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Dear Friends

Remembrance Sunday, what memories do they invoke at this special time of the year? How have wars and conflicts changed since 1918?

I am a member of the ex-Serviceman's Club/British Legion in Brockhampton Lane who I support.

There are Octogenarians, nonagenarians and older members who visit during the year, but when it comes to Remembrance Sunday, they will turn out no matter what to remember their comrades who have gone before them. What I notice about these ex-servicemen is that they never speak about the wars and yet here we are, 102 years later, and their lives have continued.

Yet recent wars and conflicts have brought mental health problems, depression, suicide and so much more. They are told to talk about it as it will help!

Pericles was a Greek Statesman & General during the golden age of Athens and below is an extract from the Funeral Oration of Pericles.

For the whole earth is the sepulchre of famous men, not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions in their own country, but in foreign lands there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men. Make them your examples, and esteeming courage to be freedom and freedom to be happiness, do not weigh too nicely the perils of war.

Thought provoking!

Therefore, go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil, Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Show love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord.

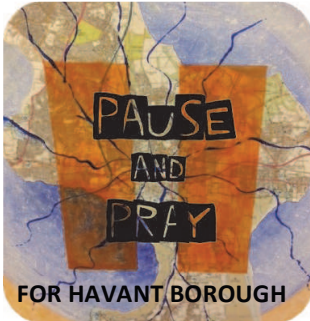
Wear your poppy with pride and REMEMBER.

*Ann Partridge  
Churchwarden*

# PARISH NEWS

## Pause And Pray

A time to pause and gather together to pray for our Borough for 1 hour. This group will resume on the second Monday of the month 6-7pm at St Thomas' Church, Bedhampton.



## We're getting a Curate!

Jill Kingston will join us in July 2022 for her curacy. Jill served for 22 years with Hampshire Constabulary, mostly on the frontline police work. She was an Inspector in Portsmouth before ending her service as Inspector of Hampshire Police Marine Unit and the Specialist Search Unit. She worked for the Diocese as a Safeguarding trainer but left to concentrate on her ordination training. Jill has a busy home life with Esther who is 12 and Hope who is 15.

Cover photo: Remembrance

## BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR 2022

Why not take some local photos for a Bedhampton calendar? Keep taking photos – they may be submitted for next year.



If you have any photos of local interest, please send them to the Parish Office, either by email or prints. All prints will be safely returned to you.

**LAST CHANCE FOR 2022**

## St Nick's Flicks

Tuesday 16th November

at St Nicholas' Church  
1.45pm for 2pm start



A free film show with refreshments and interval. All welcome, no need to book. Contact the office for film details.

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## St Nicholas Church Messy Sunday News!



I am so pleased to be able to tell you that our first post-lockdown Messy Sunday session took place on 3rd October. The prayers of many were answered and the hard work of an amazing team meant that we were able to welcome many people including thirty-eight children with their families to join us for fun, making, learning, praising God and food!

Our theme was Harvest. We celebrated and thanked God for all the good things that He gives us. The Parable of the Sower (Mark 4: 1-20) was our special story to follow. The farmer sowed seeds that fell on hard, rocky, thorny and good soil which represents our response to hearing the Christian message as taught by Jesus. We all learnt that by praying, reading the Bible and meeting and worshipping with others our Christian faith will grow – just like the seed planted in the good soil.

There were several activities to help us understand the message of the session including making a pumpkin, popcorn and edible dirt! Fruit and veg activities included making them out of play dough – very precise and neat – and printing with them and paint – very messy! Praying and planting seeds, junk modelling tractors/vehicles and colouring and games were also included. Small children enjoyed ‘pouring’ seeds like water. Then we ‘watched’ the story, sang songs and prayed before having delicious bacon rolls and cakes. I can’t believe we managed to fit all that into an hour and a half!

 If you feel like you missed out in October then do join us for our next Messy Sunday 7th November when our theme will be Remembrance. I think we would find it tricky to get silence on that day! Our parish Remembrance Day service will be at St Thomas’ Church on 14th November at 10am where you’d be most welcome.

December 5th will be our Advent/Christmas Messy Church – don’t miss that!



On December 19th from 3pm – 4.30pm there will be a Messy Christmas party! Put it in your diary. Sadly, numbers will be restricted so you will need to book places (no charge). You will be able to do this by contacting the church office at [Hello@Bedhampton.church](mailto>Hello@Bedhampton.church) or 023 9248 3013 from 8th November – or at Messy Sunday on 7th November.

*Gill Matthews*

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### HARVEST SERVICE – TOGETHER

Joy was had and God was thanked at our Harvest Festival. It was the first service held all together in one church for a long time. Young people from the uniformed organisations met together to sing some favourite Harvest hymns and to bring Harvest gifts for the Food Bank.

### BISHOP ANNOUNCED

The new Bishop of Portsmouth has just been unveiled and announced at Charter Academy in Portsmouth; the tenth bishop will be the Rt. Rev Dr. Jonathan Frost who is currently the Dean of York. He will succeed Rt. Rev Christopher Foster who retired in May.

He will be visiting various places in the diocese in the coming months to get to know thye area and its people before his installation early in the New Year.



### FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to those who celebrate anniversaries and birthdays this month including Mary Gray and Marjorie Galpin.



Congratulations to Tracey Smith and Leanne Barber who took part in the Ironman 70.3 in Weymouth in September. The Triathlon consisted of a 1.2 mile sea swim, followed by a 56 mile road bike ride and then a 13.1 mile run. Leanne completed the course in under 6 hours while Tracey took 7 hours. Well done to both!

Fleur Bragaglia took part in the Great South Run in aid of the Portsmouth Downs Syndrome Association.



## ARMISTICE DAY

One hundred years ago, on 11th November 1919, the first Armistice Day (now Remembrance Day) was marked in the UK, after King George V issued a proclamation calling for a two-minute silence at 11:00am on 11th November. The event remembers the members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty.

It was 100 years ago on 11th November 1921 that poppies for Remembrance were first sold.

The two-minute silence was adopted from a South African idea that had spread from Cape Town through the Commonwealth in 1919.

The Cenotaph was erected temporarily in Whitehall in 1920.

In 1939, the two-minute silence of Armistice Day was moved to the nearest Sunday to 11th November, so that it would not conflict with wartime production, a tradition which continues today with services nationwide.

A service of Remembrance will be held at St Thomas' Church on Sunday 14th November at 10.50am.



## St Thomas & St Nicholas



# Christmas Fayre Saturday 27th November

from 2 ~ 4.30pm

**at St Nicholas' Church**

Cakes, toys, books, gifts

Bottle stall

Christmas cards

Christmas decorations

Tin Mine, and 'Secret Santa' room

Grand Raffle

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and mince pies***

***Santa and his Elves***

will also be in attendance!



It was 30 years ago on 18th November 1991, that the Church of England envoy Terry Waite and American educator Thomas Sutherland were released by Islamic Jihad in Lebanon after being held hostage since January 1987 and June 1985 respectively.

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### REMEMBERING PAT JAY

Brought up in Catherington, Pat met and married Ray in 1964, moving first to New Barn Road, then to Mitchell Road where Pat continued to live after Ray died.

She has been a church member since her wedding, attending regularly and also a member of the Mothers' Union. Prayer has played a very important part in her life. Pat was also keeper of the Church Electoral Roll for 20 years, Church Hall Secretary for 22 years and delivered the Parish Magazine in her area for 48 years.

Ray became involved with the Scouts and when away on camp, whilst Pat was on the Scouts Committee, she would keep in touch with the campers when needed.

Latterly Pat enjoyed socializing at Mothers' Union events and at the Friday coffee mornings. She is pictured above in party mood at a Friday Coffee Morning when most were wearing Christmas jumpers. As Pat did not have one, instead she appeared in a decorated hat and dark glasses. She was also a regular attendee at Mothers' Union events, especially at the outings to meals out together.

Life changed when the pandemic situation meant staying at home and she became unwell. However she did celebrate her 90th birthday earlier this year. She will be sadly missed by her many friends here in Bedhampton.



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Chichester Singers

Elgar - The Dream of Gerontius  
Saturday 13th November 7.30pm  
Chichester Cathedral

Havant Symphony Orchestra  
Sound the Trumpet!  
Oaklands School, Waterlooville  
Saturday 20th November, 7.30pm

Chantry Quire

Brahms – Ein Deutsches Requiem  
Saturday 27th November 7.30pm  
Tickets: £15, [www.chantryquire.org](http://www.chantryquire.org)



## REMEMBERING PAM FACER

By Rev. Sylvia Roberts

I can tell you now that I don't have long enough to say all the things about Pam that I would like to say. I can hear her so familiar voice saying, "Oh! Please don't make a fuss!! It's just a day like any other day."

I've become aware of what a number of contrasts there were in her. Born and brought up as she was in a fairly urban setting and yet loving and yearning for the countryside with its flowers and trees and – most especially - its birds which as you will all know was one of her lifetime passions and interests. I think Pam spent more on keeping her bird table replenished than anyone I know. I've learned that when Pam was a child, the area where she lived at Paulsgrove was very close to woods and fields where she and her brothers and sister were free to roam so no doubt her love of all things rural stemmed from then.

Pam wasn't able to stay on at school for further education and I know she grieved over that but – my word! – she was a life long learner and loved to ferret out new facts on the internet about any subject that was interesting her at that moment. She also took trouble to learn new skills. We all know that her housekeeping was second to none – she was a great cook and her laundry was her pride and joy but she also loved her crafts and taught herself flower arranging, lace-making, stamping and parchment work. Also..... we all know how important her garden was to her and she took trouble to learn about all her plants and the ways to get the best out of flowers and vegetables. Don't forget, too, that she also learned to drive and mastered computer skills as well as any of her generation and was always glad of continuing help and support to take her even further. And who can forget the wonderful meals she produced during ten years of Luncheon Clubs at Crookhorn and the excellent Christmas meals here at Bedhampton always ably assisted by Mick. For many years she spent 2 evenings a week of help and catering assistance at the Diocesan Retreat House at Catherington and I do know she is warmly remembered for it.

Essentially a self-effacing person with little regard of her own true abilities, Pam would always pooh-pooh or turn away any praise, yet she was brave enough to push herself against her own nature at times. I understand that when she was in primary school she had a part in a school play but at the last minute was so terrified that her sister had to take her place. And can you believe that in her youth she began to learn fencing and became quite adept at the nimble footwork.



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She disliked being “up-front” and yet she was a thoughtful and prayerful leader of the Intercessions in church for many years, agonizing over her preparation. When we studied a Book together over the phone last Lent, we had a very lively discussion about the concept of ego. Pam insisted....and would not be budged.....that ego meant “bigging yourself up” something that she completely deplored.

Pam would always say that she was very strictly brought up and family has always been of the greatest importance to her. After she and Mick married at St. John Purbrook, she remained very close to her mum and her brother Neil – (she could never forget how she enjoyed wheeling him out in his pram when he was a baby.) In their new home in Crookhorn after they were married it was a case of “New house – New baby” as soon Michele and Paul arrived to make a new little family. In fact she nearly always called her children “My-Michele” or “My-Paul” as if that was their full name. In recent years she has renewed a warm relationship with her sister Diane and they have been able to share a lot together. It also pleased her when Andy and Helen joined the wider family. She and Mick have enjoyed a good long marriage and some of us here were able to enjoy celebrating their Golden Wedding with them some years ago.

Pam was constantly interested in the neighbourhood children and the little ones at church delighted her – but woe betide them – or any of us indeed - if we got her “Paddington Bear Hard Stare.” That was capable of stopping a runaway horse in its tracks!!

In recent years Pam has become very environmentally aware carefully reviewing each area of her life - from shopping, through responsible giving to recycling and setting us all a good example in the ways she literally “put her money where her mouth was.”

Pam loved clothes but she hated shopping and was without doubt the most indecisive shopper I ever shopped with. She could easily spend half an hour deciding whether to buy the red or the blue... or perhaps to try another shop!

She loved looking at the stars in the night sky and it made her very conscious of the preciousness of our little planet. Pam’s Christian faith has underpinned her thoughts and her actions for the whole of her life. She was a committed Christian, a worshipping Christian and most of all a Christian who truly lived her faith following the teachings of

Jesus. Her faith was deeply nurtured when “Crookhorn Community Church” began, as

Bishop Peter Price remembered. He was the priest at the church at that time.

Pam became fully involved here in Bedhampton, as a churchwarden, a flower arranger, with Messy Church and many other activities. We will miss her smile and cheerful personality. Perhaps she may also be remembered for her responsibilities for church candles, church linen, and not forgetting the toilet rolls!





## SAM & CHLOE UPDATE

Much has happened in the last few weeks since the last news.

Chloe started employing some girls on 1st October and are already half way through training. The girls are excited and just want to learn so much. They have gelled together as a team and will soon be out in the community including a 'People of Peace' lunch.



Zara-Grace celebrated her first birthday at the end of September looking very pleased with herself as she stood up in a pretty dress.

Sam has been having a great time with brother Matt and now have their Zwift team in the top 85 in the world. They are also running a training cycling camp in Fort Portal.

The family vision is to set up a missional community and so far they have nine adults and others who visit.

Sam and Chloe also hope to have a larger home to accommodate their growing family and avoid the current situation of having their office opposite their bedroom! Zara-Grace will soon need her own room and space for the new arrival next year, plus a garden of some kind, rather than a patch of concrete. The cycle centre is also beginning to outgrow its space. So



the family asks for our continued prayers for their work to continue.

Late news is that the name change has been approved by the Charity Commission. It is now known as 'Musizi Joy Foundation'.

Sam's mother recently visited (pictured above) and Chloe's parents, Chris and Louise, are visiting this month as part of their sabbatical. Zara-Grace is pictured on her first birthday at the end of September.



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to so many of you who have taken boxes to fill. A reminder that completed boxes need to be in church by Sunday 7th November. Please bring completed boxes to church by then or if you would like yours collected, contact Kim on 07906 263895. Thank you.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## SEAT UNVEILED

Around 40 people gathered at Bidbury Mead to witness the unveiling of an inscribed oak bench commemorating the visit, in 1819, of romantic poet John Keats to Bedhampton. Fortunately, the threatened rain kept away, and, as the breeze grew stronger, the temporary shelters could be taken down.

The bench is in the northeast corner of the Mead near the entrance from Kingscroft

Lane where Keats would have arrived on his walk from Chichester. The vista from here includes views of the gables at Mill House and The Manor House that would be familiar to Keats.

On behalf of Bidbury Mead Friends, Mike Sellis provided a welcome to all and thanked the many contributors to the project. He introduced Nigel Gossop who explained the significance of the commemoration of this piece of local historic heritage. He then invited Councillor Alex Rennie, Leader of Havant Borough Council, to unveil the bench on behalf of the community. Following pictures and interviews, welcome light refreshments were provided in the Parish Room. The Friends are planning to provide a further information board nearby which will contain a section about Keats.

Nigel Gossop, a member of the Bedhampton Historical Collection, said: "John Keats was the last of the Romantic poets to be born and sadly, the first to die. He was a key figure in the second generation of the Romantic poets."



*The photo shows The Leader Cllr Alex Rennie, Mike Skelton from Havant Mens’ Shed, Mike Sellis and Ron Tate.*

Bidbury Mead Friends have been raising funds to create an inscribed seating area which commemorates English poet John Keats, who wrote his famous work *The Eve of St Agnes* while staying at Bedhampton in January 1819.

Keats returned in September 1820 when the ship he was travelling on was forced by a storm to dock in Portsmouth for repairs and take on supplies.

Travelling to Italy in the belief the warmer weather would improve his tuberculosis, Keats’ stay would be his last night on English soil as he died in Rome on February 23rd, 1821 at the age of 25.

Mike Sellis, Secretary and Treasurer for the Friends Steering Group, which was set up in 2008 as a not-for-profit environmental body to attract funding for works to protect and enhance the park, made a welcome speech:

‘In a few minutes I will invite Nigel Gossop, a familiar face to many in Bedhampton, who is largely responsible for raising the profile of John Keats and his links with Bedhampton. Nigel organised a range of events in 2019 to mark the bicentenary of Keats’ visits. The funds raised at those events have been applied by the Friends to provide a lasting commemoration here.

The Friends have had a few successful collaborations with Havant Mens’ Shed; picnic tables at the playground and seating around the Jubilee Tree. Again, we thank them and particularly Mike Skelton who project managed the bench and is here with their Chairman, Steve Sadler, and other members. The Friends have their own project manager, Ron Tate, whose local government experience has helped the process to reach fruition.

The openness of Bidbury Mead is testimony to the historic setting of Bedhampton. This Kingscroft Lane entrance would have been Keats’ point of arrival on his walk from Chichester. The bench will provide a physical commemoration of his visit. The vista from it contains features in the panorama that he would still recognise today. We are here to commemorate Keats and I invite you to bring to life his contribution to our heritage here.

The Friends believe the bench will enhance Bidbury Mead. It forms a gift to Havant.



The seat is positioned under and between two mature trees in a calm and peaceful spot. It includes an engraving of Keats’ portrait and words taken from his poem, *The Eve of St Agnes*. A lasting legacy to Keats’ connection to Bedhampton.



# YOUTH ACTIVITIES



## A Great Guiding Adventure!

At the end of September, 4<sup>th</sup> **Bedhampton Guides** grabbed the last of the summer sunshine and escaped to a quiet, peaceful corner of the field at Sandy Acres Guide Campsite in Wickham. Cars loaded with tents and camp equipment, the leaders were excited to welcome 20 girls to the site; for many of whom, this was their first ever experience camping with us! Within a matter of hours, we had put 4 patrol tents up successfully and the girls had moved into their new homes for the weekend. And just in time! As the sun set on a busy Friday, we all enjoyed



fish and chips in the dark, in a field – a first for all of us!



Throughout the weekend, we enjoyed learning about how to run camp with very minimal facilities! The girls had to collect their own water and wood and then learnt about the different types of wood required to build a fire. We had a go at preparing our own lunch using gas cookers, before preparing a delicious “S’more in a cone” over the fire for pudding! We highly recommend – coming soon to a restaurant near you!

We held a traditional campfire on Saturday evening, where one of our newest members made her promise by the light of the campfire. The girls enjoyed lots of new foods during their stay on camp, although the leaders were gutted to discover the popularity of Baked Beans was significantly lower than expected...



Anyone for a bean (or two!)? A huge thank you to all of our girls and guiders who made the weekend so enjoyable! We can't wait for our next camp adventure really soon!

*Hannah Cottam*



# WE'RE BACK!

OR AS THE SONG GOES, WE'RE ALL TOGETHER AGAIN!

All Units in Bedhampton District Guiding have returned to face to face meetings! The lively chatter and excitement from the girls is again filling the Church Centre Halls. Where have we all been, well the majority of the leaders work in the very front line of Healthcare or Education and have been somewhat preoccupied. Those of us who felt able offered Guiding via Zoom and outdoor meetings. We would like to thank St Thomas' Church for taking away any financial concerns we were harbouring and for welcoming us all back with open arms. One of the nicest comments I had on the first night back in the building was from Scouter Nigel Vosper his "Welcome back, it is good to see you all," quite brought a lump to my throat.

We have 7 units which meet at the Church centre weekly; each individual team manages the Girl Guiding programme whilst keeping to the core values and providing a safe all girl space.

The Rangers who meet on Friday evenings for girls aged 14 + returned with an amazing Tall Ships sailing opportunity, whilst 1<sup>st</sup> Bedhampton Guides, who also meet on Friday evenings, had an activity day at Fort Purbrook.

The youngest section for girls aged 5+, Rainbows, will be learning about the History of Guiding towards their first badge. Rainbows is good place to start to build foundations in Guiding.

4<sup>th</sup> Guides who meet on Thursday evenings, are loving getting to know all of their new girls who joined virtually during lockdown, as well as catching up with each other over tea and toast during their first evening indoors. The girls have lots planned for a busy term, including swimming, taekwondo and a weekend's escape under canvas! A first-time experience for most of our girls, the leaders can't wait to share the magic of camp with them!

4<sup>th</sup> Brownies age 7+ who also meet on Thursday evenings, are looking forward to meeting lots of new friends and learning about the promise and what Brownies is all about. They're also looking forward to gaining their first badge this year!

3<sup>rd</sup> Guides and 1<sup>st</sup> Brownies who previously met simultaneously with the adults sharing the care of the activities and evening's proceedings, have adjusted how they now work. The units have both reduced the time in their meetings and now run Brownies from 5.45pm to 7pm and Guides from 7pm to 8.30pm. Both units have welcomed more new members than they had return, so it is an exciting time getting to know each other. The units have chosen a variety of activities. A Festival of Lights parade is planned for mid-November which will culminate in a Promise ceremony outside.

All units are thinking up fun ways to raise money for the Church Toilet fund and we have our thinking caps on.

We are fortunate to have a small Friends of Guiding group who support us with fundraising;

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they too are keen to return and organise events alongside all the units. This helps raise money for a few extras that weekly subs might not stretch to. Examples are donations towards special opportunities like the aforementioned Tall Ships day, or uniform for the Young Leaders who are aged 14+ and choose to help at units. Plus other very special situations which need extra money - the efforts of the group are very much appreciated. If you would like to join this group and give a helping hand occasionally, we would very much welcome you.

The day after my own return to Brownies and Guides on the 8th September, I noticed an odd sensation within myself, I could not quite identify. I found myself doing jobs at home I had been putting off, I felt I had more energy, I even looked up a recipe to cook something different for dinner. The Girl Guiding paperwork I needed to continue completing was done quickly. This strange sensation sent shockwaves to my mouth, I realised I was singing and smiling. By the time I went to bed I realised that I was feeling a sense of belonging and purpose, I was happy. Funny what giving in Guiding can reap as its rewards. If you are looking for a volunteering opportunity why not contact us, there are many roles that can be offered; we need admin support, accounting knowledge, occasional help for meetings outside or trips, often one to one support for some members for specific activities, craft preparation etc. Do you have a few spare hours to help in these capacities? Alternatively, we would welcome regular help for Rainbows and Brownies on Thursdays and Guides on Fridays.

We're back and we are looking forward to a bright future with the community.

*Janet Goring – Guider and joint District Co-ordinator*

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## 1st Bedhampton Scout Group

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We've had a couple of camps in September. Firstly, the Beaver Scouts went to Fernycrofts for a "Dino Camp" where they did Archery (well supervised) and learnt the basics of camping. Secondly the Rhino Explorer Scouts took part in a Havant District Explorer Scout Camp which included Paint-balling. The photo shown is a 'clean one' before the shots were fired.



Before Rhino Explorers turn 18, we let them choose their final activity as Explorer Scouts. Jess chose to take them on a climbing activity. There are also some beautiful videos on our leader controlled Facebook page (available via our website at [www.1stbedhampton.co.uk](http://www.1stbedhampton.co.uk)).



The normal programme has returned to all sections. These have included "wide-games" (games played over a wide area). As the evenings are getting darker it is an ideal time to play these games which promote teamwork and strategy (and are a lot of fun!).

Finally, we added to the busy September by having both our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Summer Camp Evening. Thank you to everyone who attended both. Special thank you to the people who have kindly stepped forward to be our new Treasurer and Secretary.

Also special thank you to the retiring Treasurer and Secretary who served many

years between them. We are still looking for people to be "regular" members of the Executive Committee which oversees what we do (no experience needed).

Till next month, keep active, keep looking after yourselves and each other.

*Nigel Vosper*  
Group Administrator



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# PUZZLE PAGE

## Wordsearch for November: Poppies

It was 100 years ago this month, on 11th November 1921, that Remembrance poppies were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries to commemorate military personnel who died in war, and to raise funds for members of the Royal British Legion.

Amid the mud, blood and carnage of trench warfare in World War 1, tens of thousands of bright red poppies had grown, marking the graves of the fallen. This led John McCrae, a Canadian army physician who had lost a colleague, to write "In Flanders Fields",

*In Flanders fields, the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place, and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.*

This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. In the UK they are sold by the Royal British Legion to raise funds for current and former members of the British Armed Forces. Around 30 million poppies are sold each year.

Remembrance	Trench
Poppies	Warfare
Sold	Thousands
Countries	Bright
Commemorate	Red
Military	Graves
Personnel	Fallen
Mud	Flanders
Blood	Fields
Carnage	Symbol

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### OCTOBER WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

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Answers next month





## September 2021

Our September meeting was the first one held at St. Nicholas' Church Hall since February 2020. There were only nine ladies as two were on holiday and several were either unwell or not yet committed to attending meetings. We had our opening prayers, including the prayer taken from our M.U. quarterly magazine, and prayers for the sick or lonely of the parish.

This was followed by a quiz. Marion posed the questions but as we had no tables the answers were called out. This was followed by our usual tea and chat, and as there were three September Birthdays namely, Paddy, Christine and Marion, we all sang Happy Birthday. Everyone agreed it was so nice to have a jolly time together after all these months. I think the word "jolly" rather dates me. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our next event, our Annual Coffee Morning to be held on October 23rd at St. Nicholas' Church Hall from 10 – 12.

*Marion Machell. St. Thomas M.U.*

*Pictured below are members of the Mothers' Union at a Christmas lunch. Pat Jay is seated towards the back left dressed in red.*



### **Parade for Remembrance Service**

Local newspapers advertising church services don't always get it quite right.

Such as the local paper advertising a Remembrance Day service, who should have printed: *There will be a parade of uniformed organisations.*

Instead, they printed: *There will be a parade of uniformed organists.*

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## MOTHERS' UNION NOVEMBER

*Wednesday 3rd Holy Communion  
9.30am at St Thomas*

*Tuesday 23rd November: Talk by Max  
Cross*

*St Nicholas Church 2.30pm*

*Tuesday 7th December: Christmas  
Lunch*

## Portsdown Decorative & Fine Arts Society

**Thursday 11th November 2pm**

The Queen of Instruments, the Lute  
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**Thursday 18th November**

**7.30 pm**

**Speaker from Solent City Chorus**

*St Nicholas Church*

All welcome



**BAPTISMS**

*We welcome into the Church Family*



**WEDDINGS**

*We wish every happiness for the future to those recently married.*



Rebecca Cross and  
Paul Merriman

**REST IN PEACE**

*We pray for the families of those who have recently died.*

Pam Facer  
Pat Jay  
Maggie Bishop  
Bernard Stanley



A Service of Memories will be held at St Thomas' Church on Sunday 21st November at 4pm.

**Dates for your November diary**

**Saturday 6th November: 10am - 1pm**

*Havant Repair Café, The Pallant Centre,  
St Faith's Church Hall*

**Sunday 7th November: Messy Church**

*St Nicholas Church - see p.5*

**Monday 8th November: Pause and Pray**

*at St Thomas 6pm*

**Saturday 27th November: Christmas Fayre**

*St Nicholas Church*

**DECEMBER 2021**

**Magazine**



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## Services for NOVEMBER 2021

### SUNDAY 7th

( Trinity 23 )

On-line

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St Thomas 9.00 am

Morning Prayer

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Messy Church

St Thomas 4.00 pm

Compline

### SUNDAY 14th

( Remembrance Sunday )

St Thomas 10.50 am

Service of Remembrance

### SUNDAY 21st

( Christ the King )

St Thomas 9.00 am

Morning Prayer

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Holy Communion

St Thomas 4.00 pm

Service of Memories

### SUNDAY 28th

( Advent Sunday )

St Thomas 9.00 am

Holy Communion

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Morning Worship

**This month's Theme: More from the Gospel of St Matthew**

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## MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

**Wednesday 3rd** St Thomas 9.30 am MU Holy Communion

**Wednesday 10th** St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 17th** St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 24th** St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

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