov Brenda & Jane
29th Nov Louise J & Heather
6th Dec Kath & Jane

Help is urgently needed to maintain a weekly rota. If you are willing to volunteer, please see me. Chris Jowett

## Wednesday Coffee Rota

4th Nov Brenda & June
11th Nov Jean & Chrissy
18th Nov Chris
25th Nov Eileen & Trish
2nd Dec Brenda & June

## Readings Rota

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| **1-Nov-2026** | Chris L | All Saints Day | 1 John 3.1-3 |
| **8-Nov-2026** | Sylvia | 3rd before Advent | 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end |
| **15-Nov-2026** | Hayden | 2nd before Advent | 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 |
| **22-Nov-2026** | Roisin | Christ the King | Ephesians 1.15-end |
| **29-Nov-2026** | Joan | 1st of Advent | 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 |
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| **6-Dec-2026** | Chris J | 2nd of Advent | 2 Peter 3.8-15a |
| **13-Dec-2026** | Nicola | 3rd of Advent | 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 |
| **20-Dec-2026** | Simon | 4th of Advent | Romans 16.25-end |
| **27-Dec-2026** | Andrew | 1st of Christmas | Galatians 4.4-7 |

# Intercessions

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| 1-Nov-2026 | Simon | All Saints Day |
| 8-Nov-2026 | Chris L | 3rd before Advent |
| 15-Nov-2026 | Margaret | 2nd before Advent |
| 22-Nov-2026 | Karen | Christ the King |
| 29-Nov-2026 | Andrew | 1st of Advent |

# TOY, GIFT & CHOCOLATE SERVICE SUNDAY

## PLEASE HELP MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS

**Please bring a new toy**
**and/or**
**a small bar of chocolate**
**to Church on Sunday 6th December**





**All the toys donated will be distributed to families in need.**

# St Johns, Crossens





## Service of music & readings

**Wednesday 16th December at 7pm**

Everyone Welcome

On our YouTube Channel every Wednesday…

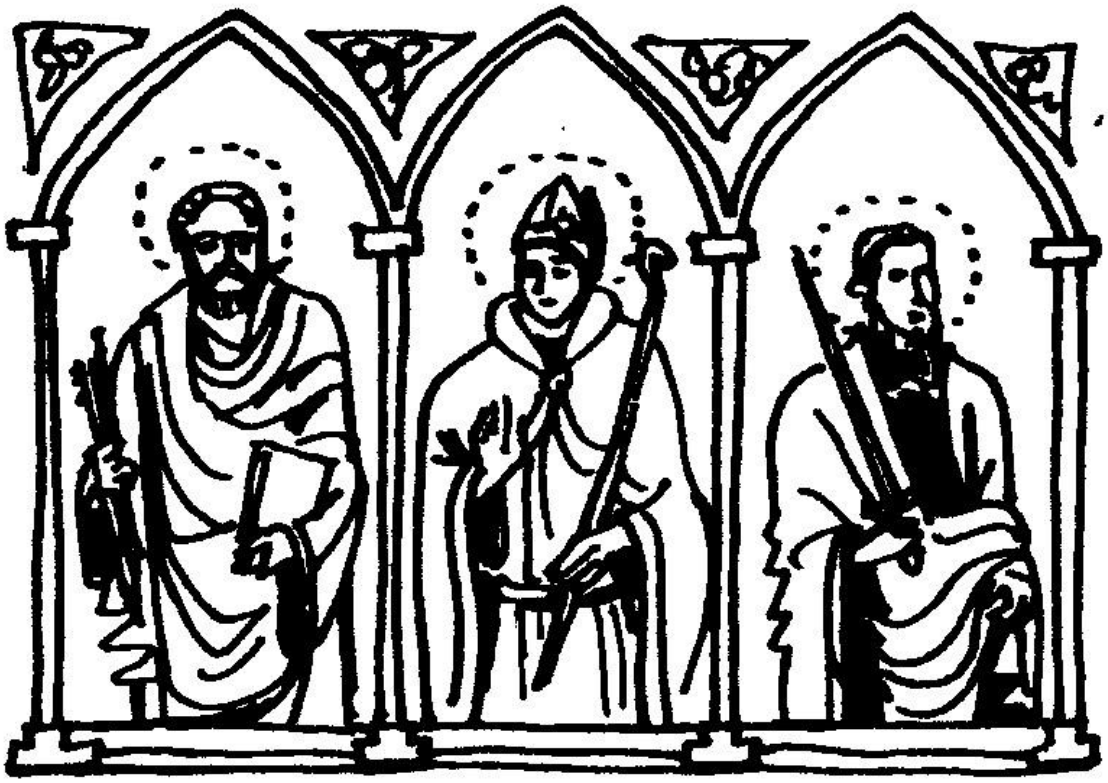
You are invited each week to take a…

Mid-Week Pause

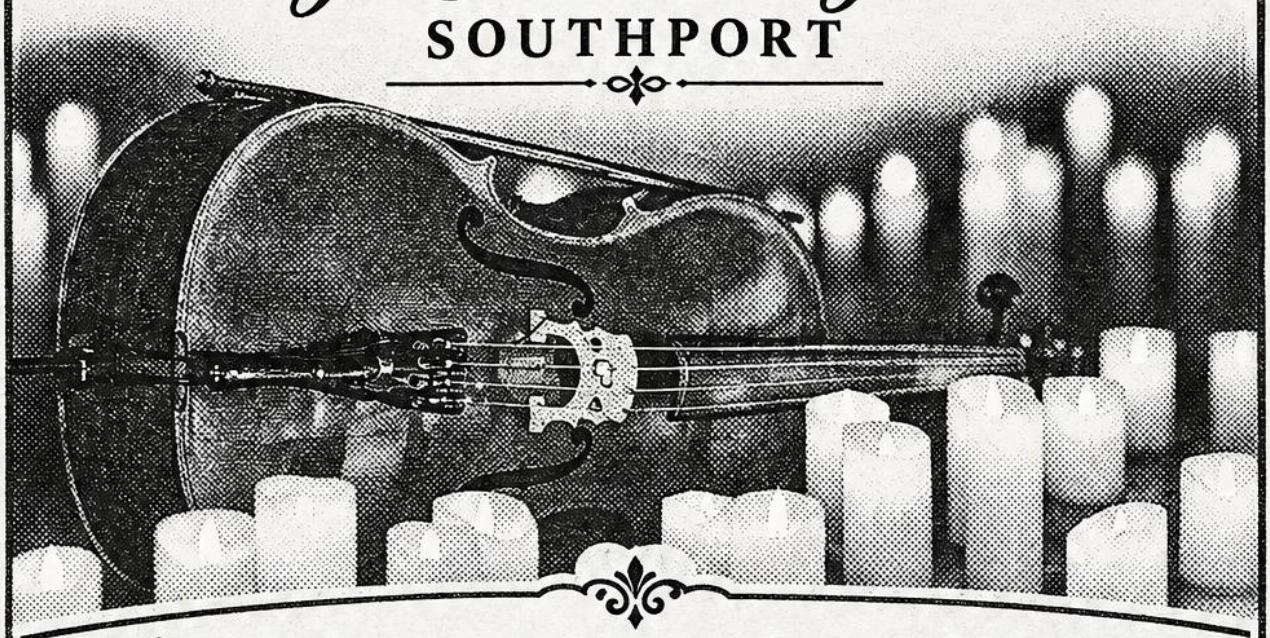
A time for God in maybe a busy week

with hymns – a Bible Reflection - prayers

NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY SOUTHPORT



# A TRIBUTE TO BRIDGERTON *by Candlelight* SOUTHPORT



## A Tribute to Bridgerton by Candlelight comes to Southport!

Experience all your favourite songs from the Bridgerton soundtrack performed live by professional string quartet "What The Pluck"

**Hear over 15 songs from Bridgerton Seasons 1-4 including:**

- Wildest Dreams
- Girls Like You
- Spring 1
- Material Girl
- Yellow

**Saturday 21st November @ 7:30pm**

**St John's Church, Crossens, Southport**

**Tickets: £20**

Tea/coffee and soft drinks will be available to purchase before the concert and during the interval

Doors open at 7pm and the concert finishes at approx. 9:15pm

# Puzzles – Sudoku

**EASY**

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## "SCHOOL - RESCUE ME!

As part of their work to support charities, school are supporting an animal rescue centre called "Rescue Me". The children have been asked to collect postage stamps from envelopes, unwanted foreign currency and any pre-decimal or pre-euro currency people may have hidden in old socks!!!

If you have any such items, please can you pass them to Karen Corbett and she will take them into school.

# NEXUS

*(Churches together in North Meols)*

**Tuesday, 10th November 2026**

**7.30 p.m.**

**at St Patrick's R.C. Church**

*Everyone is very welcome!*



"Now this is His command; that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He commanded us."

[1 John 3:23]

# WORDSEARCH

In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

Those endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such horror, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

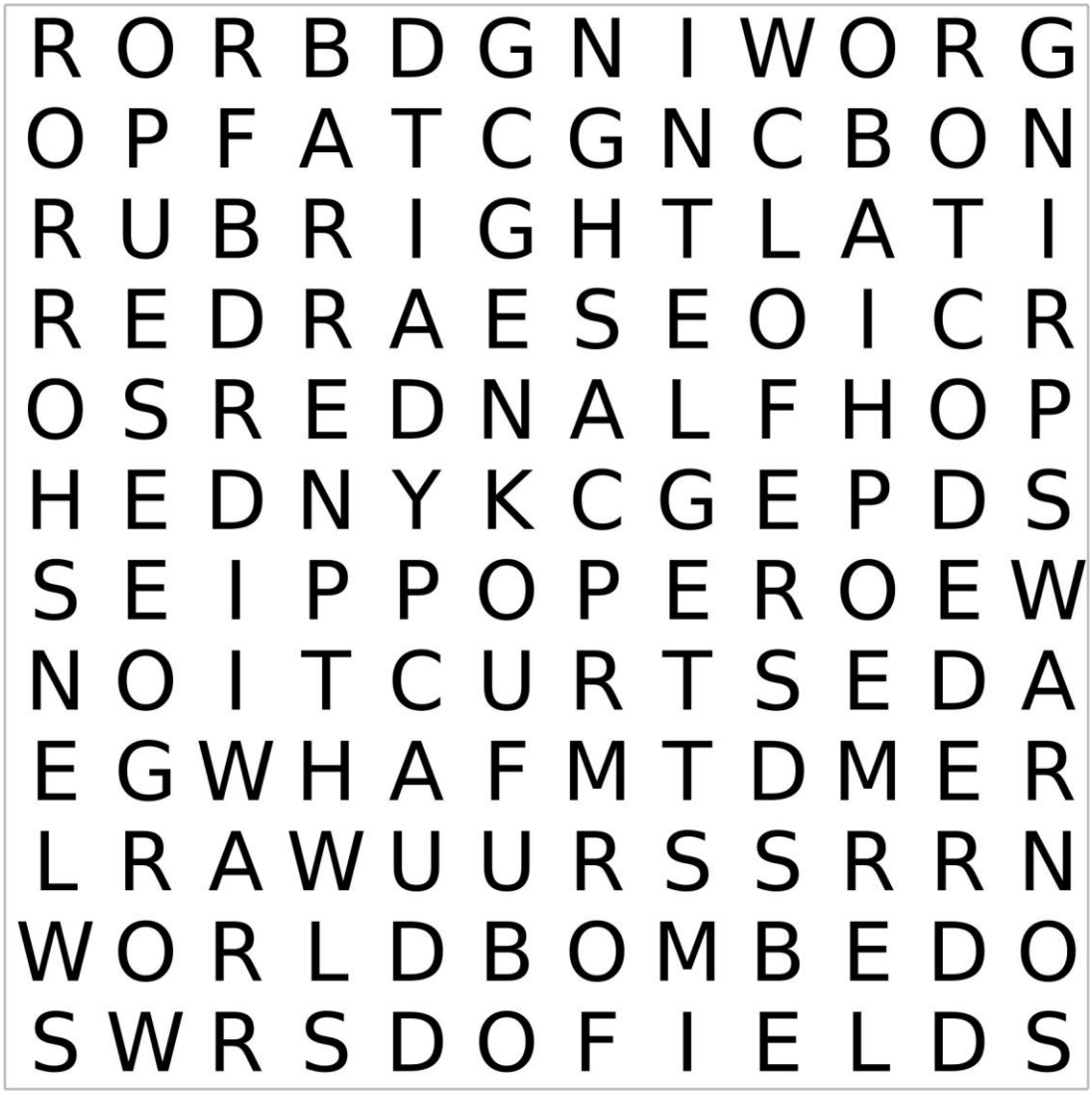
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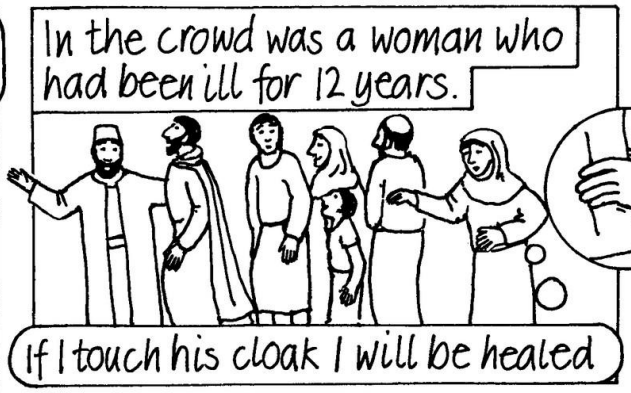
# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Lk 8:40-56, Mt 9:18-26, Mk 5:21-43

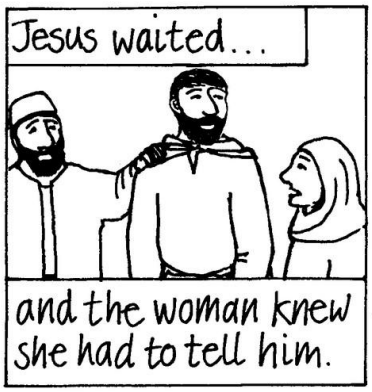
Jairus, a town leader, had a 12 year old daughter who was ill and about to die. He came to Jesus and knelt at his feet...

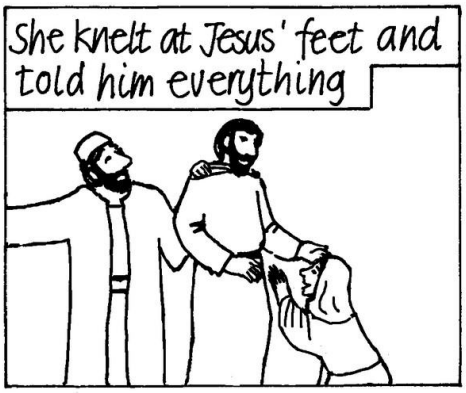








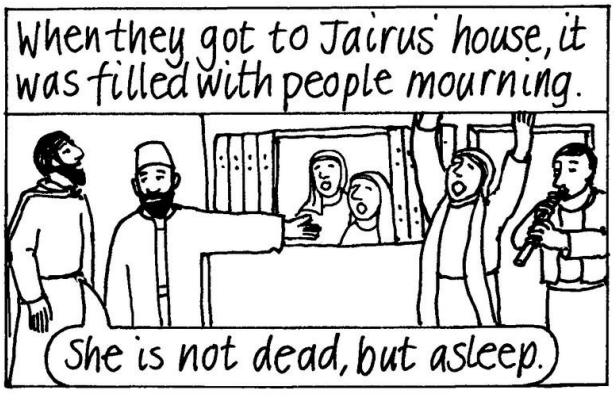


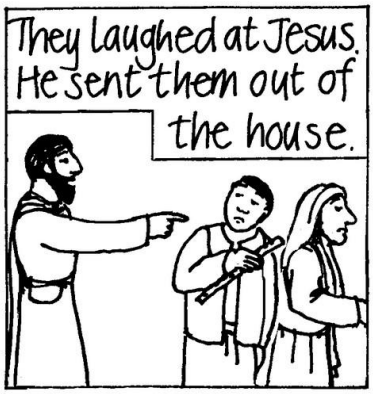










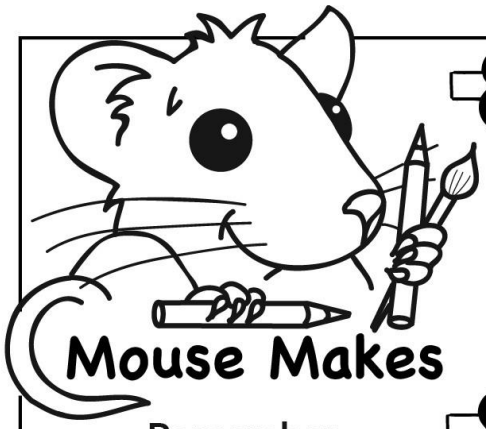










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# Mouse Makes

**Remember**
the words Jesus said:
*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*
*Colossians 3:25*

**Remembrance Sunday** is the day we remember the sacrifice of those who gave their lives so that we could live in peace, it mirrors what Christ did for us when he gave his life so that we could live in peace with God.

Jesus said:
*"No one can have greater love than to give his life for his friends."*
*John 15:13*

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