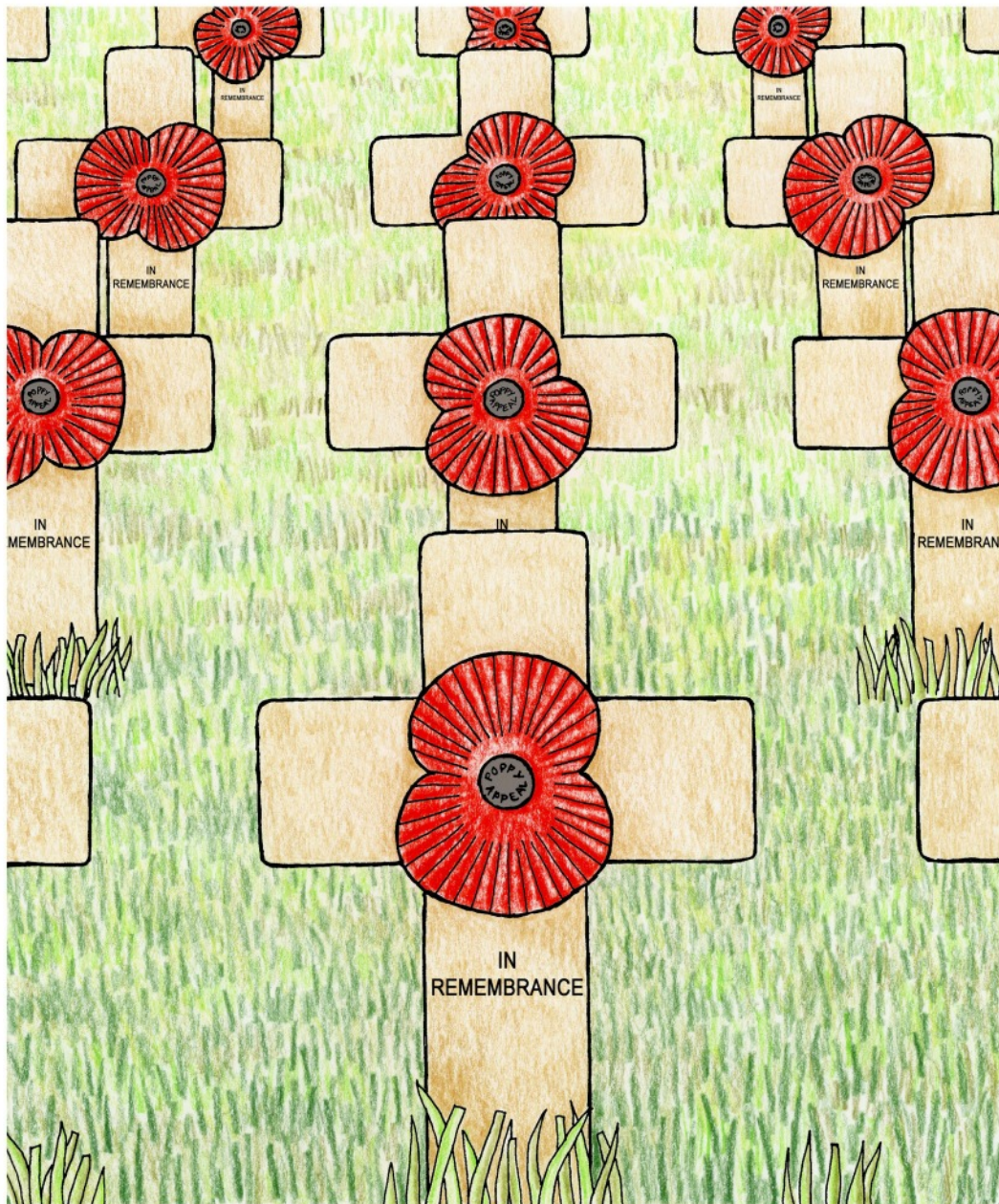




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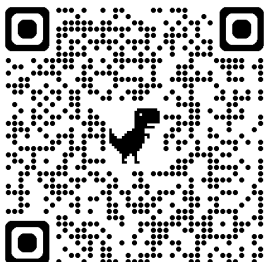
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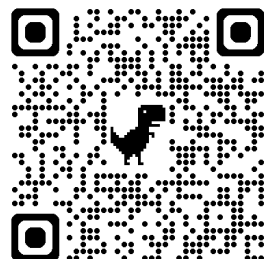
Thank you to everyone that donated so generously to our collection for Richard, marking the end of his curacy with us and his promotion to our Vicar. Thank you also for helping us to keep it a secret so that it was a lovely surprise for him!

Linda & Gill, Parish Wardens



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WOW!!

I feel elated, joyful, full of excitement; and the reason is that I have just returned from a most enjoyable afternoon spent at St James Church.

I listened to the Shirley Brass Band 'Proms' concert. Well, more than listened. With many others we participated and joined in with familiar tunes professionally played and with various solos and a wonderful singer Hannah, who led us in the community singing. We sang our hearts out to favourites such as Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem, and many more. We were encouraged to wave flags, bob up and down, clap hands and stamp our feet as we saw fit. We could have been at the Albert Hall.

Thank you to the 'Friends of St James' who organised this event.

I am hooked now and looking forward to their Christmas concert, this time at Shirley Baptist Church on Saturday 5th December. Contact number is 07725 551374 or you can buy tickets on their website – <https://www.shirleyband.org.uk>

Hope to see you there!

Gill Gough

OUR MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Sarah and Dee really want to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who donated prizes and cakes that made the morning even more special.

Also the Co-op funeral service in Shirley donated a hamper to us to be raffled off. Which we did and the lady who won it asked to donate it to the harvest festival that was being held on the Sunday, a very kind gesture and the Food Bank will have appreciated that too.



I think everyone enjoyed cake and a drink and we also had a visit from one of our

local MPs, Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst. He sat down with everyone and enjoyed a cup of tea and took notes about the concerns residents of Shirley have - crime rate, policing, speeding cars and the need for a pedestrian crossing outside St James Church.

Sarah counted up the donations from the morning and we are very pleased to announce you helped Macmillian with the sum of £360.

STRICTLY LITTLE NICK ILLUMINATED IN BLACKPOOL

Something was not right. They appeared to be going away and there was no resistance to me going as well. How was that possible?

It turned out that I had been commissioned, yes me a small rather grubby kitten, commissioned to write about going on the parish trip to Blackpool. To the Tower Ballroom. Better than that we were to have cream tea when we got there.

Now there was a bit of panic the night before. I had packed no sequins. I had no suitable clothes for such a prestigious location and all Sarah's 'bright ideas' to improvise something suitable turned out not to be very bright at all.

But all was not lost. That morning we went on a trip to Lytham, just down the coast and some very nice people in a charity shop found me a bright green, shiny bowtie, that was not too big for a small kitten to wear. They also found something else for us to buy, but that is a secret for now. By the time we arrived at the ballroom I was looking smart. Much smarter than some of my companions if they don't mind me saying so. Trainers! Really Sarah?



The ballroom is big. It is very fancy. There is a big organ at the front and as I watched it sank down into the floor taking the man who was playing the music with it. When we arrived there were people dancing. People dancing who seemed to know what they were doing and had the right kit for it. It all seemed very serious. There were very few smiles and people had stern concentrating faces. I was worried. What if they expected me to join in? I didn't see anyone from Strictly on the television.

The only thing I actually joined in with was the cream tea. And very good it was. Just for the record. It wasn't me that ate the spare scone from the next table or licked out the cream pot!! I have had some photos which I hope the Editor may include with this. Because everyone looked really professional, I only went on the very edge of the dancefloor and I still fell over. But I can say that I have been there!

The next evening after dinner we went in the coach to see the illuminations. They were bright and sparkly too, so I wore my bowtie again. I loved seeing the lights all the way along the sea front.

Sarah says that I should tell you that we also went on a trip on Lake Windermere, and to a place called Bowness. Some people rode on the tram along the front all the way to Fleetwood. Some people played bingo and did dancing in the hotel. Some people played bananagrams.



Everyone said that they enjoyed Blackpool and a big thank you to Pat and Chris for organising it.

*Nicodemus Penfold
(Parish raconteur – not dancing)*



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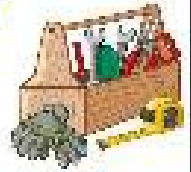
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Mothers' UNION

The Committee wish to apologise for the short notice for cancelling our October meeting "An Afternoon of Fun" due to various reasons.

There will be no meeting on 4th November as the Licensing Service takes place in the evening for the Reverend Richard Haynes.

Our next meeting will be our Advent Service with enrolments on **Wednesday 2nd December**, 2pm in St James Church, we are delighted that the Home Communion Community will also be joining us.

Susan Knight



SMALL CHANGES WHICH WILL ADD UP TO PROTECT CREATION

If you were in St James Church on Sunday 13th September, you will have heard the Parish Eco group talking about the damage we are each of us doing to our planet and what we as individuals might do about it.

The group introduced the service with a stark fact – 40% of carbon emissions in the UK come from individuals. These are mostly from the energy we use in our homes, from driving and from air travel. At the centre of the service, we listened to four short talks given by members of the Eco group. They talked about how we might act on water conservation, energy use, buying locally and avoiding the use of plastics.

At the end, each member of the congregation took home these very straightforward and achievable messages:

- Buy locally and seasonally
- Reduce meat portions
- Choose Fairtrade products
- Store food in reuseable containers
- Use less prepackaged goods
- Access milk in cartons or glass bottles
- Use less water
- Store water
- Reuse grey water

Finally – work out your own carbon footprint - and save energy.

Go to: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>

Please try at least some of these suggestions – as soon as you can.

Ray Speakman on behalf of the Parish Eco Group

THIS MONTH'S ECO TIP - *Fallen leaves make a great mulch for flower beds and shelter for over wintering bugs. They can also go in the compost bin. They are useful - Don't throw them away!*

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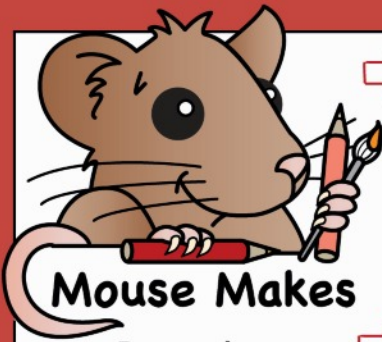
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Colossians 3:25

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 we remember the sacrifice of those
 who gave their lives so that we
 could live in peace, it mirrors what
 Christ did for us when he gave his life
 so that we could live in peace with God.

Jesus said:

*"No one can have
 greater love than
 to give his life for
 his friends."*

John 15:13

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During the week commencing
Monday 23rd November local school children will be
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Date	Time	Service	Venue
Sunday 1st All Saints Day	10.30am 3.30pm	Parish Communion Reflective Worship	St James Church St James Church
Wednesday 4th	7pm	Licensing Service	St James Church
Thursday 5th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday	8am 9am 9.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship	St James Church St John's Church St James Church
Thursday 12th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 15th Safeguarding Sunday	10.30am	Parish Communion	St James Church
Thursday 19th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Saturday 21st	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
Sunday 22nd	8am 9am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship Worship 4 Everyone	St James Church St John's Church St James Church
Thursday 26th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 29th Advent Sunday	10.30am	Parish Communion	St James Church

Copies of the sermons preached at our Sunday services can be found on our website -
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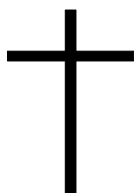
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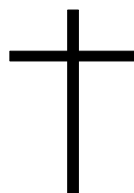
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But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

Those endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such horror, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

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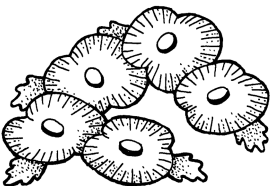
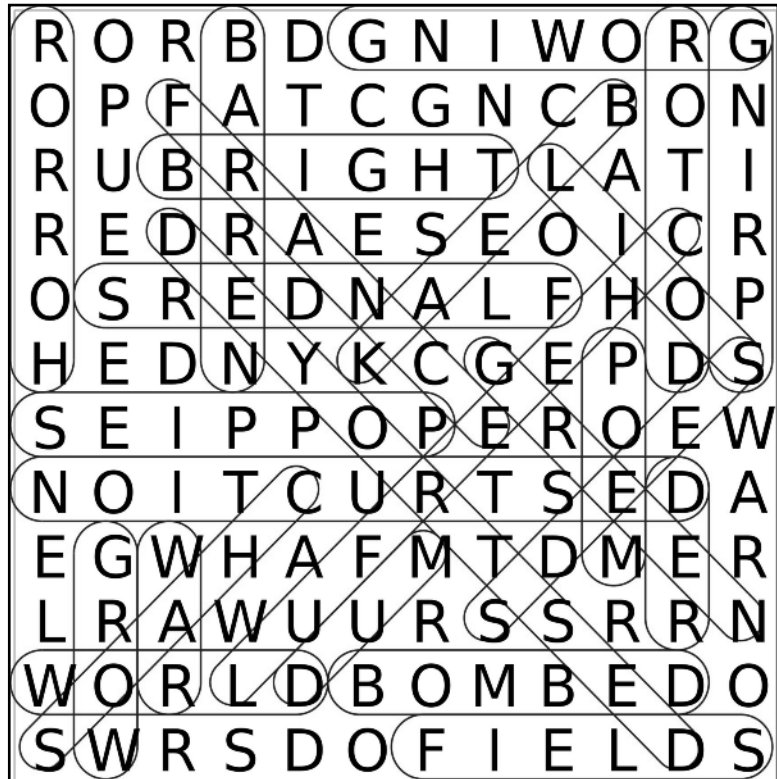
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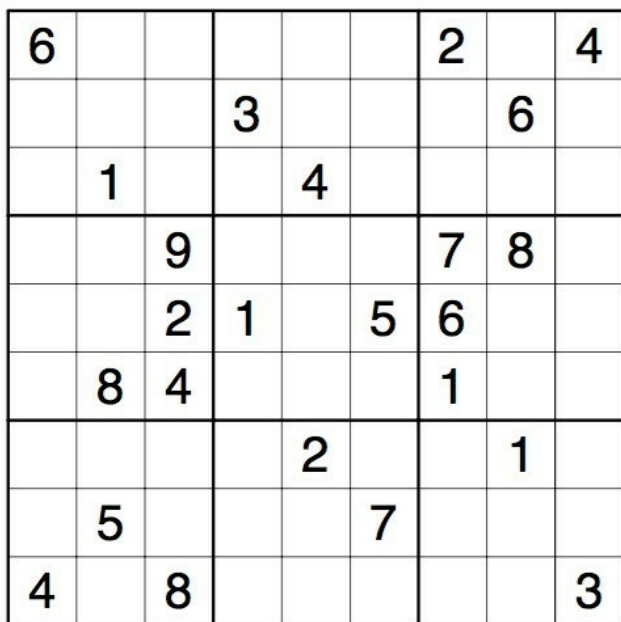
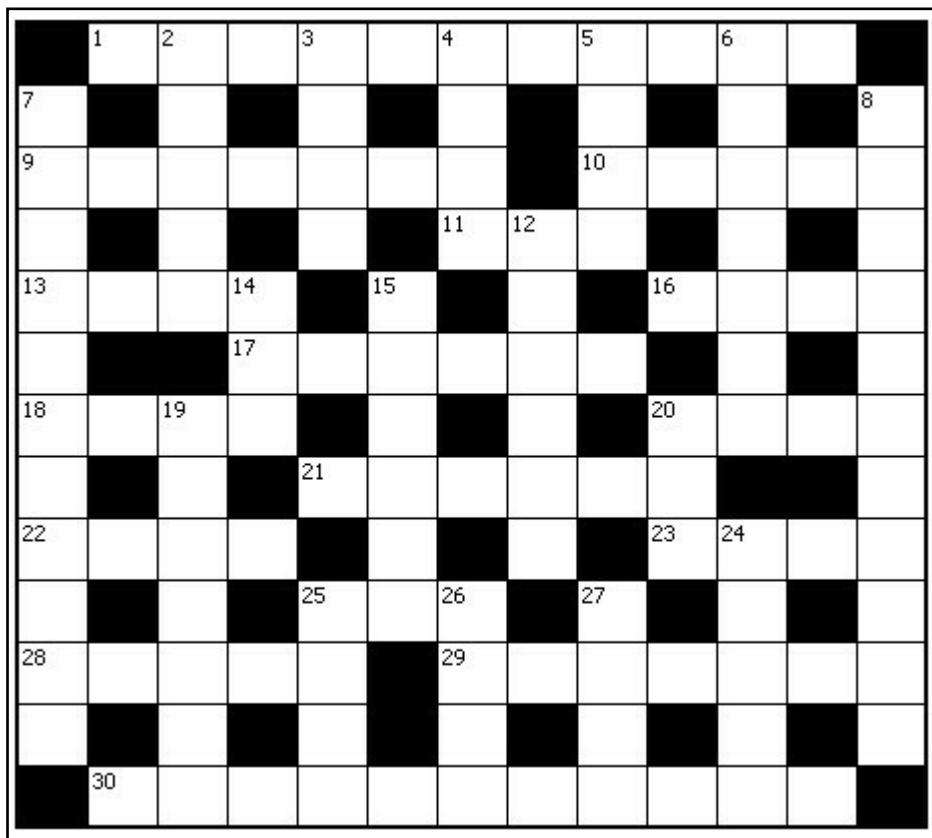
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Across

- 1 and 20** Down 'Lord of all _ , Lord of all _ , whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)
- 9** Moses question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)
- 10** Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline (2,3)
- 11** 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay' (3)
- 13** A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
- 16** 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
- 17** Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
- 18** Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _ God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20** Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21** Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
- 22** 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _ ' (Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
- 23** Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25** Tree (3)
- 28** 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5)
- 29** For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
- 30** Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

- 2** 'O Jerusalem _ how _ I have longed to gather your children together' (Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3** Way out (4)
- 4** Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5** Done (anag.) (4)
- 6** Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7** Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8** Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
- 12** Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- 14** Frozen (3)
- 15** Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- 19** Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
- 20** See **1** Across
- 24** Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25** Time (anag.) (4)
- 26** Lists choice of meals (4)
- 27** 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord'(Romans 6:23) (4)



Answers are on page 25



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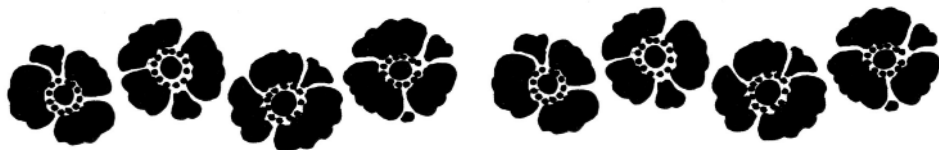
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6th	Edie James
12th	William Begley-Whitworth
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Funerals

1st	John Arkell
21st	Jill Margaret Mace
23rd	Pauline Gladys Weston
28th	Rita Dorothy Holder
29th	Carol Ann Birkin



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Our Annual Memorial Service for the Departed will take place at **6pm on Sunday 6th December at St James Church.**

This special service offers an opportunity for you, your family and friends to remember those whom you have known and loved who have died. Together we will reflect, give thanks for their lives, and find comfort in the hope that faith offers.

Please phone or email the Parish Office (see page 2) if you would like a loved one's name read out during the service or want more information.



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