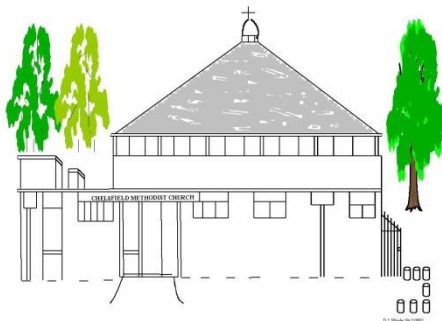


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NOVEMBER 2019

A Letter from The Manse

From The Manse. I've noticed its harder to get out of bed since October began, what a strange thing. Is it the increased weight of the 13.5 tog quilt that replaced the 7.5 tog summer quilt on my bed? Then there's walking Bonnie the Dog in Goddington park at 7am – I'm sure I leapt out with joy each morning, all but a month ago, but now in the dim and chilly morning even the dog is reluctant to get out of his bed when he sees me pull my boots on. Quite frankly my get up and go seems to have got up and gone along with the summer sun.

It's amazing how the weather can affects our mood, our motivation and our even our temper. Do you ever have those days when you look out the window and if it's blowing a gale or raining hard you think and you think 'Im not going out!' You had plans to do this and that jobs done in the garden, things to pick up in the shops or maybe a visit to a friend but the weather has zapped your enthusiasm.

Well we wouldn't be British (or people living in Britain) if weather wasn't a topic high on the agenda.

And yet though I must confess I'm more of a spring and summer man rather than an autumn or winter one I rejoice that God has given us ever changing Seasons. The change of temperature, lengthening and shortening of days, the different fragrances, the colours each bringing a special character to every month.

The Seasons are often referred to in The Bible whether that's in the very well known passage in Ecclesiastes 3:1-22 where the philosopher speaks of the seasons we experience as our life unfolds or the exhortation to know the spiritual seasons as in Matthew 24:32 but my favourite season quote comes from The Song of Solomon (when was the last time you read that?)

- ¹¹ The winter is over; the rains have stopped;
¹² in the countryside the flowers are in bloom.

This is the time for singing;
the song of doves is heard in the fields.

¹³ Figs are beginning to ripen;
the air is fragrant with blossoming vines.

Come then, my love;
my darling, come with me.

There is something here not only about waiting for the weather to get a bit nicer but there is an echo of The Season of The Kingdom which God has promised will come.

One final tip for you. I find it very helpful when the wind is blowing in my face, or the rain is beating down upon my soaked skin – I make a point of saying Thank you God for the seasons and somehow I feel much better!



Thoughts and Prayers for Remembrance

History can inspire or trap. Walls can protect or divide.
Words can encourage or inflame. Power can free or destroy.
Touch can comfort or violate. Peace can be shared or withheld.

Gracious God, on this day, when we remember past and present conflicts, we pray for the divided peoples of the world, that leaders, governments and each one of us may use our resources, our opportunities and our lives in the service of reconciliation, for the sake of future generations and to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

A prayer for reconciliation

As one family, let us reflect on the horrors of the past that continue to haunt humanity and darken our world.

Where pain still overwhelms, bring healing.

Where hearts are still breaking, bring comfort.

Where peoples are still oppressed, bring liberation.

Where communities are still victimised, bring justice.

Where children are still brutalised, bring compassion.

Where lives are still crushed, bring hope.

Where evil is perpetrated, bring repentance.

Where war still devastates, bring peace.

But most of all, wherever a single voice cries out in the darkness, bring us to one another, in the name of the love you bear in your heart for all people, all nations and all creation. **Amen.**

Prayer in a time of hopelessness

We entrust to you, eternal God, those times when we can see only shadows

and lose sight of the hope to come; the times when suffering seems so senseless,

life so fragile, war so unstoppable and death so permanent.

Bless us with the assurance that you are in all things, the tragic and the beautiful,
the nightmare and the dream, the light and the darkness.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ
the peace of the world, today, tomorrow and forever. Amen

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Pat Woodison

PSALM 34:18
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SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday 3rd	10.30am	Rev. Terry Wright Stewards: Rodney & Shirley Carder Followed by Church Council
Sunday 10th	10.30am	Rev. D Graham HC & Remembrance Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & John Crowther
Sunday 17th	10.30am	Deacon Maureen Spinks Stewards: Rodney & Shirley Carder
Sunday 24th	10.30am	David Ball Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & John Crowther

CHURCH CARE

A reminder of our rota for Church and vestry cleaning prior to:

November

3rd	Paul
10th	Rodney and Shirley
17th	Brenda
24th	Paul

OUR PRAYER DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2019

3 November All Saints Sunday

Today is All Saints Day Sunday. Let's take time to remember all the people who have had an influence on our lives; parents, relatives, workmates, friends at church, childhood friends, people who have helped us, people we have helped, even ones who were difficult to get on with.

Prayer: Listening God, we look back on our past life and remember all those who influenced us and we thank you for our having known them. We are happy to remember some but others we'd rather not remember. You are a loving forgiving God, help us to see the good in all those we have known. May we continue to learn from past experiences. Above all we remember Jesus' life which he was prepared to surrender so that we and all humankind might come to know the depth of his love and yours. **Amen**

10 November Remembrance Sunday

Year by year we commemorate those whose lives have been sacrificed defending this and other countries. Rarely can we remember when our forces have not been involved somewhere in the world. Politicians endeavour to resolve conflict by conciliation but often force prevails. Has the death of our warriors been in vain ?

Prayer: Merciful God, forgive your people that through greed, self-assertion and prejudice we are unable to live in a world free from conflict. Give strength to the peacemakers and comfort those who

mourn for loved ones. As your Son came to show us by his example how to live in harmony, may the work of your Spirit be evident in the lives of more and more of your children throughout the world.

Amen

17 November Women Against Violence Week

Prayer: Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, led the way in showing respect and compassion for women. He listened to their needs and never resolved them with rebukes. We pray for women today who do not receive similar consideration but suffer violence and abuse. Particularly we pray for women, tricked by false promises into prostitution, from which there is no escape. **Amen**

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24 November The Sunday before Advent

Advent is the time when we begin to anticipate the birth of Jesus and today is an opportunity to compare the circumstances of that world into which Jesus came with the state of the world today.

Prayer: Everlasting God who, before the coming of Jesus, declared your truth through prophets who often found their words falling on deaf ears, we find that things are not much different in the world today. Many people are too tied up with looking after themselves. The media highlights victims suffering from abuse, aggression, exploitation and hatred, yet there seems to be too few people trying to do anything to resolve it. As people become busier in preparing for Christmas its true significance will be put aside. Quicken the hearts of everyone to remember that Jesus came to show that **everybody** is entitled to his love and compassion throughout the whole world. **Amen**

What's on during the week?

(Regular Clubs and Classes – term times)

Mondays:

9.30 – 11.00am Yoga
2.00 – 2.30 &
4.15 – 8.00pm Ballet & Dance (Zena)

Tuesdays:

10.00am – noon AcaFellas (every other Tuesday)
1.30 – 4.30pm Art Club (every other Tuesday)
5.00 – 7.00pm Kumon Class

Wednesdays:

2.00 – 2.45pm Ballet (Coleen)
7.00 – 8.00pm Pilates In the church and hall
8.00 – 9.00pm Pilates In the church and hall

Thursdays:

9.30 – 11.00am Yoga
2.00 – 2.45pm Ballet (Coleen)
4.00 – 6.00pm Ballet (Coleen)
8.20 – 9.20pm Pilates

Fridays:

9.35 – 10.35am Pilates
10.45 – 11.45am Pilates
Noon – 1pm Pilates (Post Natal)
1:30 – 3:00pm Rainbow Tots
5.00 – 5.45pm Dance (Zena)

Saturdays:

4.00 – 6.00pm Kumon Class



RAINBOW TOTS

Every Friday 1:30 – 3:00pm

In The Church

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New Eltham Community Productions

invite you to exercise your brains at an

Autumn Quiz Night

Friday 1st November 2019 7.15 pm
for 7.30 pm start

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**ELTHAM PARK PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON ORCHESTRA PSA
CENTENARY REMEMBRANCE CONCERT
SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 3PM NEW ELTHAM METHODIST CHURCH
435 FOOTSCRAY ROAD, NEW ELTHAM, SE9 3UL**

Conductor – Martin Cleave

Guest Soloists Martin Bunce (trumpet) Marjorie Ouvry (soprano) Carol-Anne Wells (piano)

PROGRAMME

Up with the Curtain (Jack Strachey)

Light Cavalry Overture (Suppé)

Selection: The Arcadians (Monckton and Talbot)

Marjorie Ouvry (soprano) Carol Anne Wells (piano) details tbc

Post Horn Galop (Koenig arr. Balfour) Martin Bunce - trumpet

London Fantasia (Clive Richardson) Carol Anne Wells – piano

Salute to Jolson (arr. Ronald Hanmer)

INTERVAL WITH REFRESHMENTS

Amparito Roca (Texidor)

Carol Ann Wells – piano Details TBC

Dance of the Hours (Ponchielli)

Tico Tico (Abreu arr. Iveson) Martin Bunce - trumpet; Martin Cleave - piano

The Anniversary Waltz (Dave Franklin) (Collection???)

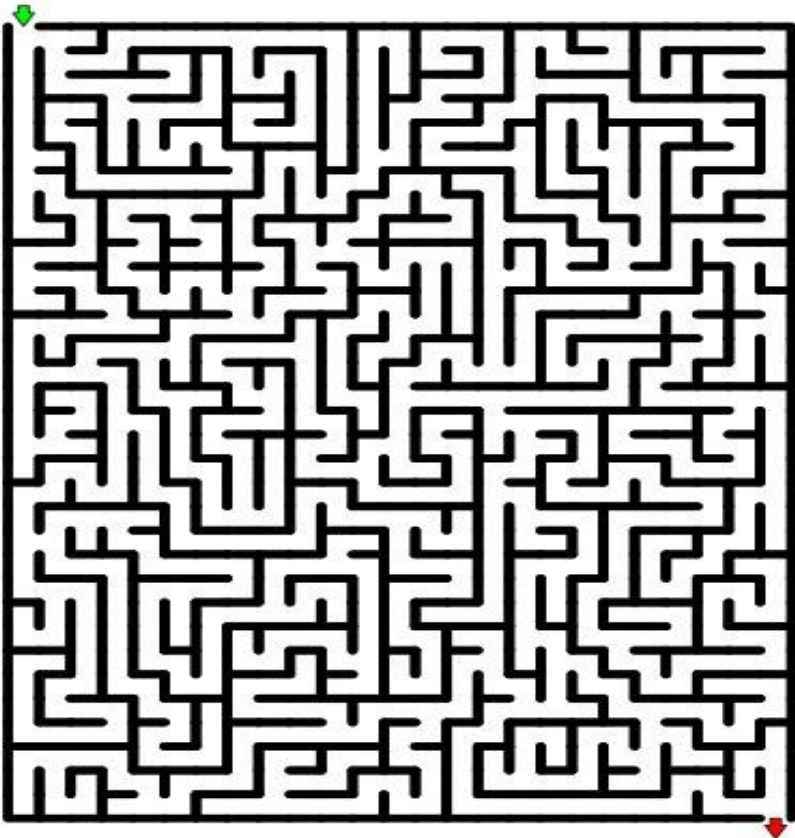
Fantasia on British Sea Songs (arr. Henry Wood) - Marjorie Ouvre (soprano)

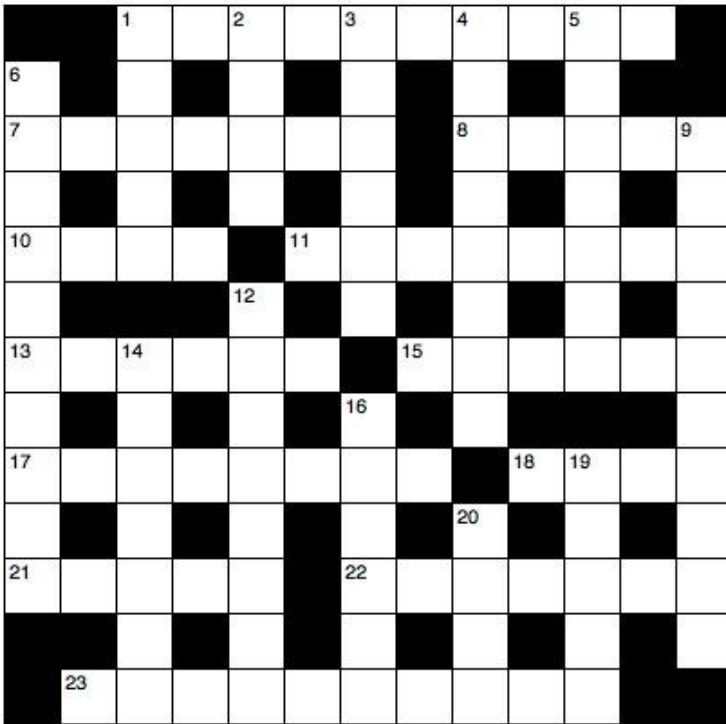
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 (Elgar)

Puzzle Pages

Last month's crossword answers

ACROSS: 1, Bartholomew. 9, Evil one. 10, Adore. 11, Ran. 13, Oreb. 16, Zinc. 17, Entail. 18, Hung. 20, Lehi. 21, Joshua. 22, Pity. 23, Wide. 25, Age. 28, Alarm. 29, Partake. 30, Sennacherib. **DOWN:** 2, Alive. 3, Took. 4, Over. 5, Onan. 6, Emotive. 7, Jehoshaphat. 8, Melchizedek. 12, A light. 14, Beg. 15, Strong. 19, Not have. 20, Law. 24, Iraqi. 25, Amen. 26, Epic. 27, Free





Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)

22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)

23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Down

1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)

2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)

3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)

4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)

5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)

6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)

9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)

12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)

14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)

16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)

19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)

20 See 18 Across

Inspired by Cezanne

Art Club put a new display up for Harvest. Most of these pictures have been inspired by the pictures of Paul Cezanne. He often painted the same subject in different ways. It was interesting (and challenging) to try to reproduce his pictures, particularly with his use of colour.

The artists are as follows (L to R) ; Fiona, Brenda, June, Jackie, Jane/Viv, Fiona(2), Angela, Rita, Shirley and Brian





Thought for the Month

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd Church Council after the morning Service
Tuesdays 8th & 22nd 1.30 – 4pm Art Club
Fridays 1st 8th 15th 22th & 28th 1.30pm – 3.00pm Rainbow Tots

If you wish to contribute to the November Newsletter, may I have your items by Sunday 17th November.

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