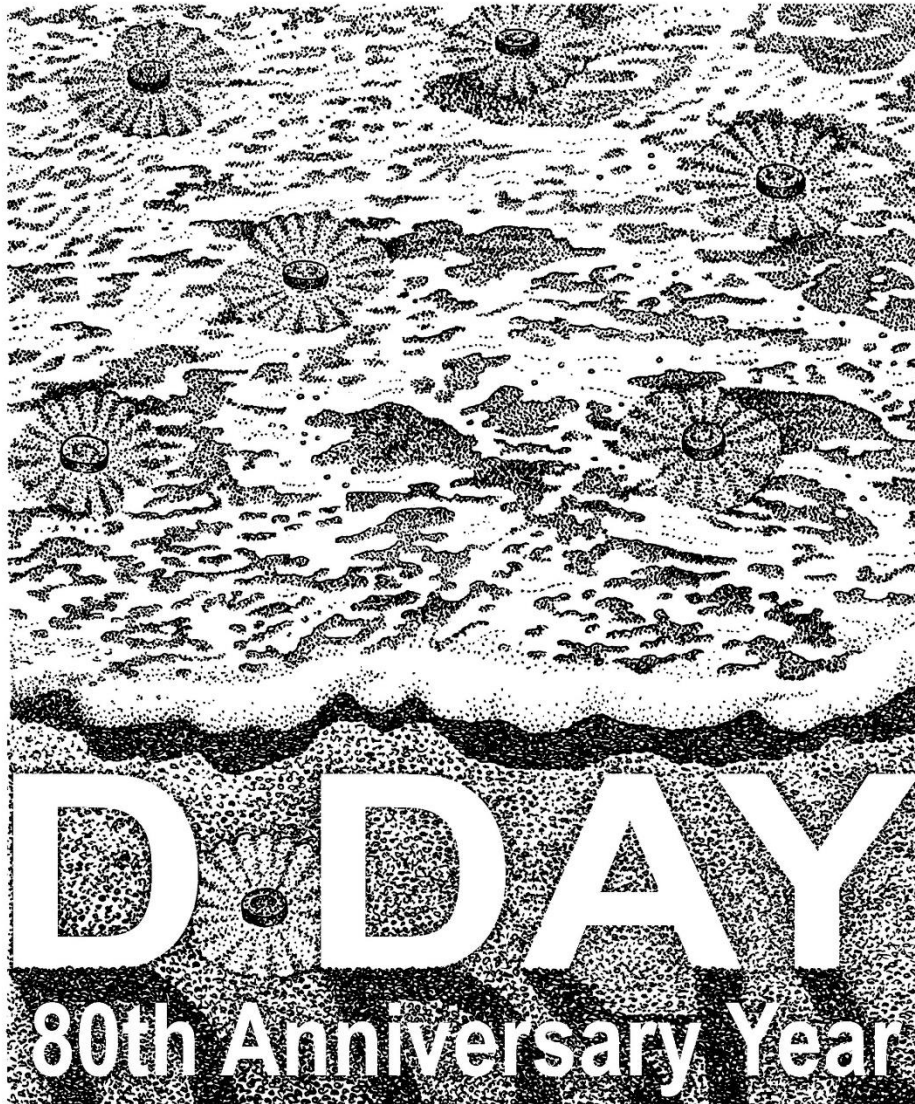


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November 2024

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St. John's Parish Church

Rufford Road, Crossens
(A member of the North Meols Team Ministry)

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Service times:

Sunday (10am)

Holy Communion 3rd Nov, 24th Nov, 1st Dec (Toy Service)

Morning Prayer 17th Nov

Evening Prayer 1st December at 5:30pm

*****Remembrance Sunday 10th Nov - short service in church then outside*****

Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion 13th Nov, 27th Nov

Morning Prayer 20th Nov, 4th Dec

****The Wednesday service on 6th November is at St Cuthbert's****

A letter from Roger Abrams.....

Dear Friends,

What will people associate with the month of November? This year, possibly the aftermath of the 30th October budget, followed by All Saints eve or Halloween on 31st October. Even the forthcoming American Presidential election on the 5th. But more likely, Guy Fawkes' attempt to blow up Parliament in 1605.

Later November snapshots might include Britain's first post pillar box on St Helier in 1857, the Suez Canal opening in 1869, 1921's Royal British Legion's first Poppy Day; then in 1927 English motorists encountering the first automatic traffic lights in Wolverhampton. Also in 1957, a date for dog owners, when Laika became the first dog in space aboard Sputnik 2. The first episode of Dr Who in 1963 and bulldozers demolishing the Berlin Wall in 1989.

For all this, 1st November has a special place in the world-wide Christian Church's calendar. It is thought that around AD 735 it was Pope Gregory III who set this date. In mediaeval times, Churches processed with relics of their Saints A time when we celebrate Christian Sainthood, and sing William How's hymn, whose first verse encapsulates a Saintly life.

*For all the saints, who from their labours rest
who thee by faith, before the world confessed,
thy name O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, alleluia!*

In our Church Services we regularly pray for our Team's three patron Saints, St Cuthbert, St John and St Stephen, as we recognise our connectedness to them and their inspiration for each of our lives.

In his book *St Cuthbert's Journey*, Dr Keith Hamnett records the legend of how St Cuthbert's followers were determined to prevent his tomb being desecrated by the Viking invaders. Being so inspired by his faith, they exhumed and physically carried his body hundreds of miles, including as far south as North Meols and Halsall.

In the early Church; Saints were those who were martyrs, like St Stephen. Over time that definition broadened to include others who had lived a Christian life of holiness set apart from our world. In more recent times; Saint Mother Theresa for her work amongst the poorest and outcasts of Calcutta.

Whereas the Roman Catholic Church observes the feast days of very many Saints; our Anglican tradition has Principal feasts and Holy days for around 130 Saints and major Festivals, in addition there are many lesser festivals and commemorations, as on 2nd November 'All Souls' commemorates the Faithful Departed. Then 5th November commemorates the Hymn writer Isaac Watts recalling his Hymns 'When I survey the wondrous Cross' and 'Jesus shall reign'.

Although it is the highest Church leaders over the years who have nominated the Saints; in 1 Corinthians chapter 1 verse 2, we hear what St Paul has to say about 'Holy' people:

To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours.

We might reasonably conclude that while 'Sainthood' requires the uppermost bar, all Christians are invited to set their lives against Jesus' example. Perhaps we can think of those people whose

Christian lives have been dazzling, beckoning, beacons for us, people we consider have led Sainly lives.

Roger.



This Quarter's Team On-Line Magazine is now available for viewing on our YouTube Channel

[NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY SOUTHPORT]

This edition includes:

Two Hidden Windows - Persecuted Christians - Personal Poems - Living by Faith - St. Stephen's CE School - St. John's Brass Band Evening



Sanctuary Flowers

November 3 rd	All Saints Tide
November 10 th	Remembrance Day
November 17 th	_____
November 24 th	_____
December 1 st	Advent

No flowers in Advent.

Thank you to all who support our Flower Fund. ECB.

FREE Stair gate available. Could be delivered.

See Chris Jowett if interested.

ROTAS

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

6th Oct	Nicola & Andrew
13th Oct	Brenda & Mavis
20th Oct	Louise J
27th Oct	Chris J
3rd Nov	Kath & Jane
10th Nov	Nicola & Andrew



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

WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

2nd Oct	Brenda & June
9th Oct	Chris & Janet
16th Oct	Eileen & Trish
23rd Oct	Jean & Mavis
30th Oct	Brenda & June
6th Dec	Service at St. Cuthberts

Help is requested to tidy round the War Memorial on November 2nd from 10am in preparation for Remembrance Sunday

Readings rota

Nov 3rd	Maggie	All Saints Day	Revelation 21:1-6a
Nov 10th	Simon	3rd before Advent	Hebrews 9:24-end
Nov 17th	Louise J	2nd before Advent	Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25
Nov 24th	Joey	Christ the King	Revelation 1:4b-8

St John's Church

TOY & GIFT SERVICE

**CAN YOU HELP MAKE A CHILD'S
CHRISTMAS DAY?**



**So please bring a NEW TOY or a
BAR of CHOCOLATE to
Church on Sunday 1st December
(9 to 11.30am)**

**All donated Gifts will be distributed
to families in need.**



St John's Church Crossens

christmas Fayre



7th December

Starts 10 am

St. John's Church

Rufford Road



*Games

*Stalls

*Grand Draw

*Refreshments



**everyone welcome
- free entrance !**



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MEDIUM

"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, 12th November 2024

7.30 p.m.

at St Patrick's RC Church

**Everyone is very
welcome!**

The meeting will be led by:

Cornerstone Methodist Church

***"Be completely united, with only one thought and one purpose."
[1 Corinthians 1: 106]***

WORDSEARCH

Remembrance Day this year has a special significance – it was 80 years ago this June that the D-Day Landings of the Second World War took place.

Those D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy led to the liberation of France and Europe. And this year the Normandy region has been celebrating – with events including synchronized fireworks at the major D-Day sites, a giant picnic on Omaha Beach, Liberation balls, bagpipe parades, and international parachuting of hundreds of soldiers above Sainte-Mère-Église.

It has been estimated that between 15 and 20 million people died in Europe alone during the Second World War. Worldwide, an estimated 75 million people died.

Fireworks
Remembrance
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Picnic
Beach
Omaha
Bagpipe

Parades
Parachute
Millions
Soldiers
Died



One for your Diary!
Christmas Concert

from
Banks Brass



Band



FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER 7.30pm
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,
RUFFORD ROAD, CROSSENS

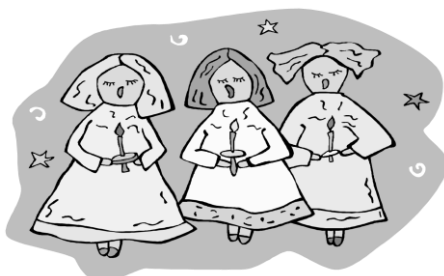
Only £6 everyone welcome

(pay on the door)

Light Refreshments available



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Shining Brass

Once a month, if you would ever have the need to go into our vestry, then you would have found Brenda and Mavis rubbing and cleaning our bras and silver furnishings. They have regularly kept this work going for several years and we thank them most sincerely for it!

They now feel that it is time to stop, and they would be grateful to hand over to someone else.

If you feel that you would like to continue this work, then they would be very grateful. Please contact Chris Jowett if you would like to help in keeping our church well cared for.

Sung Evensong for Advent

*St John's Church
Sunday 1st December 5:30pm*

Music by Paul Jones, St Cuthbert's Organist

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 9:9-13, Mk 2:13-15, Lk 5:27-32

The Roman invaders had given the job of collecting their taxes to local Jews who also overcharged, so they were doubly hated.

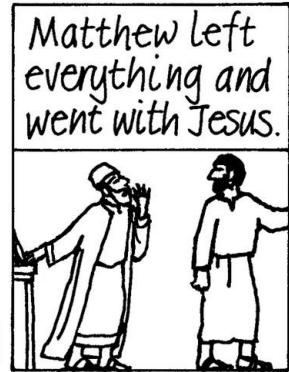


Matthew had his tax office by Lake Galilee.



Jesus walked past, and said

Follow me



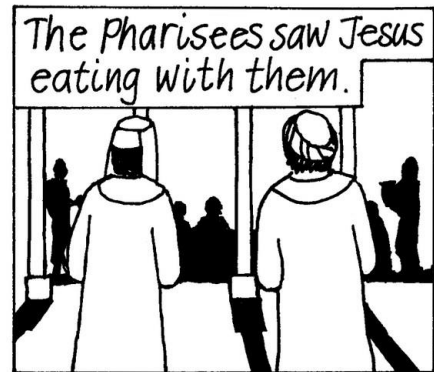
Matthew left everything and went with Jesus.



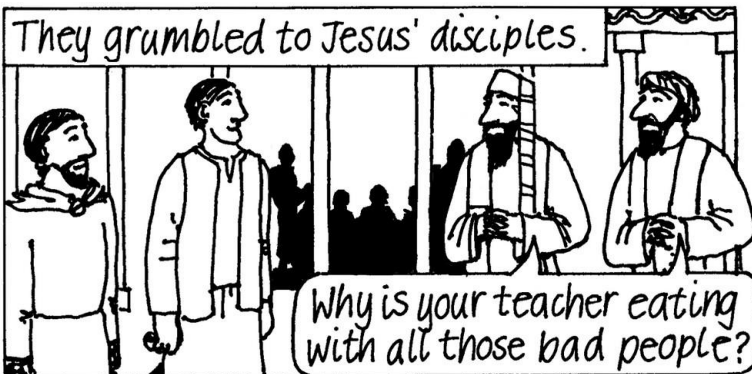
Matthew held a big feast and invited his friends so they could meet Jesus.



They were other tax collectors and bad people

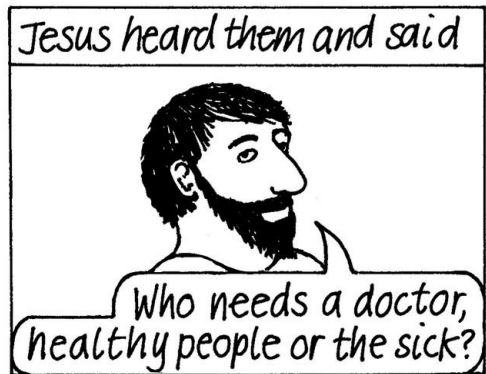


The Pharisees saw Jesus eating with them.



They grumbled to Jesus' disciples.

Why is your teacher eating with all those bad people?



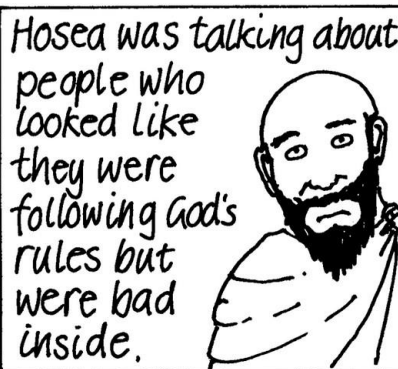
Jesus heard them and said

Who needs a doctor, healthy people or the sick?



Try reading 'keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness.' *

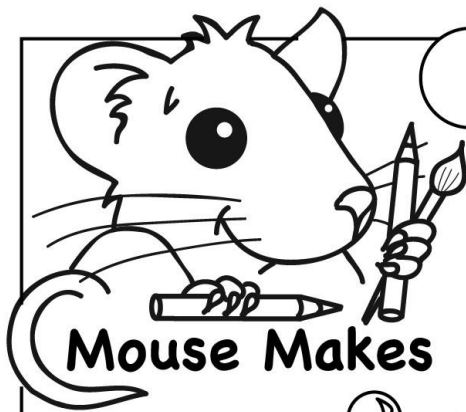
*Hosea 6:6



Hosea was talking about people who looked like they were following God's rules but were bad inside.

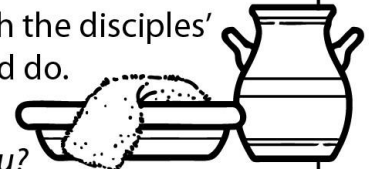


I have come for the people who need my help.



"DO AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU."

The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their dusty feet. Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing, wrapped a towel around his waist and began to wash the disciples' feet just like a servant would do.



Then Jesus said:

"Do you understand what I have done for you? Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done for you."



READ
the story in
John 13:1-17

By washing his disciples' feet, Jesus showed that as God's people we are never too important to serve and care for others.

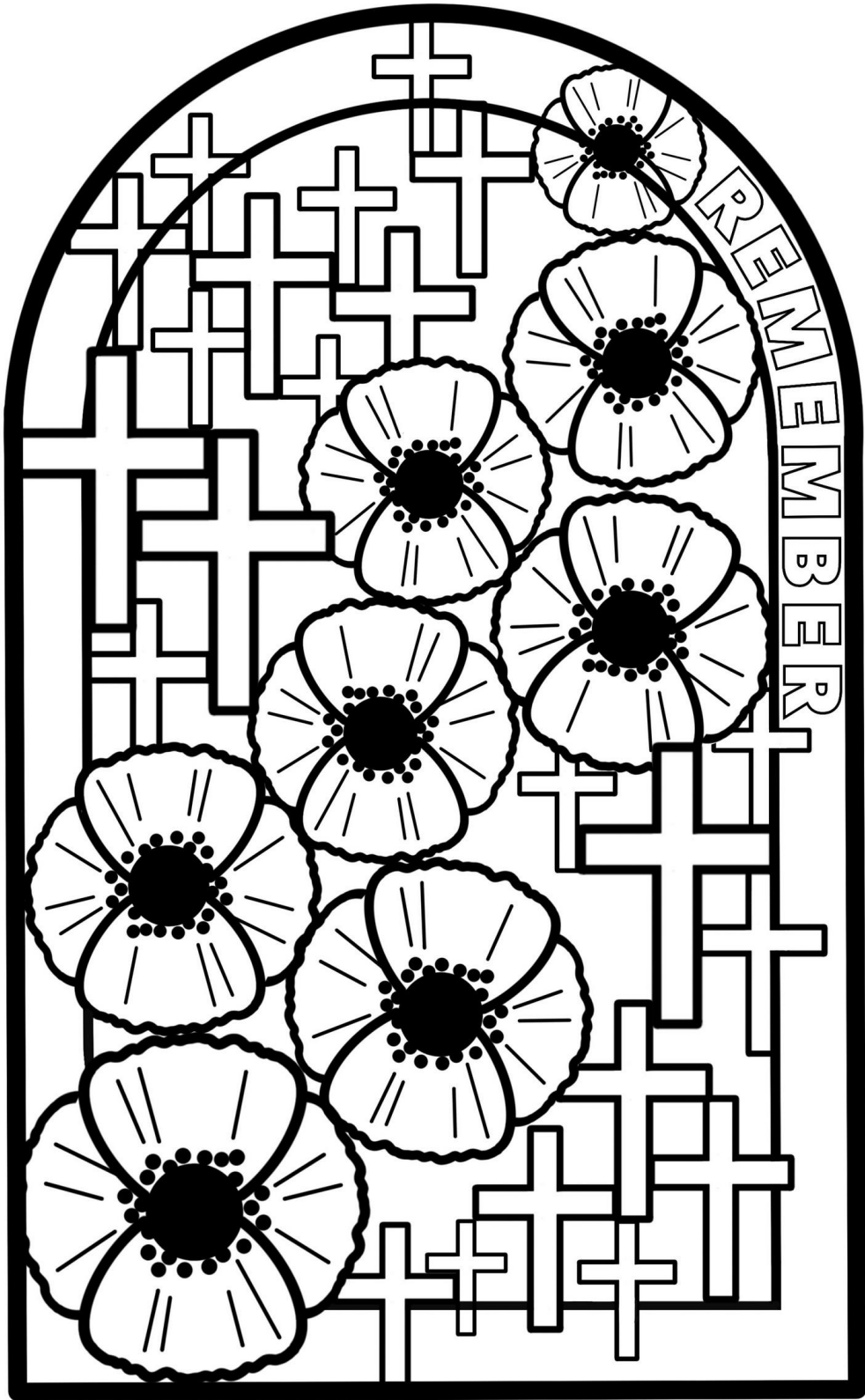
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