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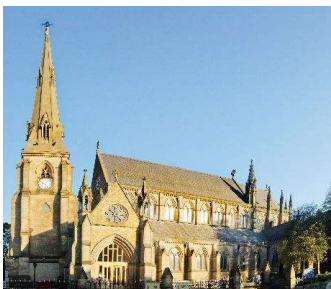
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Situated on top of the small hill at the centre of the town, Bury Parish Church stands at the heart of one of the ancient parishes of Lancashire. The present splendid building was opened for worship on 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation, in 1876, and is certainly the third - possibly the fourth - on the site. It is impossible now to know just when Christian worship began here, a thousand or so years ago.



During its long history, the Church has ministered to the town in many different ways. Bury Grammar School began life here in the sixteenth century, boys almost certainly being taught originally by clergy from the Parish Church. Parish Charities were set up to provide for the poor and sick.

The Rector was heavily involved in the growth of the town during the Industrial Revolution: much of the urban growth of those days took place on his glebe land. Sir Robert Peel, future Prime Minister and son of a local textile manufacturer, was baptized here in 1788. All of the dozen or so Anglican parishes in Bury were carved out of the original parish. The Church has had close links with the Lancashire Fusiliers (now part of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers) since 1873 and continues to be a focus for the whole civic life of the Borough.

Today, we seek to continue to offer a wide variety of activities and opportunities to the whole town which we are called to serve for Jesus Christ's sake. This magazine gives its reader a snapshot, in one particular month, of what is on offer. We are always eager to find new ways of witness and service and should be glad to receive any constructive suggestions.

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## Parish Diary November 2023

### Regular events

#### Sunday

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist (also on Facebook Live) and Sunday School, followed by refreshments served in the Blackburne Hall.

**4.30pm** Evensong

#### Wednesday

**9.30am** Morning Prayer on Zoom

**11.00am** Holy Communion

**7.00pm** Study Group -see Cornerstone

#### Thursday

**10.00am** Tiddlers meet in Blackburne Hall

#### Friday

**8.00am** Dustbusters – church cleaning

**12.30pm** Lunchtime Concert

**4.00pm** Junior Choir Practice during term-time

**7.00pm** Adult Choir Practice

### Baptisms & Weddings

Speak to any of the clergy after the 10.00am service. There is a full list of contact details for clergy and organisations near the back of the magazine

(To receive the Cornerstone, email: julian.heaton\_1@outlook.com)

### Events during November 2023

3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Lunchtime Concert John Hosking (Organ)
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Foden's Band Concert 7pm
5 <sup>th</sup> November	All Saint's/ All Soul's
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Lunchtime Concert Baroque Ensemble
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Civic Service
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Lunchtime Concert Vincent Chu (Violin)
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Lunchtime Concert Dimitra Ananiadou (Violin)

## From the Rector's desk



### Dear Sisters and Brothers

As I write this, the world news is heavy with violence. There is the overt violence in Gaza, Ukraine, across the Sahel (the middle upper swathe of Africa) and the hidden violence within nations where native groups struggle to have their voice heard (Myanmar, Afghanistan, Ethiopia – actually the list is way too long).

November in our own country is visually rich with poppies and with the implicit message that the key conflicts have finished. Sadly, that is far from the case.

This temptation, to wave the victory flag too soon, is not new. As a nation we celebrate

the work of William Wilberforce and his friends in ending slavery. A quick look through the papers reminds us that slavery, in different guises, is alive and well across the world.

President Bush, in 2003, declared 'Mission Accomplished' in Iraq. Francis Fukuyama, a political scientist, wrote a book in 1992 called 'The end of history', arguing that liberal democracy would naturally cause wars to cease and humanity to flourish. The history of Britain I was taught focussed on the World Wars and barely mentioned Korea, Suez, Malaya, Aden, Cyprus and so on.

In Church, in November, we enter the Season of the Saints. One of the powerful teachings of the Christian faith is that we should be wary of claims that history is over or that humanity is headed towards fulfilment and perfection or that a

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particular version of society is the pinnacle of human organisation. As we look at the saints, those men and women held before us as role models of holy living or holy dying, often we see in their lives challenging examples of struggle against complacency, misplaced power or (to use a vital word) sin.

We find the idea of sin a bit too awkward. We shy away from it. We must not. Without recognising the reality of sin, we have no language to talk about and be honest about humanity. And, in this Season, we elide the Saints with those we love but see no longer, to the extent that vicars in funeral visits often hear the phrase 's/he never did anything wrong.'

Cranmer, in the Book of Common Prayer, offers us a powerful and honest line to use in our prayers. 'And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life

*in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.'* We are following their good examples not the whole of their lives. Honesty about being human relates not just to war but to our individual lives.

As we enter this period of the Church's year, let us aim for holy living. Let us not, too quickly, assume we have arrived and that the job is done. Our pilgrimage is lifelong. With joy let us walk this path together, seeking Christ each day, seeking forgiveness where sin has overtaken us, seeking grace to live more like our Lord.

With love and prayers

*Julian*

Rector

## Craig Giles - our curate in waiting

Craig has been on placement with us as an ordinand (minister in training) since February this year. The Bishop of Manchester has decided that Craig should remain here as our curate after ordination which will take place at the end of June (probably). Craig has much valued the feedback to help him grow in understanding of what people hope for out of their clergy.



We will continue to have Fr Sam and Rev Sheila on the team. At some point, Fr Sam will move on to a new role. Our task, as a congregation, is to provide opportunity for growth in our younger clergy and to maximise the opportunities they bring, in terms of energy and insight, for our mission and ministry.

Just so you know, as part of his contribution to life here, Craig has started, with Jackie our Children's ALM and the Rector, a new 'After School Church' at St Paul's on a Friday afternoon. If you feel you could help us develop this new outreach, do let us know.

## Harvest Lunch

What a splendid Harvest Lunch we had on the 15th October that was prepared by our Cantonese friends. We believe that we catered for everyone's tastes including vegetarian and vegan. We even had meat and cheese & onion pies prepared by Ola.



The food was outstanding, the dining room was thoughtfully prepared, reception and table service more than pleasant and the atmosphere extremely jovial.

Around 65 people attended and, after expenses, raised £274.00 for church funds. This included £80 taken on the raffle. Thank you to everyone who played their part on the day. It was a huge success.



Our next lunch is the Christmas Lunch which is taking place on Sunday 17th December. Please watch out for the tickets coming on sale and buy early to avoid disappointment.

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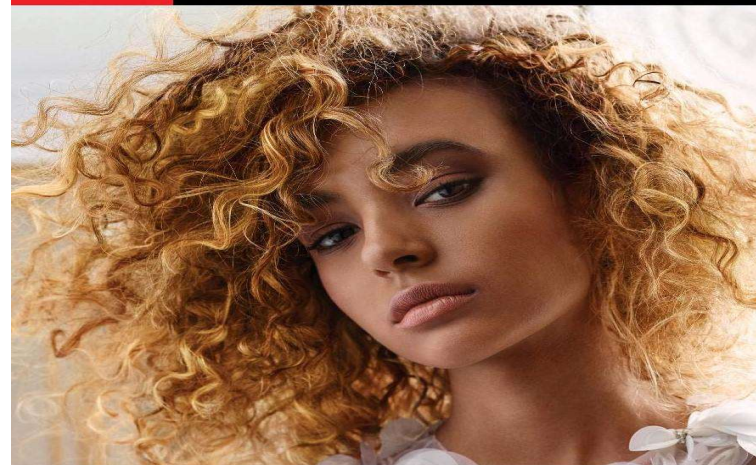
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## Food Donations



As you can see from the above photo what an amazing amount of food Bury Parish church members gave this harvest to help the under privileged folk of Bury! All so gratefully received by Kath who runs the centre. If you've ever wondered where all those tins, bottles jars, toiletries etc. we bring each week to church end up and for what purpose look no further. All was revealed to me when I helped take the Harvest donations to Chesham Fold Community Centre today.

The centre makes free lunches on a Thursday and most importantly each week makes up emergency parcels for people at the request of social workers, police, job centre, health visitors and support staff. Last week alone Kath made up 28 such parcels.

People in need pay £5 a year and for £3.50 can have 12 items of what ever they fancy from the selection in the kitchen. An enormously worthwhile project. I shall certainly give more generously and willingly in future.

So a very big thank you from the community centre to you all for your generosity this harvest in particular and for your weekly contributions which are so gratefully received.

Kath has asked that in preparation for demand over the Christmas period donations of all the usual items plus UHT milk, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate, cereals and soup would be appreciated - Liz Dyson

## Dustbusters

Many visitors to our church have commented on how clean our church is. However, we really need more volunteers to come along to keep it that way.

We are a small friendly group who come along every Friday morning 8am to 9am.



Could you spare one hour of your time to help? If so, please come along- you will be made very welcome.

## Eco Update

On 16th September, Emma Little who is the Bury Parish Church Eco Ambassador and I were among the first 6 people in Manchester Diocese to be commissioned as Eco champions for our Church, Mission Community and Deanery, something which I am immensely proud of, if slightly bewildered about how it occurred. We completed the Eco Elective part of the ALM course, but no one said it would turn us into Eco Champions!!!



Do come and speak to us about it, we would love for the congregation to become more involved in our Eco activities which have been fairly low key, however we do have plans for next year. The Diocese of Manchester would like all Churches to be Net Carbon Zero by 2030 so there is lots to do before then.

Kath Pollard  
Congregation Committee Chair  
Bury and Rossendale Deanery Lay  
Chair, Eco Champion

## Social committee



Further to the request in Saturday 5th August's

emailed Cornerstone, Fairfield hospital is still asking for knitted/crocheted Twiddle Muffs for Dementia patients, and Hearts for end of life patients.



If anyone is able to make either or both, they can be dropped off in church for me to

collect. My daughter-in-law is a nurse on the intensive care ward so would be able to deliver them.

### Knitted Twiddle Muff:

<https://knitforpeace.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Twiddlemuff-Pattern.pdf>

### Knitted Hearts:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/hearts-28>

### Crocheted Twiddle Muff:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/twiddle-muff>

### Crocheted Hearts:

<https://www.ochilcrafts.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Crochet-Heart-Pattern.pdf>

You can find patterns at the above links but many others are available online. Thank you - Hazel McGhie.

## Post of Treasurer

Some months ago, Nigel, our Treasurer advised the Finance Committee that after 30+ years in this role, he wished to relinquish the post. This would come into effect, certainly no later than our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May 2024.

Whilst this seemed a way off, we realised that it might not be easy to find someone: we required someone to come forward and offer their services.

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weeks and just hoped and prayed that someone would respond positively.

I am delighted to say that Alan Davies, the husband of Alison Davies, expressed an interest. This was approved by The Finance Committee and subsequently endorsed at the recent PCC meeting.

Alan will start to work closely with Nigel in order to achieve a seamless handover when Nigel retires from the post.

Thank you very much Alan. I know that the clergy & congregation will also support Alan in this important role - Pat Uden, Chair of Finance Committee

## Raffle Pizes

**Do you have any unwanted gifts** that could be used as raffle prizes at Church social events? If so, these would be gratefully received by the Social Committee. **Our next event is the Christmas Lunch on the 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

These should be handed to me, or, any member of the social committee. If you wish someone to collect them from you, please ring me on 0161 – 797 – 9051. Many thanks, Pat Webber  
Chair of the Social Committee

## Sale of cards

There will be a sale of Christmas and greetings cards on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

November and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December during coffee in the Blackburne Hall. Purchases can be made with cash or credit card. - Margaret Hutchinson

## Sale of books

At the book sale held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October we raised £57.00 for church funds. The next sale will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**Purchase can now be made using cash or credit cards.**

Many thanks to everyone who bought books and donated books. Do you have any good quality books? If so, could you let one of us know and we will arrange to receive them from you? If you prefer, we will gladly collect from you.

**Margaret Hutchinson (0161 7976043)**  
**Pat Uden (01204 880998)**

## Children's Society collecting boxes.

If you have one of the collecting boxes given to you by the late Mike Davis, you will be glad to know that Ray Tait, our Deputy Warden has taken on the role of gathering and replacing the boxes and will be involved in the Christingle service in December, which is also in aid of the Children's Society. Ray would like you to return the box which you have to the church at a Sunday service over the next couple of weeks so that he can then give you an empty one.

If anyone else wants to join in this scheme to raise funds for the charity, please telephone Ray or speak to him at church. More donors are always welcome to join. Ray's telephone number is 0161 797 2503

## Support the work of Bury Parish Church

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## Revitalising the Rectory garden

There is a plan to start developing the Rectory's grounds into a more pleasant, colourful and welcoming space. There is no funding available

## Music for November

**5<sup>th</sup> November** **All Saints' Day All Souls'**

**10.00am Sung Parish Communion**

Mass Setting: Alan Wilson: Mass of Light  
Hymns: 296 (omit 5-7), 799, 310, 355 (I), 308

Motet: Howard Goodall: The Lord is my shepherd

Voluntary: Ghislaine Reece-Trapp: In paradisum

**4.30pm Evensong**

Hymns: 312, 309, 30

Responses: Richard Ayleward

Psalm: 150

from the Diocese for this work and the PCC has no formal responsibility to maintain the grounds, although it pays for the grass to be cut.

To kickstart the project we are looking for people who might have perennial shrubs and plants they no longer want or ones that can be split, which they are willing to donate to the church for planting in the existing flower beds around the Rectory.

If you feel you could contribute in this way, please contact Ray Tait, Deputy Warden to discuss and arrange how, when and where the perennials can be handed over. Ray is on duty at church most Sundays or can be telephoned on 0161 797 2503. **Thanks in advance to anyone who can help in this way.**

Canticles: David Wright / Errol Slater  
Anthem: F A G Ouseley: From the rising of the sun  
Voluntary: Jeanne Demessieux: In Manus Tuas (litanie)

**12<sup>th</sup> November** **Remembrance Sunday**

**10.00am Sung Parish Communion**

Mass Setting: David Thorne: Mass of St Thomas

Hymns: 577, 779, 582, 635

Motet: Henry Purcell: Thou knowest Lord

# Flower Donations and Dedications

If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers that are arranged in Church in memory of a loved one or maybe to mark a celebration, here is what you need to do. To give you an idea, an average amount of the cost of weekly flowers is between £25.00 - £30.00.

- Put your donation in a white envelope with your name and a contact number on the front and mark it "flower donations and dedications". Inside the envelope you need to write the dedication details and the date when the flower display is required. This should then be handed to **Jean Sutcliffe**, or to one of the Wardens for passing on to **Jean**.
- A list of dedications will appear in the magazine the following month.
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**11.30am Remembrance Day Civic Service**  
Anthems: William Harris: Holy is the true  
light  
Edgar Bainton: And I saw a new heaven

**4.30pm Evensong**  
Hymns: 577, 387, 15  
Responses: William Byrd  
Psalm: 82  
Canticles: Healey Willan in E-flat  
Anthem: Maurice Greene: Lord let me  
know mine end

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**  
**10.00am Sung Parish Communion**  
Mass Setting: David Thorne: Mass of St  
Thomas  
Hymns: 356, 657, 787 (I), 725, 604  
Motet: Philip Stopford: Ave Verum

**4.30pm Choral Evensong**  
Hymns: 276, 21  
Responses: William Smith  
Psalm: 89. 19-29

**Readings for  
November**  
**5 All Saints' and All  
Souls'**  
**12 Remembrance  
Sunday / 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
before Advent**  
**19 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before  
Advent**  
**26 Christ the King**

**8.00 and 10.00am services**

Revelation 7.9-end  
Matthew 5. 1-12  
1 Thessalonians 4.13-end  
Matthew 25. 1-13  
Thessalonians 5. 1-11  
Matthew 25. 14-30  
Isaiah 45. 1-7  
Matthew 25.31-end

**6.30pm Evensong**

Psalm 150  
Isaiah 65. 17-end  
Hebrews 11.32 – 12.2  
Psalm 82  
Judges 7. 2-22  
John 15. 9-17  
Psalm 89. 19-29  
1 Kings 1.15-40  
Revelation 1.4-18  
Psalm 93  
2 Samuel 23.1-7  
Matthew 28.16-end

Canticles: Herbert Howells: Collegium  
Regale  
Anthem: Josef Haydn: The heavens are  
telling, from The Creation

**26<sup>th</sup> November Christ the King**  
**10.00am Sung Parish Communion**  
Mass Setting: David Thorne: Mass of St  
Thomas  
Hymns: 617, 736, 612, 620 (ii), 663  
Motet: Henry Purcell: O God, the King of  
Glory  
Voluntary: Louis Vierne: Carillon de  
Westminster

**4.30pm Evensong**  
Hymns: 769, 763(i), 402  
Responses: John Sanders  
Psalm: 93  
Canticles: Henry Ley / John Stainer  
Anthem: John Amner: O God my King  
Voluntary: Healey Willan: Chorale Prelude  
on "Gelobt sei Gott"

**Mouse Makes**

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, with thanksgiving, present your \_\_\_\_\_ to God." *Philippians 4:6-7 NIV*

"The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to all who \_\_\_\_\_ on him in \_\_\_\_\_." *Psalm 145:18*

"For where two or three \_\_\_\_\_ in my name, there I am with them." *Matthew 18:20*

**Prayer Phrases in Hand:**  
 Fingers: SAY SORRY, PRAY FOR OTHERS, PRAY FOR YOURSELF, THANK GOD, FOR MY FAMILY, PRAY FOR FRIENDS, PRAY FOR THE NEEDY, PRAY FOR THE SICK, PRAY FOR THE CHURCH.  
 Palm: PRAISE GOD

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"\_\_\_\_\_ always, \_\_\_\_\_ continually, \_\_\_\_\_ in all circumstances." *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

"Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ your sins to one another and \_\_\_\_\_ for one another, that you may be healed." *James 5:16*

"\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." *Colossians 4:2*

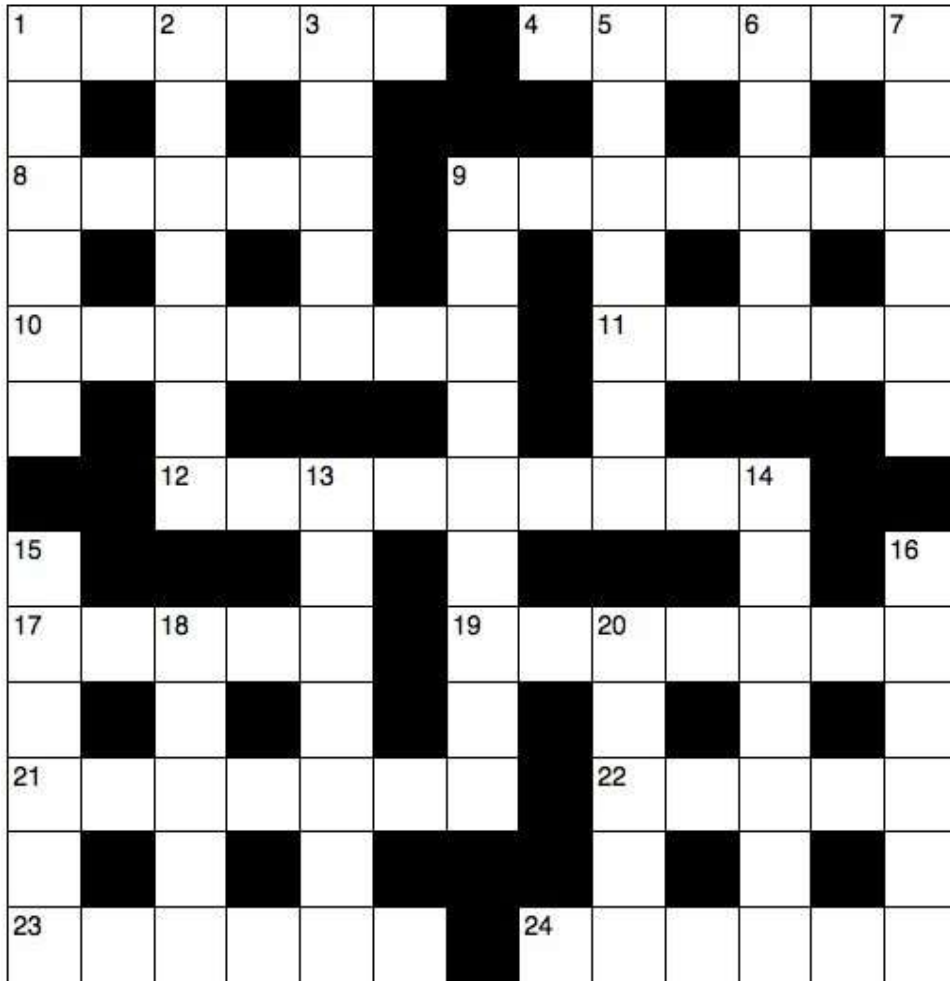
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- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

### Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)





## Across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)



Safeguarding Sunday, an awareness-raising campaign organised by Christian safeguarding charity Thirtyone:eight, is taking place on 19 November 2023. Bury Parish Church is taking part to highlight the importance of creating safer places for all. We will be joining thousands of other churches across the UK to share this message and demonstrate unity.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank and pray for those who have stepped up to coordinate safeguarding in our church so we can protect vulnerable people together. We believe that safeguarding is an outworking of our faith in a loving and just God – the God who calls us to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves and to defend the rights of the vulnerable (Proverbs 31:8).

Justice and hope are at the heart of the Christian message. Let's gather and celebrate those who work behind the scenes to protect vulnerable people and make our church a safer place for all. We will be using resources provided by Thirtyone:eight in our service and in our children's groups. These will be age-appropriate and inclusive, using language that children can understand to explore safeguarding issues safely.

Please contact Dawn Wight or Helen Percival for more information or if you'd like to see the activity materials beforehand. We'd love to share a few #SafeguardingSunday snaps for our social media channels so that Thirtyone:eight and all our followers can see what we've been doing to celebrate this important day and raise awareness. If you'd prefer not to be in any photos, or if you have a child/children in a group and do not want them to be in any photos, please let Dawn know.

Dawn Wight – Safeguarding Officer: [dawnwight@btinternet.com](mailto:dawnwight@btinternet.com)

## Pilgrimage

The Rector and Jackie walked from Winchester to Canterbury in late September on the old Pilgrim path to the Shrine of St Thomas a Beckett. Over the next few months we will hear reflections on themes that arise from doing something like this.

The idea of Pilgrimage is something that Christians have long valued. Pilgrimage is often about going to a place where important things have happened, sometimes in the Bible (like going to Jerusalem), sometimes where a revelation from God is celebrated (Lourdes, Walsingham). It is as much about the journey, about allowing the process of getting there, whether by foot or train or car or plane, as the destination itself. It is about learning to grow in awareness of God, in the physicality of moving, in the conversations with others, in paying attention to constantly changing surroundings.

A favourite hymn of many is 'He who would valiant be' ending with the line 'his first avowed intent / to be a pilgrim.' The writer of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us (Hebrews 13.14) that we have no permanent address. We are always, the use Paul's language from Ephesians 2, 'strangers and aliens'. In other words, as Christians we are always on the move, heading Christ-ward. The sign of a pilgrim is a seashell. We start our Christian journey with water poured onto us via a shell. From the very beginning, each of us is a Pilgrim.

### One nudge at a time

Ruth Valerio gives an alphabet of small changes. Here is something very simple for November.

As we dip further into Autumn, our gardens and gutters clog up with leaves. The temptation is to ignore these piles or kick them out of the way, to forget they once graced our trees and fed our world with vital oxygen. The nudge this month is very simple. It is to pause and look. To marvel at this world we inhabit. To allow our hearts to drink deeply of the wonders of the created order.

Perhaps the best-known poem (or at least the well-known first line) offers us a vocabulary to think about this time of our year. Read it. If you can, read it somewhere outside or with a view of the world. I often find poetry



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**17<sup>th</sup> November**  
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**24<sup>th</sup> November**  
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**1<sup>st</sup> December**  
**Chetham's School of Music**



**8<sup>th</sup> December**      **Kell Trio**  
**15<sup>th</sup> December**    **Bury Parish Church Choir**

difficult to make sense of. One trick is to read it out aloud, to hear its rhythms and sense the invitation to see the world in an enchanted way.

### To Autumn by John Keats

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;  
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,  
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;  
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells  
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,  
And still more, later flowers for the bees,  
Until they think warm days will never cease,  
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?  
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find  
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,  
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;  
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,  
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook  
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:  
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep  
Steady thy laden head across a brook;  
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,  
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they?  
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—  
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,  
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;  
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn  
Among the river shallows, borne aloft  
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;  
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;  
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft  
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;  
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

### What does a hero look like?

Stanislav Petrov, the man who saved the world from nuclear disaster in 1983 40 years ago, saw the word "LAUNCH" flash across the Soviet Union's attack early warning system. His screen stated with high reliability that a total of five American intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) had been launched and were headed toward the Soviet Union. Petrov had to make a decision: should he report an incoming American strike, or should he hold off, confident that what they were seeing was a false alarm?



If he reported it, Soviet nuclear doctrine called for a full nuclear retaliation. There would be no time to double-check the warning system or seek negotiations with the U.S. This occurred during the Reagan administration, which had taken a firmer stance against the Soviets compared to previous administrations.

The Reagan administration was deploying Pershing I nuclear-armed missiles to West Germany and Great Britain, capable of striking the Soviet Union. Given these circumstances, Petrov had reasons to believe that Reagan's brinkmanship had escalated to an actual nuclear exchange. However, Petrov chose not to report the incoming strike. In the end, his decision proved to be correct. The system had mistaken the sun's reflection off of clouds for a missile.



A 1979 report by Congress had estimated that a full-scale Soviet assault on the U.S., and an eventual counter-strike, would have resulted in over 100 million deaths. Petrov, almost single-handedly, prevented those deaths. Despite being right, Petrov was relentlessly interrogated afterward and never rewarded for his decision, according to David Hoffman of The Washington Post.



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