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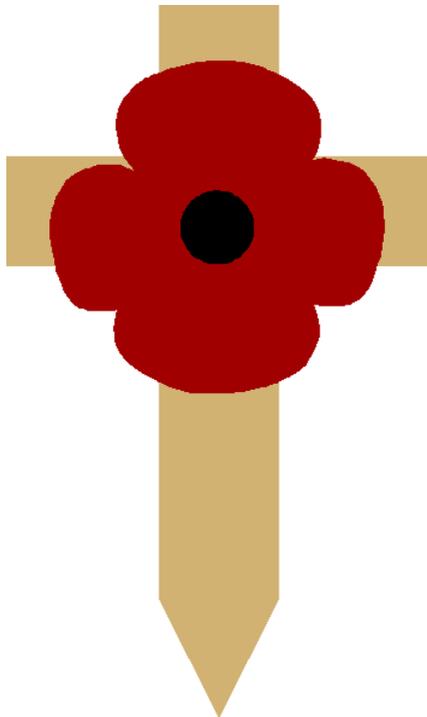
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

12th NOVEMBER

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2017

- Thurs. 2nd 2.00 pm. Women's Club – Bingo game
 5.20 pm. Beavers (every Thurs. until break)
 6.15 pm. Cub Scouts (“ “ “ “)
 7.00 pm. Scouts (“ “ “ “)
- Fri. 3rd 10.00 am. Parent & Toddlers (every Friday until break)
- Sun. 5th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
 11.00 am. Morning Worship & Junior Church
- Tues. 7th 4.15 pm. Rainbows (every Tues. until break)
 5.15 pm. Brownies (“ “ “ “)
 7.15 pm. Guides (“ “ “ “)
- Wed. 8th 8.00 pm. Deacons Meeting
- Sat. 11th 10.30 am. Coffee Morning – Mission Group
- Sun. 12th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
 Rev. Ruth Moriarty
 10.45 am. Morning Worship & Parade Service
- Tues. 14th 2.00 pm. Friendship Club
- Thurs. 16th 2.00 pm. Women's Club – Christmas Decorations
- Sun. 19th Mr Peter Griffiths
 11.00 am. Morning Worship, Communion &
 Junior Church
- Wed. 22nd 7.45 pm. Grapevine
- Sun. 26th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
 11.00 am. Morning Worship & Junior Church
 12.15 pm. Church Meeting

DIARY cont'd

Tues. 28th 2.00 pm. Friendship Club

Thurs. 30th 2.00 pm. Women's Club – Table Decorations

DECEMBER

Sat. 2nd 11.00 am. – 3.00 pm. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The next meeting of the Newsletter Committee
will be held at 39 The Ridgeway, London N11
at 8pm. on Monday 13th November 2017.

Please let us have your material for the
December Newsletter by Sunday 12th November.

Will all those who wish their names to be included in the
Christmas Greetings List to be printed in the December Newsletter
please inform the Committee accordingly.

FINANCE FOR APRIL 2017 TO 22nd OCTOBER 2017

Cash	£2,363.14
Envelopes	<u>£4,035.00</u>
	£6,398.14

October Communion Collection of £38.91
for the Compassionate Fund

PASTORAL LETTER

When I first started going to Church as a school boy at boarding school aged 7 years of age the accepted code of dress (make that the compulsory code of dress) was collar, tie, shiny shoes and full school uniform.

The service was conducted by an elderly Church of England vicar who had been at his church for over 20 years. As far as he was concerned everything was quite comfortable, nobody seemed to challenge his way of doing things, so why change it?

The fact that we children at the service were bored stiff as the service was addressed to the adults and we could not really understand the sermon at all.

Fast forward 20 odd years after a period of non-attendance, the return to Church this time a Baptist church was quite different. Everyone seemed pleased to welcome you and the people were more relaxed in their dress (no ties or jackets!) and the hymns, prayers and sermons seem to relate to the time that we lived in.

Over a period of time the church has relaxed it's attitudes to worship (too much some would say) by introducing many modern ideas to spread the word.

We must accept that whether we agree or not, modern Christian worship is competing with other Sunday attractions and diversions than in the past and had we carried on the form of worship as in my boyhood I'm afraid that many more Churches would have closed.

Being and practising as a Christian is more challenging in our modern life and there is nothing wrong in worshipping in a way that keeps pace with modern living and we should not forget why we believe and acknowledge our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Roger Oram

FAMILY NEWS

We continue to pray for Ola and Pennie who are both training for God's ministry.

We remember all our friends at Christ Church who are unwell and sometimes find things difficult – remember a friendly smile and a helping hand can do wonders.

Please pray for Kevin Davies who is unwell, also Lily Dawton, Tony Fensome and Brian Gibbins.

We remember the lonely, the hungry and the homeless and any in special need.

May God bless you all.

PARENT AND TODDLERS

Thank you to all those who came and supported our coffee morning on the 7th October in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. Only a few came but my goodness they were so generous in their donations. Anne Petts and Sara Skinner made delicious cakes.

Anne and Sara also made cakes for the Friday morning Parent and Toddler meeting and together with donations for the few remaining cakes on Sunday morning after the Service we raised £166.48. This was a wonderful result.

The five workshops have now finished, based on "Dear Zoo", a favourite story for children by two lovely ladies from the Pre-school Learning Alliance for Barnet. The activities were varied and well planned and the children enjoyed the sessions and particularly the story time at the end, when they opened the boxes to find the animals from the story.

Anthea Denham, Anne Petts & Sara Skinner

THE MISSION GROUP

We held a meeting on Sunday 1st October following the morning service. Diana joined us and she was like a breath of fresh air bringing questions and great suggestions. We were able to plan a lot in a short time.

On Saturday 11th November from 10.30am. to 12 o'clock it will be a Mission Coffee Morning. The committee has agreed that the donations from that will be for the Rohingya Crisis Appeal. I have received letters from the DEC (Disaster's Emergency Committee) of which Christian Aid has a strong part to play. Thousands of people have fled from unimaginable violence in Myanmar, taking refuge in Bangladesh. This appears to be ethnic cleansing. People have nothing but themselves and cannot return home as homes have been raised to the ground. Please support us and come and enjoy company and fellowship, bring a friend, make some cakes to sell or gifts to sell.

The Toy Service has been moved to the 17th December. All toys collected will be given to the Family Resource Centre the next day for distribution.

Food Parcel donations for people who are finding they need support and help with basic items and a few luxuries will also be collected in by 17th December so that it can all be delivered to the Family Resource Centre who are run by Barnet and they know who the most needy families are. Envelopes for donations will go out in two Sundays prior to the 17th December.

We have many more ideas planned but these are the next arrangements for our Mission Committee.

God Bless you all.

Anthea Denham

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week raised £3,706.73 in 2017 which was less than last year.

The additional £30 mentioned in last month's Newsletter went to support farmers in Malawi making a profit from Pigeon Peas as part of Christian Aid's Harvest Appeal this year.

Carol Singing for Christian Aid is likely to be on the 18th December at Arnos Grove Stn. and the quiz evening on Saturday January 27th 2018. Please see any further arrangements in the December Newsletter.

Anthea Denham

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Newsletter time already; how quickly the weeks go by. We had a very interesting afternoon together on the 10th October when we brought along "old books". These included a school prize awarded to Iris for progress (six stories from Shakespeare), a very small prayer book/Bible, over 100 years old and a very old cookery book still in use to this day.

There was a copy of a News of the World Household guide, an Eagle (comic) annual and a special edition paper of the "Lying in State of King George V1."

Our usual cup of tea and biscuits and lots of chat brought our afternoon to a close.

On the 24th October we chose "musical boxes" and small ceramic pieces and again quite a variety of items were displayed on the table including a very delicate china pot which Betty said was the oldest thing she has in her home being over 100 years!

There was also a Christmas singing cake knife which when used sang jingle bells which was quite amusing.

Our November meetings are on the 14th and 28th at 2pm. in the Parlour. Do join with us, you will be very welcome.

Gladys Townsend

WOMEN'S CLUB

In October we met on Thursday 5th to create birthday cards, a dress with a pleated skirt was the centre piece on the front page giving a 3D effect with surrounding decoration and wording inside. We were very happy with our results. On Thursday 19th we donated items for our Bring & Buy with a good result before playing a game of Beetle with plenty of noise and laughter.

We meet again on Thursday 2nd November at 2pm. Each session is brought to an end with a reading and a prayer before enjoying cakes and tea, donated by one the members. As the autumn turns into winter please take the opportunity to get out and join in with our happy band, we number from 12 to 16 ladies.

Jane Gibbins

BROWNIE PACK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

In June it was decided that we ask the girls if they would like to go on a pack holiday weekend to our camp site at Cherry Green Trees situated in Colney Heath near St. Albans. Of course, the answer was YES and so we planned the event and the theme, which really could only be AUTUMN.

The weeks preceding this were put to planning and preparing which takes up a great deal of time, what with sorting out the crafts and of course the menu. The paper work is another thing, so many rules & regulations to adhere to, but having achieved all this the big day arrived and 13 very excited Brownies arrived. They were shown the bedroom and unpacked got into their pack holiday uniform said goodbye to mum/dad and then we went through the safe guarding rules for the site plus a fire drill.

After a delicious dinner and the washing up which they all partake in they settled down to make a place mat each and then decoupage a box which over the weekend would hold all the goodies they would make.

BROWNIE PACK HOLIDAY WEEKEND cont'd

They also tie dyed a tee shirt each. Time for bed and more excitement because they were all in together - great fun, but when it got to 11pm we called a halt to the noise and they slept at last.

On Friday we had been warned by the caretaker that Saturday would have strong winds and no going in the woods. But on Saturday it was lovely and we had a glorious sunny day which allowed them to explore the woods. More food and crafts were the order of the day, then after lunch and rest hour the tuck shop was opened up for the girls. Crazy sports followed and another craft session. After a very nice evening meal we played fun games and had a sing song followed by bedtime and some went straight to sleep!

Sunday was an exciting day for one little girl as she was enrolled as a Brownie in the woods this was very special as we rarely have the opportunity to do this. The treasure hunt came next and fun was had following all the clues with a huge tube of bubbles each as a prize to waft around the field. All too soon it was packing up time and parents waiting to collect the girls and they went home happy but extremely tired but never mind its half term so they can rest then.

One strange thing that we the adults noticed was as they were not allowed to bring any phones, iPads, etc (only a soft toy for bedtime and a book,) was that when allowed some free time they did not know how to use it. In the past the girls would have made a den in the woods and played make-believe games. Such a shame, blame it on technology.

At this point we would like to thank Anne Petts our QM, also Mary Mason who came to help her, plus Suzy who was a great help to us (she was in our Brownie pack many years ago). Without them we could not have achieved such a great pack holiday.

Val & Lynda

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

What is humility? According to Concise dictionary, it's 'the quality of having a modest or low view of one's importance'. Other people's perception of one's humility is dependent on the environment. Depending on the environment, one could be seen as a doormat, lacking confidence, inadequate or even arrogant.

Psalm 131 described humility as total dependence on God and not on our outward image. Tee's interpretation was really good that I've quoted it for you - 'Psalm 131 is one prayer in Scripture that can help us to "become like little children" (Matt. 18:3) and to let go of the battle in our mind over what we don't understand (Ps. 131:1). Instead, through time with Him we can return to a place of peace (v. 2), finding the hope we need (v. 3) in His love—as calm and quiet as if we were children again in our mothers' arms (v. 2).' (Sim Kay Tee)

Father, God, help us to let go of self and learn to trust you totally.
Amen.

Psalm 131: 1:3 – A psalm of humility (GNT)

LORD, I have given up my pride
and turned away from my arrogance.
I am not concerned with great matters
or with subjects too difficult for me.
² Instead, I am content and at peace.
As a child lies quietly in its mother's arms,
so my heart is quiet within me.
³ Israel, trust in the LORD
now and forever!

Ola Lawal