

INKPEN AND COMBE BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2023

**We Will
Remember Them**



CHURCH LETTER

The start of November brings remembrance in several ways. In Church on All Saints, we remember the saints - all God's people - who have served and witnessed and, in many cases, lost their lives or at least their freedom, rather than renounce their trust in Jesus. Then, on Remembrance Sunday we remember those who lost their lives defending our and others' freedom in two World Wars, Korea, the Falklands, Northern Ireland, Ukraine, and elsewhere. Then at All Souls, we remember those whom we've personally said our farewell to and miss.

I do not know how recently you have experienced a loss, or if you're still feeling the shock, the emptiness, perhaps the anger as well as the grief; but I hope you can hold on to the good things, the things you're proud of in someone you cared about and can remember them with thankfulness. A wise man once told me that sometimes it is worth sorting the photos and writing down the stories before there is any possibility of the memories fading.

But do we ever see our loved ones again? Churchgoers will be familiar with the Apostles' Creed, the statements of our beliefs. Towards the end, it says: "I believe in the communion of saints". Saints are just all the people who love God, follow Jesus, and know his Spirit is in them. There are promises in the Bible about our destiny in God's presence for ever, in a transformed creation.

Remembering has its other side, however. So many people die unexpectedly – whether naturally, through a disease, by accident, or by violence, and we are unable to say goodbye. It is even worse if our last word to someone we loved was in anger, or irritation, or sarcasm. We couldn't know it would be our last word, our last meeting: "I wish I hadn't said that" - "I wish we'd sorted that business out" - "I wish I'd spent more time, visited more often, talked about this or that ..." - "If only ..."

One of my mature Psychology students when I was teaching about bereavement shared how she was so grateful to have 'made up' with her 12-year-old son after a silly argument before he cycled off to school; a journey that ended when he was knocked down and killed. The memory of his smile and hug of reconciliation, before he left, helped her to survive the pain she endured.

The Apostles' Creed continues: "I believe in the forgiveness of sins". Jesus often underlined how important forgiveness is, both to receive and to offer. Through his death on the cross, he made it possible for us to be forgiven by God; and by his Spirit living in us, makes it possible for us to offer forgiveness, even to someone who has hurt us deeply and is no longer here to hear it.

The Creed goes on: "I believe in the resurrection of the dead". Christians believe in the resurrection of the body - that we shall be raised as Jesus was, a whole person. After his resurrection, Jesus was recognised; somehow different, but clearly the same Jesus. Likewise, for those who are his; we will still ourselves, but more gloriously

so. 'He will transform our frail bodies so that they will be like his glorious body'. That means identity and recognition.

Finally, "I believe in the life everlasting". God's plan has always been that we should live in a wonderful fellowship with one another and with God himself. He "will wipe away all tears from their eyes. There will be no more death, no more grief, crying or pain." "I am making everything new," he says (*Revelation 21.5*)

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him" (*1 Corinthians 2.9*).

Thanks be to God.

Revd Annette

NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S

Having read about Revd. William McDowell in his letter in the last Bulletin we much look forward to meeting him at the **Service which Licenses** him for his ministry among us. This is in **St. Michael's Church, Inkpen** at **7pm on Wednesday 8th November**. All are welcome. As far as parking is concerned, if the weather has been fine for two days before the service and on the night, it is in the field below the Church. If not, it will be in the lane leading down to the Church. Park on the left pointing down the hill and, on that side, only - and remember to bring a torch.

The other main service of the month is that of **Remembrance** which is at **9.45 on 12th November** and will be led by Revd. William. The dogs of war are awake once more and the world is not a happy place. So please come and remember the fallen of our own parish and nation and give thanks for the sacrifice that none of them wished to make. Also to remember all those who have been and are now affected by the terrors and atrocities of war. As always, the full collection will be given to the Royal British Legion.

Finally, looking forward to happier things our **Services at Christmas** are **Christingle** at **4pm** on the **10th December**, a **Crib and Nativity Service** at **4pm** on the **15th**, our **Candlelit Carol Service** at **6.30pm** on the **17th** and of course our **Family Service** at **9.45** followed by one of **Holy Communion** on **Christmas Day**. There is a certain magic in the air for them all.

As a **Special Extra** we are hoping that for the Carol Service we will once again be led by a **Christmas Choir**. Christopher Sears who will lead it writes: " It would be great if we could assemble an informal group of parishioners and friends to lead the singing as happened prior to the pandemic. No experience is required - just enthusiasm! If you would be interested in taking part, please contact Christopher Sears – treasurer.inkpenchurch@outlook.com"

He will then take it from there. G.A.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR INKPEN AND COMBE

INKPEN

Sunday 5th November – Holy Communion at 9.45am
Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday at 9.45am
Sunday 19th November – Holy Communion at 9.45am
Sunday 26th November – Holy Communion at 9.45am

COMBE

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Service at 11.15am

Other Services in the Benefice are on the Website which is
www.walburybeaconbenefice.org.uk

CHURCH CONTACTS

Benefice Administrator: Tamara Laing, part-time at the **Benefice Office** Email:
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Churchwardens:

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Combe: Tina Fiertz (tel. 668529), Katherine Astor (katherine@kirby-house.co.uk).

CHURCH SERVICES AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HUNGERFORD

Our Lady of Lourdes, Priory Road, Hungerford RG17 0AF
Parish Priest - Fr Zbigniew Budyn 01635 40332
Sunday Mass - every Sunday at 9.00am
Weekday Mass - every Wednesday at 10.00am

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and memorials as well as regular services. Thank you.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY COLLECTION

Please don't forget your change for our collectors or pop a cheque in one of our Gift Aid envelopes.

If you don't have cash all collectors have a QR code on their collection tins so you can donate via your phone.

As well as house to house collections there are also poppy boxes at the Crown & Garter Pub and Honesty Shop/Bakery – they also have a QR code on the collection tin. If you have any questions about our collections, please contact claire@clairejjones.com Thank you as always for your support it is very much appreciated.



INKPEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

I always find myself wanting to start these messages with “What a busy term it has been ...” and this month is no exception. It has been an incredibly busy month and everyone is looking forward to a lovely half term next week.

Last week, the Year 6 children went away for their residential at Grittleton house and took part in a range of exciting activities such as crate stacking, buggy building and escape the room. We were really impressed with their enthusiasm and resilience throughout the week, especially as for many children, this was their first big trip away from home.

We were also really impressed with the Year 3 and 4 children who represented our school brilliantly at a Tag Rugby tournament at Hungerford Rugby Club. The theme for this tournament was “World Cup” and each school was asked to represent a country; we were proud to represent Portugal. The children worked incredibly hard as a team and demonstrated an excellent understanding of the rules. For many of these children, this was their first ever tournament and they certainly did us proud. We were particularly delighted to be awarded one of four trophies as a result of our enthusiasm and determination.

I wish everyone a happy half term and am looking forward to one of the busiest periods in the school calendar: Christmas!

Miss Buck


INKSPOTS

The children have been thinking about their coordination, of how they bounce the balls of the tub.

‘Force and Motion’ is a wonderful thing to learn - developing anticipation and reaction when working with balls.

Ball play builds hand-eye coordination, gross and fine motor skills, spatial awareness, grasping skills, problem-solving.

The children have also really enjoyed story mapping Stick Man this week.

 Storytelling will help develop listening and communication skills, improve concentration and memory, bring experiences alive, create a sense of wonder and help sequence events.

Story mapping allows a child to visualise story characters, events and settings. It is a way to increase a child's ability to comprehend and to organise their thoughts and sequencing of main events. Great job 🍌

POP-IN CAFÉ

We're changing the opening dates for the café to the **first and third Thursdays of each month**, starting this December.

This is to make it easier for residents to work out when it's on.

So, in November, the **café will only be open on the 16th**, but twice each month thereafter, always on the first and third Thursdays.

Many thanks for your considerable support. Keep coming!

***** *We hope to see you there* *****



Don't miss these THURSDAYS
10-12.30 at Inkpen Pavilion
16th November
7th & 21st December
4th & 18th January

PIC
Pop In Cafe

Just for INKPENERS
FREE tea or coffee and plenty of cake
FREE speech, just chat to anyone
NO AGE LIMIT and NO FEES

INKPEN PLAYING FIELD & PAVILION

Members of 'Sport England'

Please keep up to date with the activities at Inkpen Playing Field – the contact link for the website is : www.impft.co.uk

Did you know that one in four of us do fewer than 30 minutes of physical activity a week, while 1 in 6 deaths is caused by inactivity. Even if you can make small changes like gentle jogging or playing rounders on the field, we can help everyone experience the benefits that taking part in sport and physical activity brings including: mental wellbeing, physical wellbeing and above all social and community involvement.

Jogging: can anyone lead a team of joggers around the playing field?

Football: – can anyone teach the youngsters to enjoy being a member of an Inkpen team?

Walking Football: on the hard court: we need a volunteer to start the sessions.

Five a Side Football: – on Sunday evening, we need more players - male and female welcome.

Netball: – the hard court is available with markings for the sport, with new netball nets. Even **basketball** could be considered if there is a sportsperson in the village.

Daisy Chains: are meeting on an ad hoc basis for the little ones on **Friday mornings** at the pavilion – please let us know if you are interested in joining or leading the group on a rota basis. Social interaction for babes and mums is important as well.

Tennis and coaching: – is available for all at Inkpen playing field- please contact Taj Woodhouse for membership of Inkpen Tennis Club

The pavilion is available to book on 7 days of the week: and there is a regular **Pop-in-Café** on Thursday 16th November 10 till 12:30 and thereafter on the first and third Thursdays of each month, and the **History Group** would welcome more members.

Meeting Room at the pavilion: for up to 60 people with access to a TV screen.

Party bookings: have been popular this summer – football parties, tennis parties and playground parties- there is still time to book a place if you are having a family event. A fully stocked kitchen with double oven, dishwasher, fridge/freezer and microwave. All the benefits of a home kitchen.

For more details: and booking information please contact the Parish Clerk: parishclerk@inkpenvillage.co.uk

*****Keep Active*****

INKPEN STITCH AND KNIT

Our November meeting is on **Wednesday 1st November at 7.30pm in Inkpen Village Hall.**

We will have a demonstration on making rope mats and/or bowls with a sewing machine and a chance to try out the technique. All materials will be supplied - including sewing machines!

Our **December meeting is on Wednesday 7th** when we will have a demonstration on how to make faux chenille fabric.

The cost for the evening is £3 which covers hall hire and refreshments. If you haven't joined us previously your first visit is free. Further information from Jan 01488668222 or email jan@honeydesign.co.uk

INKPEN MARKET - Sunday 19th November

This month at the market we have an interesting selection of stalls, with some new to us so come and see what's on offer.

Why not start your Christmas shopping for gifts and goodies that you certainly won't find on the high street.

We have a Tombola for grown-ups and children, books and puzzles. Please come along, have a bacon roll, a cuppa and a natter at the Charity café.

We look forward to seeing you there. Chrissy & Tracey

THE INKPEN HISTORY GROUP

Whoever thought that picking through the dirt could be so exciting. One 15-minute session of picking up a few bits of pottery from an Inkpen field produced a piece of Romano-British pottery dating between around 200 to 600 AD and several post medieval pieces. Maybe your garden has hidden treasures. If you find something that looks interesting, bring it to our Pop-in Cafe.

We've also been trying to establish the direction of movement of goods to and from the Inkpen mill, the mill that's listed in the doomsday book. This involves a bit of metal detecting, so if you have a metal detector and would like to work as part of our team, just get in touch via enquiries@inkpenhistory.uk.

There's lots going on. If you have time to spare, come and give us a hand.

COPY DATE – N.B. The Impending Double Issue (TIDI).

Please note, it's that time of year where we ask you kind contributors to provide both December and January's news and events as we produce the Festive, sprout and tinsel filled December / January double issue.

As ever, please email aliedesforges@yahoo.co.uk by **Tuesday 21st November.**

THE CROWN AND GARTER

Wreath Making

On **Monday 27th November, from 6.30pm to 9pm**, the Crown & Garter in partnership with Newbury's Willow and Blooms florist, will be hosting a wreath making workshop. Tickets cost £65 per person and include a mince pie and Christmas cocktail. To book a place or for further information call 01488 668325 or email crownandgarter@honestygroup.co.uk. Bar snacks and drinks available throughout the evening.

Christmas at the Crown & Garter

We're thrilled to announce that we're now taking bookings for the festive season. Come and join us for a traditional Christmas Day lunch with a fabulous three course meal and celebratory glass of fizz or bring a party of friends or family and celebrate together and enjoy our delicious festive party menu.

Our kitchen team has been working hard to ensure the menus meet all our customers' requirements with locally sourced, seasonal produce and fabulous selection of wines.

For further information or to view the menus or book a table, pop into the pub, visit www.crownandgarter.co.uk, call 01488 668325 or email crownandgarter@honestygroup.co.uk.

Pub Quiz

Don't forget our pub quiz on the **last Wednesday of every month from 7.30pm**. It's become a very popular evening with locals - every table in the pub was taken last month.

All team entry fees will go to our charity of the year, 'Time To Talk West Berkshire'. Drinks and food available throughout the evening. Prize for the winning team. We hope to see you there.

Honesty Live

Join us for a fun evening of live music with the return of talented vintage-inspired singer **Harriet Jane**, who will be performing an array of popular songs on **Friday 17th November and Friday 1st December** - so don't miss out.

Food and drink available throughout the evening. **Music starts at 7.30pm**. Entry is free. Booking a table is advisable.

UKRAINE – COLLECTION OF AID

Help Ukraine Group Support (HUGS)
in association with
The Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership (SHAP)

Collection of Aid for Ukraine

Tuesday 21st November 2023
9.00am-2.00pm
at
Hungerford Town Football Club
Bulpit Lane, Hungerford, Berks, RG17 0AY

We welcome donations of:

- medicine (current & expired)
- medical & surgical supplies inc bandages & first aid kits
- wet wipes & personal hygiene product; athletes foot powder
- toiletries eg soap, shampoo, toothpaste/brushes, small baby powder
- nappies, sanitary & incontinence items
- multivitamins; water sterilising tablets/equipment; spectacles
- working torches, batteries, power packs, solar chargers & lights
- generators; power tools; candles new & used
- clean bedding (synthetic duvets & pillows, blankets, sheets); towels
- wheelchairs & mobility aids; gym/rehab equipment
- tents, roll mats & sleeping bags; plain dark t-shirts & camo kit
- warm coats/jackets, waterproofs, fleeces, new underwear, thermals
- outdoor shoes, boots & wellies, insoles, socks, scarves, hats & gloves
- children's clothes (all ages); baby clothes (premature-24m)
- children's toys, games & 'back to school' items
- dry & non perishable food eg pasta, rice, tins (no jars)
- dog/cat food, meds & vet products, pet care items

All items CLEAN and ready to use please & strictly no other clothes at this time.
Sorry, no donations to the Club before the day.
Please get in touch if you can volunteer to help with packing on the day
Enqs: Tony: 07999 693399 / Mandy: 07762 935804
www.helpoukraine.co.uk

NEWS IN COMBE

There will be a sale of woollen scarves and mufflers by women from the Indian Himalayas, knitted in the snowy winter to add value to their own wool, and organised by supporters from India and the UK.

Enjoy a glass of wine or apple juice and hear the story of these woollens from **5.00 - 6.30pm on Sunday 19th November** at the **Barn at Lower Farm, Combe, RG17 9EH.**



COMBE FILM CLUB – “OUT OF THE ASHES”

Combe Film Club – Saturday, December 2nd at 4pm, at The Barn, Lower Farm Combe. Filmmaker Leslie Knott is presenting Out of the Ashes, her documentary following the meteoric rise of the Afghan cricket team from refugee camp to World Cup. RSVP leslie@tigernestfilms.com for more details.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Inkpen Parish Council Meetings are all advertised on the village notice boards and the *Agenda* and *Draft Minutes* placed on the official Parish website– see <http://inkpenvillage.co.uk/pc2.html>

Inkpen Parish Council met on 11th October at St Michael’s Church parish room, by kind permission of the Churchwarden, - those present were: Councillor Bates, Chairman, Councillor Durham, Vice Chairman and Councillors Corne, Lester and Thomas. The Ward Member, Councillor Vickers was also present.

Planning Applications considered by Councillors:

23/02242 Meadowbank, Lower Green: demolition of existing outbuilding to the side of the house and the construction of single storey extension with a garden wall elevation forming the proposed roadside elevation to the extension. Introduction of dormer windows to existing attic rooms.

Planning applications for consideration are:

23/02373 Land West of Ivy House, Post Office Rd. to erect an agricultural barn with solar array for storage of agricultural machinery and materials.

23/02324 The Briars, Heads Lane; Front single storey extension, rear two storey extension, internal alterations.

Planning application decisions by West Berkshire Council planning department were:

23/01874/COND Foxglove Farm, Great Common, Inkpen: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 7 (Waste storage and disposal) of approved 12/02092/FUL – New all-purpose barn. Withdrawn.

23/00883- 6 Ingles Edge, Inkpen: Construction of rear single storey extension and formation of rear dormer. Granted.

23/01475 Ivy House: Demolish existing single storey side extension. Propose ground floor rear/side extension, first floor side extension and internal alterations. Granted - with conditions to minimise impacts on biodiversity and protected species ie Habitats & Species Regulations 2010

23/01980/COND Walbury Cottage: Conditions approved SUDS; Materials; and Landscaping Plan of planning application 23/00369/FUL

Details of the above applications can be viewed on the West Berks. Council website – the link is www.westberks.gov.uk

Mobile Library Dates are: 14th November 2023; 16th January 2024; 6th & 27th February 2024 and 19th March 2024. The mobile van stops at: Craven Rd. Inkpen 2.20-2.50pm and at Inkpen School at 3.05 – 4pm. Please visit the library as we are lucky the service has continued to be supported by West Berkshire Council.

Litter Heroes: Congratulations to all those litter heroes that spoke up on Facebook last month – the parish and the village are grateful for all the litter that you pick up and remove from the lovely Inkpen countryside. We need more ‘litter picking heroes’ to keep our roads and streets free from the rubbish dropped by others. If you need equipment for pick up, please let the parish clerk know. Fly tipping is illegal and please report anyone dumping waste to West Berkshire Council. If you spot a problem with litter in a public place please report to: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/litter>

The next Parish Council meeting: will be held on 27th November depending on the availability of Councillors. Planning meetings are arranged to meet target dates set by West Berkshire Council. *All meetings are* advertised on the village notice boards and the Inkpen website, in advance of the meeting <http://inkpenvillage.co.uk/pc2.html>

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ANSWERS TO THE ANGELIC QUIZ

1. Gabriel (Luke 1:26-28)
2. Stephen (Acts 6:15)
3. Elijah and under a broom tree (1 Kings 19: 3-9)
4. Peter (Acts 12: 7-10)
5. Gateshead
6. Michael (Revelation 12:7ff)
7. James Montgomery in 1816
8. “Glory to God in the Highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests” (or a different translation) Luke 2:14
9. Richard Baxter a clergyman/minister in the 17th Century
10. Robbie Williams
11. Islington
12. Angels Delight
13. The Writer to the Hebrews (Hebrews 13:2)
14. Rolled the stone away from Christ’s tomb and sat on it (Matthew 28:2,3)
15. Revelation of St John
16. Gideon (Judges 6:21)
17. To tell her she would have a child named Samson (Judges 13)
18. Balaam’s Donkey (Numbers 22: 21-35)
19. Children (Matthew 18:10)
20. Yes – anyone got a story?