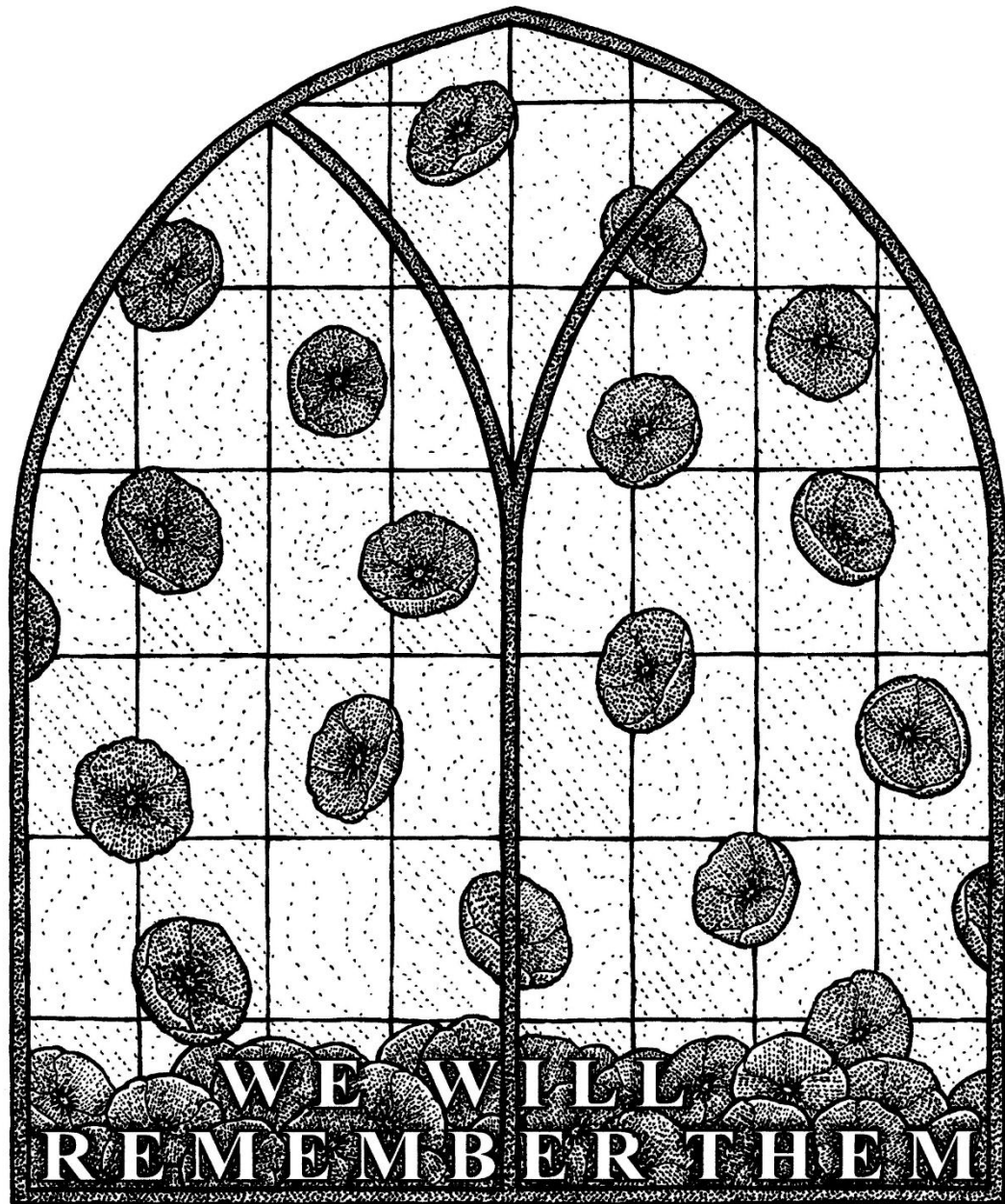


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Rufford Road, Crossens, Southport
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Sunday (10am)

Holy Communion 2nd November, 16th November, 30th November
Morning Prayer 23rd November

*****Remembrance Sunday 9th November starts at 10:30*****

Wednesday (10am, unless otherwise stated)

Holy Communion 12th November, 26th November, 10th December
Morning Prayer 5th November, 19th November, 3rd December

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

Brenda Jaggger writes...

Dear friends,

October is the month in which we celebrate Harvest Festival in our churches. There are many traditions associated with this festival.

An early harvest used to be celebrated on August 1st and was called, "Lammas", meaning, "Loaf Mass." Farmers baked loaves of bread from the fresh wheat crop. These were given to the local church to be used as the Communion bread, during a special service of thanksgiving to God for the harvest.

By the 16th century, several customs seem to have become firmly established around the gathering of the final harvest. They include the reapers accompanying a fully laden, horse drawn cart, shouting, "Hooky, hooky."

The horse was decorated with ribbons. The foremost of the reapers dressed extravagantly as, "Lord of the Harvest". He usually asked for money from onlookers.

Farm workers celebrated the end of the harvest with a large meal, called the "Harvest Supper", to which all, who had helped in the harvest, were invited. This was often accompanied by games. It was also known as, "The Mell Supper", after the last patch of corn or wheat, known as, "the mell", had been cut.

The modern tradition of celebrating the Harvest Festival in church began in 1838, when the Rev. Robert Hawke invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

In more recent times, people brought produce from their gardens, allotments or farms. Typically, this was given away to local charities, hospitals and children's homes.

As British people have come to rely less heavily on home-grown produce, there has been a shift in the emphasis of our Harvest Festivals. Increasingly churches recognise the difficulties of people in poorer countries, whose harvests have failed, for various reasons. This year we have seen the impact of low rainfall and searing temperatures on the crops produced in this country, with farmers predicting decreased yields and consequently higher prices.

At our Harvest Festival we come together to thank God for the work of farmers, fishermen and all those who work to bring us our food. It is a time to appreciate our many blessings and to spare a thought for the millions around the world who do not share them.

Jesus frequently used references from agriculture and fishing in his teaching.

The disciples were called to become fishers of men.

In John 4:35 Jesus says,
“Four months more and then the harvest. I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields. They are ripe for harvest.”

In Matthew 9:37-38 Jesus says,
“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.”

It is important that we bring of our bounty to our Harvest festivals, but in these verses, we are being asked to offer ourselves, as workers in the kingdom, to reach out to those who have not yet heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

However you choose to celebrate Harvest in your church, I hope that it will be a very joyous occasion.

With best wishes,

Brenda

The Quarter's Team Magazine is now available to watch

on our  **YouTube** Channel

NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY SOUTHPORT

Items include:

Something special at Hesketh Park / Hearing the 'Hookers' Story / 'Threads Through the Cross - Cathedral Exhibition /

It's a Scam / Opening Doors / Some Very Surprising Statistics

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 brass 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.



ROTAS

Sunday Coffee Rota

2nd Nov Kath & Jane
9th Nov Nicola & Andrew
16th Nov Brenda & Chris
23rd Nov Louise J & Heather
30th Nov Kath & Jane



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

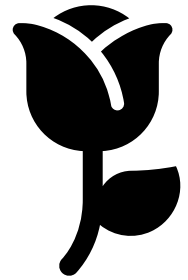
Wednesday Coffee Rota

5th Nov Brenda & June
12th Nov Jean & Mavis
19th Nov Chris & Janet
26th Nov Eileen & Trish
3rd Dec Brenda & June

Readings Rota

2-Nov-2025	Louise J	All Saints Day	Hebrews 12.18-24
9-Nov-2025	Nicola	Remembrance Sunday	2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-end
16-Nov-2025	Sylvia	2nd before Advent	2 Thessalonians 3.6-13
23-Nov-2025	Joan	Christ the King	Colossians 1.11-20
30-Nov-2025	Andrew	1st of Advent	Romans 13.11-end
7-Dec-2025	Nicola	2nd of Advent	1 Timothy 6.6-11
14-Dec-2025	Simon	3rd of Advent	James 5.7-10
21-Dec-2025	Chris J	4th of Advent	Romans 1.1-7
28-Dec-2025	Maggie	1st of Christmas	Hebrews 2.10-end

Flowers for September



November 2 nd	In memory of Bob and June Percy
November 9 th	Poppies for Remembrance Day
November 16 th	_____
November 23 rd	_____
November 30 th	Advent. No flowers in Advent

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

November 8th Coffee Morning

Due to unforeseen circumstances the coffee morning planned for November 8th has had to be cancelled.

If you had found any memorabilia for our display, please don't lose it as we hope to run the coffee morning next year.

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 11th November
At St Patrick's RC Church
7:30pm

Everyone is very welcome!

"A new commandment I give unto you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"

John 13:34-35

One for your Diary!

Christmas Concert

from

Banks Brass



Band



FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER 7.30pm

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Only £6 everyone welcome

(pay on the door)



TOY, GIFT & CHOCOLATE SERVICE SUNDAY

Sunday 7th December

HELP MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS

**Please bring a new toy and a small
bar of chocolate**

to Church on Sunday 7th December

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





St John's Church Crossens

christmas



Fayre



13th December

Starts 10 am

St. John's Church

***Games**

***Stalls**

***Grand**

***Refreshments**



everyone welcome



WORDSEARCH

St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8th century to Fife and preserved at a church in a place now named St Andrews.

Andrew was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the prophet John the Baptist. When one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and his friend, and described him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men assumed that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So as Jesus made off, they followed him.

When Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was a lame enquiry about his current place of residence: 'where are you staying?'

The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: 'Come and see'. So they did, and the results of their response were life changing. For Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus, and soon the little apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was formed. And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.

Andrew
Patron
Saint
Scotland
Fife

First
Disciple
John
Baptist
Lamb

God
followed
Jesus
Come
See

Peter
Apostolic
Band
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world

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:5-13

To teach about praying, and God's good gifts, Jesus told this story - 'If you have a visitor arrive in the middle of the night..'

Oh no! I have no bread to feed him! I am so ashamed! What can I do?... I know!



'You would go round to a friend's house.'



I really, really need some bread for a visitor.

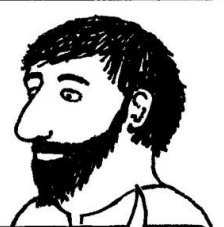


I need that bread!
He's not going to go away, is he?



Jesus concluded...

So keep on asking and it will be given, seeking and you will find, knocking and it will be opened... And parents, if your hungry child asks for bread,



'..would you give them a stone?'



'And if they asked for a fish...'



'..would you give them a snake?'



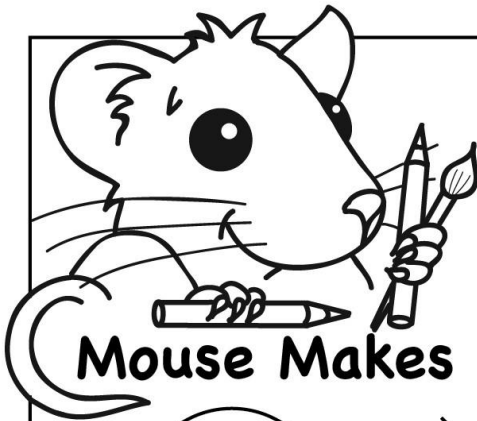
'Or if they asked for an egg...'



'you'd give a scorpion?'



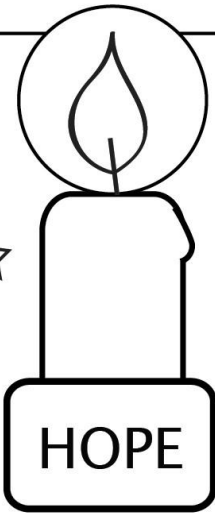
If you, who aren't perfect parents, give good gifts to your children, then don't you think that gifts from your perfect Father, God, will be even better?



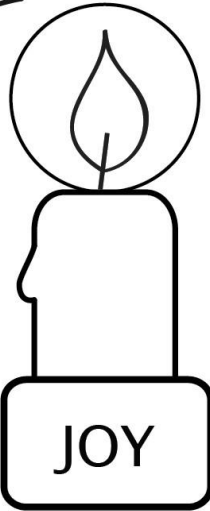
LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November.

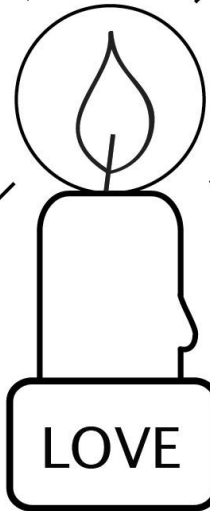
ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour. We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.



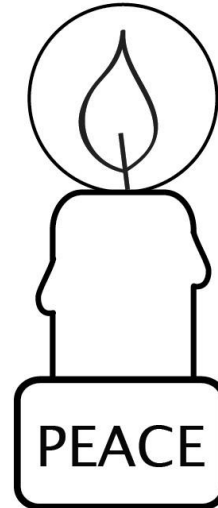
Read:
Isaiah 40:5
What shall be revealed?



Read:
LUKE 2:10-11
Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?



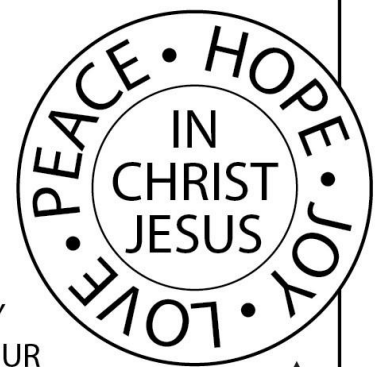
Read:
John 3:16
How did God show He loves us?



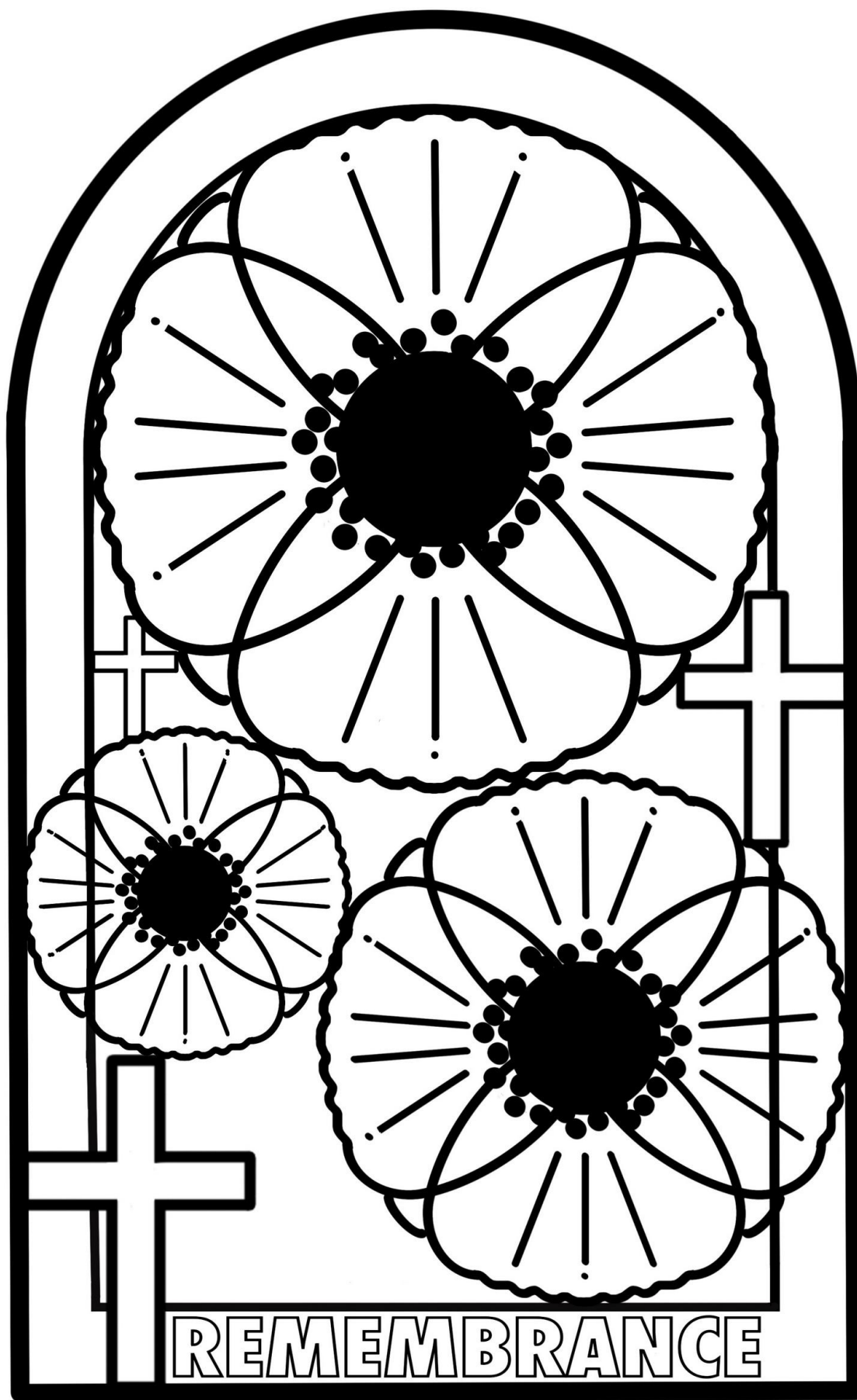
Read:
Romans 5:1-2
Through who do we have peace with God?

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