

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

O God, from whom on different paths all of us have come,
to whom on different paths all of us are going,
make strong in our hearts what unites us; build bridges across all
that divides us.

United, make us rejoice in our diversity, at one in our witness to that
peace which you, O God, alone can give.

A prayer written for all faiths during conflict in Bosnia

A chance to remember a loved one at an All Souls service

For the last 4 years we have held a simple but sensitive service around the time of All Saints Day (1st November) to remember loved ones who had died and whose memory was very precious. There has been music, prayers, time for reflection, readings & a sense of peace that I think everyone who came found helpful. A similar service will be at **6.30pm on Sunday 2nd November in Otley church**. We read out the names of those you asked us to remember & I know people who came found it a comforting & helpful time. Any one in the benefice, and indeed beyond, who'd like to come will be very welcome. If you would like us to include the name of a person you'd like included please contact me (785251 or email – allthealls@tiscali.co.uk) or Catherine Beaumont (890246 or email - catherine.beaumont@otleyhall.co.uk)

Jane Hall

Justice Service Sunday 30th November, 6.30 pm, Otley Church

Christians and Yazidis in Iraq, people enslaved by bonded labour or trafficked into the sex trade, young girls subjected to FGM..... justice issues are rarely out of the news. Amnesty International, International Justice Mission, Barnabas Fund...there are a number of charities working on behalf of victims of injustice. This service is for anyone (friends and neighbours who aren't regular church people may well appreciate an invitation) who would like to remember those suffering injustice, find out more, and perhaps discover ways we can help, as we begin our Advent season of preparation for Christmas.

Fred Wood

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

ASHBOCKING

We had a good attendance at Harvest Festival and the church looked superb. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to achieve this. The generous gifts of food went to the nursing home in Barham.

The Remembrance service at Ashbocking will be at 10.50am on Sunday 9th November. Handmade knitted poppies are for sale from Kate Watts at Dunelm, The Green, Ashbocking for £3 each, 890417. All money goes to The British Legion.

The next coffee-morning will on Friday 7th November at Martin and Kate Watts', Dunelm, The Green, Ashbocking at 10:30am.

John Pollard

CLOPTON

The church looked beautiful for our Harvest Festival and the breakfast was very enjoyable. All the donated produce was taken to the Salvation Army hostel for the homeless in Ipswich and they were delighted to get such a large amount of fresh food and tinned goods. Thank you to everyone who made this such a special service—those who decorated the church, the breakfast cooks, those who gave produce, the Otley ringers, and Clare for her inspiring sermon (plus all the potato info!).

Twenty-four riders visited the church for the annual Suffolk Historic Churches trust sponsored ride, a few more than last year. Unfortunately there were no riders for Clopton.

The November craft-morning will be on Wednesday 5th November from 10am until 1pm in the village hall. It would be great to see more people - you don't have to live in Clopton or have a specific

craft. Come and have a cup of tea or coffee, chat to others, or even bring your mending!

On Wednesday 19th November Sue Emmerson and Penny Moon will be hosting the monthly coffee-morning from 10am until noon in the village-hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Our Remembrance Day service will be on Sunday 9th November at the 493rd Memorial at the top of Snipe Farm Road, starting at 10.50am. The service will be followed by refreshments in the education centre on Debach Airfield.

Church cleaning
Church flowers

Audrey and Chris Barker
Doris Main

Doris Main

OTLEY

Harvest Festival took a very different form this year, and was a great success. We began with a traditional harvest supper in the Chilvers' barn, singing harvest hymns, and then dancing to the band Inertia Reel. The barn looked beautiful (we hope some photographs were taken) so a big 'thank you' to Ian and Alyson Chilvers, and to all the people involved in setting it up and cooking the delicious supper - for over 90 people! It was a most enjoyable evening and another great community occasion, conceived and led by Jane and Catherine.

The following morning there was a well-attended service at church, which had been decorated with lovely flower arrangements, attended by the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers on parade with their banners. The harvest produce was later taken to the Salvation Army hostel in Ipswich, the non-perishable goods to FIND, and a collection of £184-20 was taken for Farm Africa which, with the addition of GiftAid, will have totalled £225-25.

The next major service will be on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November, at the war memorial opposite the village shop. The service will begin at 10.45am so that we can observe the two-minute silence at 11. As it is the centenary of the outbreak of World War I, Sally Whiffing is again staging her exhibition entitled "Those who Served 1914-1918 - Otley's Roll of Honour", at the village hall. It will open after the service, from 11.30am to 4.30pm, so do take the opportunity to visit it. She has written a very interesting article about it in the current Grundisburgh News.

Thank you to everybody who supported our event at Church House, part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. 43 people attended, including Dr Dan Poulter, our MP, and Peter and Juliet Bellfield, and we raised the fantastic amount of £470. I am extremely grateful to everybody who came or sent donations, and to the helpers Joan Parish, Ann Baker, Christine Childs and Ann Robinson, who also provided delicious cakes.

The St Mary's Handbell Ringers have chosen Macmillan as their charity this year, and they have also supplied the designs for this year's Christmas cards which we are selling for the Otley Church Preservation Trust. One card features the handbells and the other shows the crib figures knitted by the ladies for the Nativity scene, and they are very attractive. You can order them from Tess Papworth tel. 890091. Instead of selling Christmas cards next year, we shall be producing an Otley calendar for 2016. Please see Tess Papworth's note below.

At the Gardening Club on 3rd November Jeremy Quinlan will be speaking about 'Bees in the Garden'. He is a master beekeeper and lectures widely on his subject.

The next coffee morning will be held on Thursday 13th November at Field View, Helmingham Road, the home of Peter and Gerry Senior, and they look forward to seeing you there.

The Christmas draw will take place on Saturday 6th December and tickets for that will soon be on sale. We will also welcome draw prizes. The Community Council Christmas dinner/dance will be held that evening – 7.30pm till late, with dinner, a disco, and a photobooth. Tickets cost £22 each and are available from James Green tel. 892109 and Amy Cranfield tel. 890329.

We send best wishes and sympathy to Geoff and Julia Holloway on the loss of Julia's grandmother, Hetty Berry, at the great age of 102. She was already elderly when she came to live in Otley, but she was independent and quickly entered in to the life of the village, becoming a handbell ringer, which she enjoyed very much.

Rose Rogerson

Village diary

1st November	Fireworks Evening 7 for 7.30pm
6th November	Friendship Club - crafts
9th November	Exhibition "Those who Served 1914-1918"
15th and 16th November	15 th Evening/16th afternoon "What did you do in the War?" TOPS
20th November	Friendship Club - favourite poems
23rd November	FFY Car Wash
2nd December	Under 5s - Christmas wreath making - open to all

Church flowers:

Tessa Brown/Joan Parish

Church cleaning:

Richard and Angela Treloar

Brasses:

Betty David

Sidepersons' Rota

2nd November	11.00am Family Service	Ruthie Bullock
	6.30pm All Souls Service	Richard Treloar
16th November	9.30am Holy Communion	Jane Woods
23rd November	6.30pm Evensong	Tess Papworth

Thank you – Hetty Berry

Geoff and Julia Holloway would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for their kindness and support following the death of Julia's grandmother Hetty and for their generous donations to the Alzheimer's Society.

Fireworks – 1st November

Otley Community Council's annual firework display will start at 7.30 p.m. with the gate opening at 7.00pm for refreshments. Please support the evening. Admission will cost £3 for adults and £2 for children of 16 or under. Soup and hot chocolate will be £1, hot dogs £1.50.

The Otley Players

The Otley Players present 'What Did You Do In The War', - a collection of songs and comedy sketches from the two World Wars, including Blackadder, Monty Python, 'Allo 'Allo, Dad's Army and Horrible Histories. There are two performances, one in the evening of Saturday 15th November which includes a cooked meal (bring your own drinks), and one in the afternoon of Sunday 16th November with afternoon-tea and cakes. Tickets are £12.50 and £5.00 for under 12s and are available from Joan on 01473 890715.

Otley Village Calendar 2016

I am aiming to produce an Otley village calendar for 2016 in aid of Otley Church Preservation Trust, but I need your help. No, I don't want you to stand scantily clad beside the village sign, nor indeed pose behind the counter in the village shop! What I need are photos, old or new, in colour or black and white, depicting life in Otley. They can be of places, scenes, events etc. as long as they refer to Otley. The only stipulation is that they are in landscape format. So please search your archives or starting clicking right now. They can be submitted either in hard copy, on a CD, on a memory stick or via e-mail but they must be submitted by May 31st. 2015. My contact details are as follows: papworths241@btinternet.com 890091 (Tess Papworth Secretary OCPT.)

1st. Otley Scouts

This year's Group Camp was at Thorrington camp site in Essex, organised and led by Kevin and Jayne Jackson, our Cub Leaders, as Kevin was being tested for his Nights Away Permit. It was a wonderful camp. We arrived on the Friday evening and at 3 a.m. a super thunder storm ravaged the site until 10 a.m. Activities included a 3D maze in the dark, involving getting lost in narrow tunnels and finding trap-doors above your head leading to tunnels above - definitely for the young. There were also orienteering, archery and backwoods-cooking, at which bananas, filled with chocolate, wrapped in foil and placed in the embers of the fire, went down very well.

The Cubs and Beavers joined us on the Saturday morning and after the camp fire the Beavers went home but the Cubs stayed. After our own fire we joined a larger one for the whole camp site and learnt a new song which involved licking a worm, biting it, chewing it and digesting it. Super!

Arnaud and Rory produced marvellous food from the canteen tent - their evening stew was out of this world. Our Young Leaders, Martin McKenna, William Hunt and Madeline Ling were most helpful and a real asset.

Our Christmas card delivery-service will start at the beginning of December, and the cost will be 20p per card to houses within the village only, last day to post will be 12th. December and delivery will be done on 13th December.

We thank our loving heavenly Father for all his goodness to the Group over many years and our prayer is that a seed of Christianity will be sown in the lives of our young charges that will flourish as they grow.

Brian Childs

Otley Under Fives

The staff and committee of Otley Under Fives Pre-school were recently commended by Juliette Pearson, Early Years and Childcare Quality and Access Advisor for SCC on such a good outcome and report from Ofsted. "Very good" were the words used during a visit by Ofsted in July 2014. Both Juliette and Ofsted commented on our new digging area, nicknamed 'the chocolate factory' by the children. This is a fabulous exploratory area with stones and buckets and whatever else the children need to make their chocolate cakes and paint!

Although we are a small pre-school, we continually strive to provide the highest level of care and learning development. We are proactive to ensure our service consistently improves, being receptive to new ideas and keen to keep up-to-date with current initiatives to provide the best learning environment for the children. We are very proud of our highly-qualified staff and congratulate Michelle, who recently graduated with a degree in Early Years and achieved her EYITT (trained teacher level). A pre-school may boast new books and toys, have a gleaming new building, and be affordable, but if it doesn't feel right, then it isn't. It's essential that you feel comfortable with the staff, who not only run the school and set guidelines for your child, but who will be spending many hours with your child day in and day out.

Why not come along for a visit? We are situated within the grounds of Otley Primary School and offer a free trial-session and a settling-in programme and would be delighted to meet you and show you around our pre-school.....and chocolate factory!

Forthcoming events :

Thursday 23rd October	Halloween disco
Saturday 29th November	9-3pm 'shop & drop' sessions *
Tuesday 2nd December	7pm Make your own Christmas Wreath
Thursday 4th December	An evening with Ryan Gooding
Saturday 13th December	9-3pm 'shop & drop' sessions *

* Would you like to go Christmas shopping without any children? 'Shop and drop' sessions are open to pre-school children at Otley Under Fives and any primary-school child. We will entertain the children between 9am until 3pm with Christmas-themed activities for a small charge of £25/child, £45 for 2 or more children; with a discount for early bookings made prior to 3rd November. For further details or to book any of the above events please call us on 07789 468853.

SWILLAND

Our Harvest Festival was a great success with nearly 50 people in the congregation. Thank you to Bishop John for taking the service. He said it was the first one he had taken in a barn. The pigs in the adjacent building were quite vociferous, which amused everyone. Afterwards we had a scene-change in the barn and sat down to ploughman's lunch. Thank you to all those who helped to get the barn ready and rearrange the tables and chairs for lunch.

Tickets are now available for our Christmas Draw - if you would like some please contact me. It will take place on 6th December in Witnesham village hall at 1 p.m. There will be the usual stalls and soup, filled rolls and mince pies will be served from 12 noon.

Contributions towards the prizes will be much appreciated.

Ann Kent

Church Flowers

2nd to 16th November

Gill Reidy

23rd to 30th November

Jackie Williams

Rainfall – September

The driest September since records began, or so we are told – well, it wasn't the driest in Otley. Rainfall in September 2009 was the same as this year at .70 inches and 2011 was only .15 inches more. It was however a very dry and warm month, which has enabled both ploughing and drilling to be carried out without a

break. Early in October we did get a reasonable amount of rain which was very much needed in order to soften some of the ploughed land which had dried out. When land gets too dry we have to wait for a rain to soften it sufficiently to get a fine seed bed, we do have machines that bash the clods to pieces, but a great deal of expensive metal is worn out in the process. Why not wait for God to do the job for us?

Russell Ling

The Barn Art Group

We are a relaxed, sociable group of mixed abilities who meet every Tuesday from 9.30am till 12 noon at Moat Farm, Ipswich Rd., Otley. IP6 9PE. Guest tutors come from time to time. Complete beginners are very welcome. Refreshments available. Ample Parking. Contact Sherry for further information on 890910 or Margaret on 737344.

Otley Hall Retreat Day Programme

Thurs. **6th Nov.**- Anne Spalding & Anthony Lury - 'Exploring Spiritual Direction.'

Fri. **5th Dec.** - Archdeacon Ian Morgan - 'A day for Advent with music.'

Both days run from 10am-4pm and cost just £22 to include all refreshments and a buffet lunch.

The programme for 2015 will be available online to view and book from 1st December 2014 at www.otleyhall.co.uk. Costs will remain at £22 per person to include all refreshments and lunch. 'A retreat from daily living to nourish your inner spirit'

Contact Karen on 890264 or events@otleyhall.co.uk for further details.

SMILE LINES

God bless - Thora Hird told this story on a BBC1 programme 'Praise Be' about a little girl saying her prayers: "God bless Mummy, God bless Daddy, God bless my brother Tommy, God bless Granny

– and God look after yourself, ‘cos if anything happens to you, we’ve had it!”

OK to Pray - Poster in a public school in South Pasadena, California: “In the event of atomic attack, the rule prohibiting prayer in school will be temporarily suspended.”

Sin - A very earnest member of the local church was praising the obvious spiritual gifts of the new vicar, adding, “We never knew anything about sin until he came.”

Turned into...? - The Sunday School story was about Lot’s wife who was turned into a pillar of salt. One little boy’s arm shot up. “Yes, Jeremy?” said the teacher. “Please, Miss,” said Jeremy, “My Mum looked back once when she was driving home – and she turned into a lamp post.”

Rude parrot - A minister had been left a parrot in the will of a member of his congregation, and soon regretted it - the bird was very rude to everyone who visited. Finally, in exasperation the minister warned the parrot he would take drastic action if he did not behave. When the parrot reduced the next visitor to tears, the minister grabbed him and stuffed him into the fridge for five minutes while he apologised to the visitor, and saw her out.

When he took the parrot out five minutes later, the bird was transformed. ‘I am so sorry. I was completely out of order. I promise I will never be rude to anyone again.’ The minister was happily astonished, and put the bird back into its cage. He was about to go back to work when the parrot coughed politely and ventured: “Mind if I ask something? When I was in the fridge just now, I wondered - what had that chicken done?”

Ever consider the fact that

A chicken crossing a road is really poultry in motion.

Every calendar’s days are numbered.

Once you’ve seen one shopping centre, you’ve seen a mall.

Some people are living way beyond their seams?

Putting on weight is the penalty for exceeding the feed limit.

The best medicine for rheumatism is being thankful it isn’t gout.



COVENTRY'S CROSS

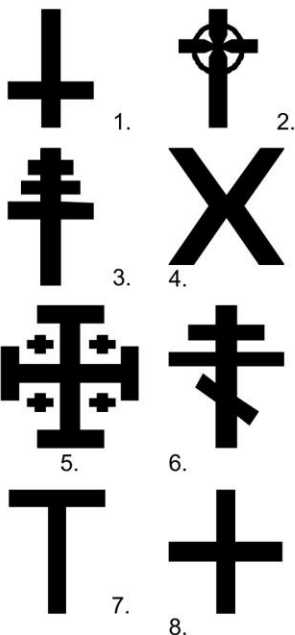
The people of Coventry will always remember the dreadfully long night of 14th November 1940. It was the longest air raid of the World War II and when the light dawned the next morning, Coventry was in ruins. So many people were dead, injured or homeless; there wasn't a person who had not suffered during that night.

The medieval cathedral was a burnt out shell. Two of the burnt roof beams were tied together to make a cross and this makeshift symbol was set up where the altar had been. A cross was also made from the 14th century iron nails that had held the roof together and this Cross of Nails still remains today as a symbol of sympathy, forgiveness and reconciliation. Copies of the Cross of Nails have been presented to countries round the globe as a reminder that love and understanding bind us together and that we need to remember the horrors that happen when people forget that.



CROSS PURPOSES

There are many different types of cross in pictures. Do you know what these are called?



What's green and hairy and drinks from the wrong side of the glass?

A gooseberry with hiccups.

What's the most common owl in this country?

The Tea Towl (ouch!)

Answers: 1.St Peter's 2.Celtic 3.Papal
4.St Andrew's 5.Jerusalem 6.Russian Orthodox 7.St Anthony's 8.Greek



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