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This image and the image on the front cover were taken by Margaret Reynolds, member of our Buildings Group, on the occasion of the topping out ceremony to mark the completion of the roof work on 12 October

MINISTER'S LETTER

November is a month for remembering.

Within one day, parts of the Church celebrate All Saints, and then All Souls, what it calls the commemoration of the faithful departed.

A week later, the nation marks Remembrance Day, giving thanks for the fallen of World Wars and other conflicts, and honouring those who bore burdens throughout their post war years, some to this day.

In 2020, this month is perhaps a proper time to remember others, too: people who succumbed to Covid-19, those who are unwell with it at the moment, and those who are spending themselves in any role that is sustaining us through the on-going pandemic.

Without the coronavirus re-shaping 2020, it may be that communities would have found ways to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War. It simply was not possible, but there were moving moments of reflection on the television, not least on VJ Day, 15th August. During the event at the National Arboretum there was an item about Orde Wingate, the founder of the Chindits. Formed from British and Indian soldiers, they were the Long Range Penetration Groups who sacrificially countered the threat from Japanese troops in Burma. This month, we do well to remember Chindits who died, too. Wingate was a controversial figure, who is characterised in one book as an 'unconventional warrior', despite being an acting Major-General at his early death in a plane crash in 1944. His ideas, tactics and beliefs were not shared by everyone, but he inspired many with his leadership. He was a devout Christian, and from in the midst of the pressures of the Burma campaign wrote, quoting from the book Ecclesiastes: 'the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong...'. Whatever the writer of Ecclesiastes meant by that phrase, I wonder if Wingate borrowed it to say something helpful to those who don't always feel swift or strong.

In the history of conflict zones we often hear tell of the brave and the successful, but not everyone is like that; how could they be? For some people such situations are frightening, or leave them feeling defeated. And now we live in a different time of pressure. The Covid-19 pandemic certainly has many moving stories of bravery, devotion and difference-making efforts. There are, though, also many



people enduring what feels like a long haul. The long haul of recovery from the virus. The long haul of learning to live without a cherished someone who has died. The long haul of isolation. The long haul of being over-worked with no relief in sight. The long haul of financial deprivation with no work opportunities on the horizon. The long haul of arriving at University, far from home, and immediately self-isolating in one's room. In the face of such challenges, when neither determination nor hard graft seem to make everything better, is there perhaps reassurance in hearing that 'the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong'?

Sometimes what is required is hanging in there. Less a show of strength, and pursuit of a quick fix, but careful, steadfast, patient doing the right thing. At the moment, as the presence of the pandemic seems to be persisting, my sense is that that is what is required. Yes, there are key workers acting marvellously for everyone's benefit, and there are scientists striving skilfully for a vaccine, or for dogs trained to detect the virus. And yes, there are people at every sphere of government, slogging away to lead us out of this dark valley. But for very many of us, this Covid season is about the mask wearing, safe distancing and hand washing which is vital to ensure that all those other higher profile efforts bear fruit. 'The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong...'.

Interestingly, when we look at the life of Jesus, we find one whose expression of God's grace and truth are neither swift, nor strong. They are, though, for the healing of the world.

Nigel Uden



Jane Bower's installation of poppies from November 2019

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ADVENT FESTIVAL SERVICE – SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Plans are under way to record this service. Everyone can be involved.

The chosen theme is '*BE AN ANGEL*'.

Angels as God's messengers to us, ourselves as God's messengers to others.



Does anyone have a precious angel decoration at home with a special [brief] story?

Could you draw or paint an angel?

Could you suggest an angel poem or bible passage?

Has anyone ever been an angel to you?

Can you think of places in Cambridge where angels are at work?

Suggestions to Rosemary (children@downingplaceurc.org) are most welcome, by **Sunday 15th November**, please. We will use as many as possible.

Later this month you might be asked to record some words.

There will be paper angels to make!

Let's listen to God's messengers to us and prepare to be among God's messengers to others, as we wait to share the joy of the message-living saviour.

A DOWNING PLACE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING
FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH
'LOVE CAN'T BE LOCKED DOWN'



Dear friends,

I've been thinking about Christmas, and how our church will be missing out on our usual social festive activities. I am aware that, while we are doing our best to provide services, house groups and contact, the church has no real social life at the moment apart from the brief Zoom meetings after worship.

I came up with an idea which I put to Nigel and to David Flynn, who have both given it their whole-hearted approval!

I am inviting anyone who attends Downing Place (aged 0 to 100+) to submit, (as you wish) a short celebratory piece. It does not have to be Christmas-based, or a 'performance', or music - though all of those are welcome – it could be telling us about a special moment you'd like to share, photos, a favourite reading, a poem, riddle or joke, a piece of artwork you have made, something you grew in your garden – just so long as it is a video, audio and/or images, between a few seconds and 5 minutes, as we would like to include as many people as possible and are aiming for about one hour in total. Nigel is already planning his contribution!



The pieces will be put together into one celebratory YouTube film (private, no public access), which we are inviting everyone to watch on **Friday December 11th at 6.30pm**. You are welcome to dress in your best or wear a party hat, and watch with a meal and a glass of something. The viewing will be followed by a Zoom meeting where everyone can, if they wish, get together for a post-entertainment chat. Please note, if you cannot make the date, the film will be available to view later, but we are hoping to whip up a bit of Christmas camaraderie by all committing to watching it at the same time!



My role is to receive promises of contributions, work out timings and a running order, and provide any introductions felt to be necessary.

Please submit your ideas (title, short description and length, exact if you can) to me, Jane Bower, as soon as possible, as contributions will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, but by Sunday November 15th at the latest please.

As it would be very helpful to know likely numbers for the Zoom get-together after the show, please contact Jane to ‘book’ your place. Thank you!

The task of putting all the videos together falls on David Flynn, to whom we are most grateful. Please note:

- David is not able to take on the making of recordings, only receiving them. If you would like to make a contribution and need help doing so, please approach some other kind person/family member!
- Contributions should ideally be as MP4 or similar video clips, or sound-only MP3 audio, but David can manage Apple iPhone/iPad/laptop alternate file formats too. Audio contributions can be complemented with one or more photos if you wish.

- Please ensure that your material/images do not breach any copyright.
- **The deadline for submitting finished contributions to David is the evening of Sunday 6th December, but earlier would be appreciated!**

Please support this event by contributing, watching on the evening and by booking your place for the Zoom get-together afterwards. Let us show that the message of Christmas outshines Covid, and that Love cannot be locked down.

Thank you,

Jane

TOPPING OUT CEREMONY

Monday October 12th was an important date in the redevelopment of our Downing Place building. Our Minister, Nigel, and Margaret Reynolds from the Building Group climbed up to join Dirk Visagie, Jack Boyns and Tom Gillard from the construction team up on the completed roof for the traditional topping out ceremony. Nigel offered this prayer.

Eternal God,
your Son Jesus Christ is the Church's
keystone,
crowning it with hope,
holding it in place with grace,
ensuring its stability with truth.

As we mark the topping out of this
project,
we praise you for all those who, with
myriad skills,
are renewing Downing Place Church
for the glory of your name
and in service to your mission.

Looking down on the sanctuary,
where we preach Christ crucified and
risen,
we hear you calling us to come to you in
faith;
looking out over the city,
where beauty and need walk side by side,
we hear you calling us to go to it with
love.

In the name of the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit,
we pray your blessing upon what is being
done,
until you bring it and all things to
completion,
at the day of Jesus Christ,
Amen



Nigel and Jack with the new roof lights



Nigel surveys the new roof



*Architects Dirk Visagie (l)
and Jack Boyns (r)*

PROFILE - KELLY O'DOHERTY



Kelly and Ramji in Cornwall

I was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, a town in the foothills of the Appalachians. My parents and grandparents were raised there. I did not grow up there, however; my parents moved to a suburb of Chicago when I was a few months old, and several years after that my family moved to a suburb of Detroit. In short, I would call myself a Midwesterner and a Michigander.

I grew up in church. I was usually at the building at least one weekday evening and twice on Sundays. Much of that time was spent at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, Michigan, where I was baptised in my late teens. I have very fond memories of the congregation and the building. (I grew up to be an architect, so it may come as no surprise that buildings evoke strong connections for me.)

As a student I enjoyed both arts and technical subjects. I decided to pursue architecture as a profession since it touches both. I attended Miami University of Ohio for undergrad studies, and the University of Michigan for graduate school. Following university, I remained in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and enjoyed a decade of living and working there.



Kelly aged 3, dressed up for church

I met my husband, Ramji, in Ann Arbor when he was working on a PhD in electrical engineering. He is from Chennai (Madras), India. Following postdoc positions elsewhere, Ramji applied for a position at Cambridge. I hadn't seen the city before, but I had visited Oxford once and so I thought if Oxford is nice then Cambridge must be lovely too! We boarded a plane in 2013 with two large suitcases full to hold us over until our other things arrived by ship a few months later.

Once in Cambridge I began looking for a church and visited several. One Sunday I arrived at Emmanuel URC. I very much enjoyed Lance Stone's preaching, the welcoming environment, and the relaxed atmosphere. That first day I sat behind Margaret and David Reynolds, and Margaret introduced herself as a fellow American architect. That connection hooked me in! There were numerous other friendly faces too. I knew I would fit in well and so I stopped visiting other churches after that (and so I never visited St. Columba's at that time).

Meanwhile from a professional perspective I continued with my US architectural firm for a further two years working remotely from Cambridge. Later I found a job in Cambridge with BB&C Architects where I oversaw the construction phase of the Woolf Institute building. Those of you who are attending in-person services at Westminster College can see Woolf's brick and stone front facade and projecting semi-circular library on the west side of the college property.



Kelly at the Woolf Institute

I currently work for BCR Infinity Architects, a practice with offices in Bury St Edmunds and Cambridge. Prior to lockdown I worked in both offices, but for now I work mainly at home. This year I finally concluded my re-qualification as

a UK architect – a three-year long undertaking. I am glad to be finished! I also recently gained UK citizenship, so technically I am now a British architect too.

Ramji and I enjoy traveling together – both to our respective home countries to visit family and to see new places. We've enjoyed walking in several picturesque parts of Britain. The photo accompanying this article was taken on our most recent holiday in Cornwall.

At DPURC I've been involved in the Building Group. Downing Place is transforming into a revitalised space that I hope will be fondly remembered by budding young architects who may be growing up in our congregation today. Each of the building group members contributes his or her unique skills. Robert Porrer is our organiser, Nigel Uden (and formerly John Bradbury) provides leadership, Elaine Barker is the fount of facilities knowledge, Jane Bower has an eye for colour and aesthetics, and Lindsey Bellis advocates for dementia friendly space and sufficient storage. I get involved with occasional details where I think we can improve. There are also many others not formally part of the group who have assisted with their expertise (organ, catering, audio-visual, etc.). May I suggest that the next time you see the Building Group's all-stars David Thomas and Margaret Reynolds please thank them profusely. They have poured an untold amount of time, energy, and love into making this facility a welcoming and sustainable space for our church's future.

I look forward to seeing you all inside the new building!

NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY
CAUSE

CAMFED

(NOT WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE)



Nothing to do with food or Cambridge (though its roots were in this city). CAMFED stands for the **Campaign for Female Education**, which has had a profound effect on health and development in rural Africa. Here's an extract from their website <https://camfed.org/about/>

Imagine you're a young girl in rural Africa.

You went to primary school, loved your lessons, and enjoyed playing with your classmates. But when it was time to go to secondary school you were forced to drop out. Your family did not have money for school fees, food, uniforms, or transport. A financial burden, you now have to work to earn money to help your

family. You're vulnerable to abuse, exploitation, and early marriage, at grave risk of physical violence, HIV/AIDS, and serious complications during pregnancy and childbirth. Without education, you're denied your chance to fulfil your potential, and break the cycle of poverty for good.

Margaret and I heard about CAMFED a decade or so ago, through a talk at Emmanuel by its founder, Ann Cotton. At a time when we felt depressed about the problems of traditional 'Aid', Ann's answer was breathtakingly simple. She had discovered that, by helping young women to continue their education beyond primary school, it is possible to have a transforming effect on their lives, their families and their communities. The amounts of money are surprisingly low: for instance, £120 keeps a teenage girl in school for a year.

Having heard Ann Cotton's talk, we became supporters. We hope that you will want to contribute as part of the church's monthly appeal for November.

CAMFED helps girls to stay at school, by not only covering school fees but also uniforms, shoes, sanitary pads and books, as well as offering counselling from a trained Teacher Mentor. After school, they are able to develop careers of their own – running their own small businesses in crafts or crops, working as teachers or health workers, and so on. As homemakers, they understand the importance of hygiene and the dangers of disease. And through the CAMFED Association, they network with other like-minded young women to help leverage change both locally and across their countries.

CAMFED is also an administratively lean organization, largely staffed and driven by citizens of the countries in which it operates. At the moment CAMFED supports young women in nearly 7,000 schools in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana, Tanzania and Malawi.

To help it do even more, go to <https://camfed.org/donate/> or via BACs at Camfed International, 30-91-56 00696950

David Reynolds





CHRISTIAN AID – THE AUTUMN APPEAL

We all know that 2020 has been a very difficult year for everyone. Christian Aid, like all other charities, has been especially badly affected by the pandemic. Much fundraising has been impossible, and many who would normally give have seen their incomes squeezed. But the need hasn't gone away – Covid 19 has been heaped on top of the problems already faced by poorer communities throughout the world – climate change and drought, food shortages and poverty, armed conflict driving people from their homes.

And Christian Aid is still working as hard as ever – fundraising in this country and intervening across the world to bring help to struggling families and communities.

In Cambridge and in Downing Place URC we couldn't do most of our usual fundraising during Christian Aid Week in May – no red envelopes in Church or through your door, no street collection, no supermarket collections, no events where people had to come together. These things are still not possible, but we do have the chance to contribute to **Christian Aid's Autumn Appeal**, and for the first time we have a **Downing Place e-envelope** scheme, which you can access by clicking on the link below. We have set an ambitious target of **£1 000** to be raised for the Autumn Appeal – can we show we are global Good Neighbours? Please do donate, the e-envelope has a button for donations so giving on-line is easy. Just click this link:

<https://e-offering.christianaid.org.uk/e-offering/eyJlb2ZmZXJpbmciOjI5MjY5LCAiY2hhbm5lbCI6ImNvcHkifQ==>

What is the **Autumn Appeal** about? Helping communities in the poorest parts of the world to thrive, communities like those of Angela Zelaya, a coffee grower in Nicaragua.



In Nicaragua the farming community of Santa Rosa has grown coffee for generations. Nicaragua is the second poorest country in Latin America, and many grow coffee as their main source of income. Now, their future looks more and more uncertain. Angela is worried: “With climate change, the coffee suffers, the heat scorches the beans and we cannot sell them, and we’re losing more every year. At the same time, coffee prices have fallen globally. It will be a total disaster for us because as farmers, growing crops is how we survive”.

But there is hope. Facing this crisis has brought the community together to work as a local cooperative to share resources and knowledge. The cooperative is supported by Christian Aid’s local partner, Soppexcca. One of the main ways they are helping farmers protect their livelihoods is by shifting from coffee production to climate-resistant cocoa, helping people like Angela to secure a better future. Angela says: ‘With the cocoa project, we received loans and cocoa plants. The technicians visited us and told us what to do. We also received tree saplings to help shade our crops. The income from the cocoa crop means we can buy clothes, medicines and food.’



Angela and her daughter, Jobaira

When ordinary neighbourhoods come together, they can create lasting change. Around the world, many of our global neighbours living in poverty continue to face crisis in its various forms. Love knows no distance. This autumn, Christian Aid is asking supporters to reach out to our global neighbours and help more communities overcome crisis.

Here again is the link:

<https://e-offering.christianaid.org.uk/e-offering/eyJlb2ZmZXJpbmciOjI5MjY5LCAiY2hhbm5lbCI6ImNvcHkifQ==>

Donations can also be made by going direct to the Christian Aid website and visiting “Autumn Appeal”, by telephone on 020 7523 2269, or by post to Christian Aid, 35 Lower Marsh, Waterloo, London, SE1 7RL, with a cover note saying this is for the Autumn Appeal.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sheila Porrer



COMMITMENT FOR LIFE DONATIONS 2020

We are keeping the kitty open for Commitment for Life contributions until Monday 16 November, after having got off to a slow start last month owing to the closure of Church House.

Donations may be made directly to the Church bank account:
Sort Code 40-52-40; account number 00029711 (using the reference CFL)

or by cheque made payable to ‘Downing Place URC’ and posted to Elaine at 1 Little St Mary’s Lane, Cambridge CB2 1RR. Please write ‘Commitment for Life’ on the back of your cheque.

You can read more about Commitment for Life on the URC website here:

<https://urc.org.uk/our-work/commitment-for-life.html>

EMMANUEL RECOLLECTIONS

A new title! A twenty page booklet of memories and photographs has been put together - a team effort - to mark the closure of the Emmanuel building on Trumpington Street.

A local printing firm will provide the copies we need, but it would be helpful to know the number to order.

The cost, for that reason, is not yet known, but is not likely to be excessive. Contributors will receive a complimentary copy as authors.

Please ask me to reserve a copy for you not later than 15 November.

Margaret Thompson

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RECOLLECTIONS



Bobble hats – Jane Bower has entered another competition

Jane writes: Lockdown provided me with time to devote to a number of creative pursuits, and when I saw a competition run by a husband and wife team to design a new striped hat for the tenth anniversary of their company, I printed off some templates and took out my paintbox. A further appeal was that Big Bobble Hats each have a quirky or pun-based name, and entrants had to supply a new one. After looking through their collection, I noticed that they had no hat specifically designed for Christmas, so came up with my stunningly witty *Yule Love This*, which you can read about here:

<https://www.bigbobblehats.co.uk/products/yule-love-this>

I recently received an email from them saying that I was one of the ten winners, and for my efforts received all ten of the winning designs, which as you can see, I lost no time in modelling.



I was asked to send in a video of myself in my hat, on which I had to sing 'Happy Birthday' to Big Bobble Hats and wobble my bobble, a request which was new to me. I complied.

Some of the hats will be going to Jimmy's Night Shelter so you may see them in and around the town centre.



THE CHERRY HINTON ROAD TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP



The CHR Tuesday Fellowship has continued to meet during September and October. We have had two meetings in the chapel at St Athanasios and a Harvest Festival in the church hall. We have also met for social gatherings in Pamela Cressey's garden and annexe. At the meeting in the chapel on September 20th, we had an update from Mariam Korama on the Sally May International pre-school in Sierra Leone (the school which she founded). During the Pandemic the school had been closed but was now open. We could see from the photos which Mariam showed us how happy the children were and how much they appreciated all the help that Mariam is able to send them. We were so pleased to give £40 to Mariam from our collection. This went towards the cost of the chairs for the school which she had bought from Emmaus.

We are very grateful that St Athanasios gave us permission to use the church hall for our harvest festival service. This enables us to have many more people attending. We are also pleased that St Athanasios gave us permission to have a piano installed in the hall and we are so grateful that Philippa Jones gave us the piano from the Emmanuel buildings at Trumpington Street. The harvest festival service was led by Nigel Uden and was attended by fifteen people. Brian Mizon played the piano. It was a great pleasure to listen to the hymns while wearing our masks. At the service we raised £70 for the Trussell Trust and donated the food collected to Jimmy's Night Shelter. After the service, we had tea or coffee in our own mugs with individually wrapped biscuits.

Our most recent meeting was in the chapel where the theme was Autumn, and

where because of social distancing we can only accommodate nine people. We are now planning to have a service in the church hall at least once a month. We are delighted to welcome new members and anyone else who would like to attend to the services in the church hall. We only ask that they should bring a mug and a mask.

Penny Milsom



The Cherry Hinton Road Fellowship meets every Tuesday afternoon. Plans for each meeting are evolving depending on risk assessments, Government guidance and other factors, and meetings may take place in different locations - please contact Penny Milsom for more information

A letter from Ian Hardie, Treasurer of the United Reformed Church and John Piper, Deputy Treasurer, to the members and friends of all our 1,400 URC congregations.

August 2020

‘THANK YOU’ for your unique and vital contribution to the life of the United Reformed Church, and for the work of the kingdom which we are able to do together in God’s name



We are living through an extraordinary and challenging time – a very anxious time for everyone; a difficult time for many; and a time of suffering and loss for some. Yet, the main purpose of this letter is to say **‘thank you’** to each of you for all that you have done for the Church in the past; for all that you continue to do even in these difficult times; and for what you will do in the future.

As we are treasurers, you will not be surprised that the focus of this letter is on finance. But we recognise that finance is only a means to the end which is our doing of God’s work together.

‘Thank you’ for your giving to your local church. Financially, this giving is the lifeblood of your own church and of the whole United Reformed Church across England, Scotland and Wales. It is this personal giving that enables your local church treasurer to pay your church’s bills. Typically, the largest of those ‘bills’ is the contribution your local church pays to the URC Ministry and Mission Fund. This Fund meets the central costs of the United Reformed Church. The total budget is around £20 million and is approved each year by Mission Council. Over 80% of this money is spent on ministers and church related community workers – their training, stipends and pensions. But the other 20% also achieves an enormous amount on behalf of us all. General Assembly 2020 was severely constrained because of the Covid-19 lockdown, but the reports written for General Assembly are available on the URC website, and they paint pictures of all the work that has been done in our name over the last two years and much of that work is ongoing.

‘Thank you’ for your giving and the giving of your local church last year. In 2019, over **£19.4 million was given by local churches and synods to the Ministry and Mission Fund.** The total contributions from local churches reduced very slightly but the average giving per member has, once again and remarkably, gone up by more than inflation.

‘Thank you’ for your continued giving this year. We fully understand that circumstances this year are difficult. Most local churches have been unable to

meet for over five months. We have not had the usual opportunities to make our offerings for the work of the Church. But most of the costs of the local church and of the denomination have not reduced and some have increased as a consequence of the pandemic. We are also aware that some have lost income or work this year and are therefore in great financial difficulty. But there are others on fixed incomes who are actually better off than they might otherwise have been. **So, please continue to give what you can in whatever way you can – or save it up until you can hand it over.**

Any giving of ours is a response to the amazing generosity and love of God which we see in Jesus. Nevertheless, **it is important for us to say ‘thank you’ to each and all of you.**

If you have any questions or comments arising from this letter then please speak to your church treasurer, who has been provided with more detailed information. If they are not able to help directly then they can get in touch with the finance team at Church House.

Yours in Christ, Ian and John



CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Name	Time	Location
Sunday 1	Sunday Worship with Communion A recorded service led by Revd Nigel Uden	11:00am	Youtube
	Sunday Worship with Communion A live service led by Revd Nigel Uden	11:00am	Westminster College (booking essential - contact Margaret Thompson)
	Open Table Discussion	7:00pm	Zoom (contact Alison Binney for details)
Monday 2	Officers' Meeting	4:00pm	Zoom
	House Group led by Li Tang	7:00pm	Zoom
Tuesday 3	Cherry Hinton Road Tuesday Fellowship	2:30pm	Contact Penny Milsom
	House Group led by Janet Bottoms	2:30pm	Zoom
Sunday 8 Remembrance Sunday	Sunday Worship A recorded service led by Augur Pearce	11:00am	Youtube
Monday 9	House Group led by Li Tang	7:00pm	Zoom
Tuesday 10	Cherry Hinton Road Tuesday Fellowship	2:30pm	Contact Penny Milsom
	House Group led by Janet Bottoms	2:30pm	Zoom
Sunday 15	Sunday Worship A live service via Zoom (which will later be available via Youtube)	11:00am	Zoom Contact Ann Auger for details
	Church Meeting	12:15pm	
	Open Table hosts a live Communion Service via Zoom	7:00pm	Zoom (contact Alison Binney for details)

Sunday 15 (continued)	DEADLINE for submitting your proposal for 'LOVE CAN'T BE LOCKED DOWN'		Contact Jane Bower (see p.7)
	DEADLINE for reserving your copy of 'Emmanuel Recollections'		Contact Margaret Thompson (see p.19)
Monday 16	DEADLINE for submitting Commitment for Life contributions	9:00am	See panel on p.18 for details
Tuesday 17	Cherry Hinton Road Tuesday Fellowship	2:30pm	Contact Penny Milsom
Thursday 19	Midweek Worship	11:00am	Little St Mary's Church Parish Centre
	Evangelism and Service Group meeting	7:00pm	Zoom
Sunday 22	Sunday Worship A recorded service led by Revd Nigel Uden	11:00am	Youtube
Monday 23	Elders' Meeting	7:30pm	Zoom
Tuesday 24	Cherry Hinton Road Tuesday Fellowship	2:30pm	Contact Penny Milsom
Sunday 29 Advent Sunday	Advent Carol Service A recorded service led by Revd Nigel Uden	11:00am	Youtube

STOP PRESS

Plans are being made for a series of 3 house group sessions during Advent.
Details will appear soon in the weekly notices.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

- 1 November: Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 34; I John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12
- 8 November: Psalm 46; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 7 : 9-17
- 15 November: Zephaniah 1.7,12-18; Psalm 90; I Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30
- 22 November: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 2-24; Psalm 95.1-7a; Ephesians 1.15-23;
Matthew 25.31-46
- 29 November: To be confirmed
- 6 December: Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85; II Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1-18



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Please send all items to be included in the December/January edition to both Sheila and Ann by the cut off date of **Wednesday 18 November 2020**

The December/January edition will be available during week ending **Friday 27 November**