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November – Mid-December 2022



A TIME TO REMEMBER
Remembrance Sunday
13th November

ADVENT
27th November
A time of reflection



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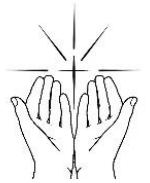
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INTERCESSIONS – NOVEMBER – MID-DECEMBER

For daily prayer intentions, please see the [calendar](#) on the Ss Philip & James website.

For ourselves:

- 6th Nov For Angela, our Safeguarding Officer
- 13th Nov For Tracey, our Children's Champion
- 20th Nov For our Advent preparations
- 27th Nov For a healthy interest in ministry
- 4th Dec For our PCC members
- 11th Dec For our preparations for Christmas



For others:

- 6th Nov For the General Synod
- 13th Nov For our armed forces
- 20th Nov For our environment
- 27th Nov For those in debt
- 4th Dec For World Aids Day
- 11th Dec For those facing Christmas alone

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

All services listed are in person with some being live-streamed in addition.

Sundays 9:30am - Eucharist at Ss Philip & James + Live-stream
Sundays 11:15am - Eucharist at St Stephen's
Mondays 9:30am – Morning Prayer – Live stream on Facebook
Tuesdays 9:30am - Holy Communion at St Stephen's + Live-stream
Wednesdays 9.30am – Morning Prayer – Live stream on Facebook
Thursdays 9:30am – Holy Communion at Ss Philip & James + Live stream

First Sunday in each month **All Age Service** at each church ie. 09:30am at SSPJ and 11:15am at SSH.

Sunday 8am: BCP Holy Communion on odd-numbered weeks and CW Said Eucharist on even-numbered weeks (please note that there will no sermon at this service). These will take place at Ss Philip & James Church and will not be streamed.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/philipjamesstephen>

Service Booklets are now on the 'Featured events' links on the calendar pages on our websites. Click on the link to the relevant service at either:

<https://saintstephenhounslow.church/calendar> OR
<https://www.whittonchurch.com/calendar>

REMEMBRANCE (13th NOVEMBER) – SERVICES AT 10.45AM

Don't forget that our service times are adjusted to ensure we are able to mark the two-minute silence for Remembrance Sunday, gathering at 10.45am. Please check the church calendars for further details (see above).

ADVENT CANDLES – LONGER THIS YEAR!

No, this isn't an energy saving alert but you might like to note that this year's Advent is the longest it can ever be. It's because Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. Next year we will have just the opposite with the 4th Sunday of Advent being Christmas Eve. On the downside this year you will need to make your Advent candles last longer but on the upside you can probably reward yourself with extra chocolates!

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER – MID-DECEMBER 2022

- 6th Nov 3 Before Advent
[Job 19.23-27a](#); [2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17](#); [Luke 20.27-38](#)
- 13th Nov Remembrance
[Malachi 4.1-2a](#); [2 Thessalonians 3.6-13](#); [Luke 21.5-19](#)
- 20th Nov Christ the King
[Jeremiah 23.1-6](#); [Colossians 1.11-20](#); [Luke 23.33-43](#)
- 27th Nov Advent 1 (Year A)
[Isaiah 2.1-5](#); [Romans 13.11-14](#); [Matthew 24.36-44](#)
- 4th Dec Advent 2
[Isaiah 11.1-10](#); [Romans 15.4-13](#); [Matthew 3.1-12](#)
- 11th Dec Advent 3
[Isaiah 35.1-10](#); [James 5.7-10](#); [Matthew 11.2-11](#)



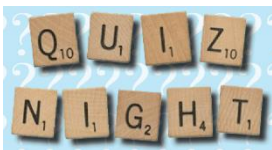
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For a more comprehensive list of dates, please see our online calendar: <https://www.whittonchurch.com/calendar>
This includes events at both our churches.

A few highlights this month include ...

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Saturday 5th November, 12.00pm – 2.00pm, St Stephen's
All welcome.



QUIZ NIGHT

SSPJ Saturday 5th November

6.30pm for 7.15pm start. £12.50 to include fish and chip supper. Tickets from Karen Mackay at services or by emailing secretarysspj@gmail.com



ADVENT CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 27th November, 6.30pm at St Stephen's

Come and mark the start of Advent and the beginning of a new church year with this beautiful sung service which will be held at St Stephen's.

WINTER WARMER – HLO CONCERT

Sunday 4th December, 6.00pm, St Stephen's

Ticket prices and details to be confirmed but there will be mulled wine!

See www.hlo.org.uk for more information.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Churches and Christians across the UK are being invited to remember the suffering of Christians persecuted and imprisoned for their faith in countries around the world.

According to Open Doors, the 2022 rankings are as follows. The top 20 countries where it is most dangerous to be a Christian are: 1 Afghanistan; 2 North Korea; 3 Somalia; 4 Libya; 5 Yemen; 6 Eritrea; 7 Nigeria; 8 Pakistan; 9 Iran; 10 India; 11 Saudi Arabia; 12 Myanmar; 13 Sudan; 14 Iraq; 15 Syria; 16 Maldives; 17 China; 18 Qatar; 19 Vietnam; and 20 Egypt.

For the full list of 50 countries, please go to:

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/>

VIGIL FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

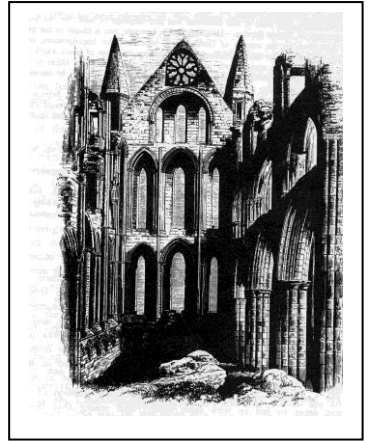
Sunday 20th November, SSPJ, 4.00pm – 5.00pm

We will be holding our own vigil on this day. Everyone is welcome.

CHURCHES AND PEOPLE, 5: WHITBY ABBEY, YORKSHIRE, AND ST. HILDA

By Paul Shaw

Of all the lovely and unspoilt seaside towns in England, Whitby must indeed rank highly, with its jumble of quayside cottages, cluster of boats in the placid estuary, and its beautifully hilly and undulating position, on the edge of the more monotonous sublimity of the Yorkshire Moors. The dominating fact of the town is, however, the abbey, described by our greatest architectural chronicler as 'one of the most moving ruins in England'. To visit the abbey is, indeed, an unforgettable experience: the remains are just complete enough that, with the battery of guidebooks and visual aids available to the modern pilgrim, one can envisage its original grandeur. Nonetheless, its ruination is quite complete, and its stark and craggy outline, on a high promontory over the town, leaves a powerful and melancholy impression on the mind.



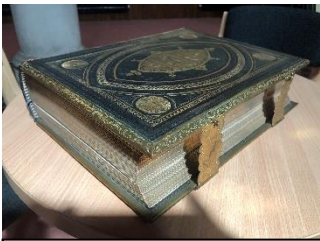
Nonetheless, the abbey is more than just an evocative and powerful ruin: it is a memorial rooted deeply in the history of the English church, reflecting events which are still of great significance to English Christians. Whitby Abbey was founded by St. Hilda (614-680), onetime Abbess of Hartlepool, in 657 AD. It was established in the Celtic or British tradition of St. Aidan of Iona, and like many Anglo-Saxon monasteries, it was a double foundation of separate communities of men and women, under a female abbess. The abbey famously hosted the Synod of Whitby in 664, at which it was decided to abandon Celtic traditions of monasticism for the Roman model; though Hilda supported the former practices, she loyally accepted the decision when it went against her. The clinching argument led apparently from the fear that as St Peter held the keys of heaven, he might deny access to those who were not members of the Church which he founded! However, it may be said that the conflict between centralised and more diffused or national models of authority in the church have never gone away; eventually, of course, they were to result in the Protestant Reformation and the origins of our own Anglican Church. Unfortunately, little or nothing now remains of the abbey founded by Hilda; it was destroyed by Viking invaders in 867, and not re-founded until the Eleventh Century, becoming a Benedictine community of men. The community appears to have had a

somewhat stormy history, until it finally met its fate at the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1540. The ruins which survive are of the noble and simple 'lancet' style of Gothic architecture, dating mainly from the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. It was a sad end to a foundation tracing its origins to a woman said by her contemporaries to be possessed not only of the virtues of determination and self discipline, but also of great wisdom and kindness.

Under Hilda's authority, Whitby Abbey developed a great reputation for learning, and produced at least five bishops, including St. Wilfrid of York. It is said that Hilda, though of aristocratic birth, was known as 'Mother' due to her concern to minister to those of every station in society. This is reflected in the famous story of her acceptance into her community of the humble cowherd Caedmon, due to his skill in composing devotional poetry in the homely vernacular. There are no less than two modern day churches in Whitby dedicated to Hilda: the Anglican church has perhaps the greater grandeur and boasts a hilltop site, directly facing the abbey ruins over the valley of the Esk; the more modestly situated Catholic church can, however, boast fragments of the original abbey stained glass in its west window. In contemplating the conflicts and divisions which Christians still sometimes have to deal with, we may perhaps be able to learn something from the lessons embodied in the history of Whitby Abbey, and be inspired to seek the wisdom and compassion of its founder.

TEAGUE FAMILY REUNION 2022

By Fred Michell



One of our family bibles

Elizabeth Teague (nee Burnett) was my grandmother, and for many years (until her death) she lived at Tregear Vean Farm, St Mawes with her husband Peter. Together they had eleven children. She started our "Teague Family Bible" and we still keep it up to date. But we have also got a computer version of our family tree that goes back to before 1706.

When their children started to get married and move away from the farm Grannie Teague (my name for her) got all her descendants to come to Tregear Vean for a family get together each Christmas. My memories are that there was a big square table in the dining room and we had three "sittings" – one for children with adult supervision, the next for men, and the final one for women (I remember my father acting as waiter). Over the

years the family has retained this tradition of regular reunions, firstly by their children, then by their grandchildren, etc..

The latest “Reunion” was on Saturday 9th July 2022, also celebrating my cousin Wendy’s 80th birthday. About fifty of us were there for the double celebration. It was held at Bugle Village Hall. As well as the 80th birthday cake there was a cake made to look like a Cornish pasty. Both looked fantastic and tasted delicious.

As for me, I got very many additions to my printout of my computerised “Teague Family Bible”, and I am going to have to spend many hours bringing it up to date. The last addition to date is 19th April 2022. Also, I got to meet very many family members, some of whom I had never met, and some I had not seen for several years.

My hope is that this will continue for many years to come. May I ask if other families have regular reunions like we do?

I wonder whether we have any other genealogists in our congregations who would like to share their family stories? (ed)

OUTSIDE THE BACK DOOR THE SEASON OF SPIDERS

I strongly suspect a few of you winced the moment you saw the word ‘spider’ in the title! And I bet over recent weeks you haven’t had to walk far before seeing a plastic spider, strategically placed to scare you for Halloween! I confess that I can have my arachnophobia moments too. If they look too big to go into the jam jar to be deposited outside, then I really don’t want to know! The only spider I can think of that receives a positive press is the money spider and they seem to be notoriously bad at increasing your investments! Despite this, I’m sure we all admire the complexity of a spider’s web and it’s hard to beat the beauty of one that’s either dripping with pearly dewdrops or, even better, covered in sparkling hoarfrost.



Spider’s web captured
in our garden © John
Malone

Autumn is definitely spider season. There's that moment when you suddenly spot something running across the living room floor and also the morning you walk out the front door and find yourself caught up in a spider's web – yuk! The reason for this is that autumn is when spiders are reaching maturity so they're out and about in search of a mate.

I am definitely trying to be more appreciative of spiders as one of the gardeners' friends. I did a little bit of research before writing this article and discovered that spiders are one of the garden's main predators of insects and small invertebrates. When it comes to removing other creepy crawlies that may be eating your plants, only birds do more to help keep a healthy balance in the garden.

So rather than banishing spiders from our gardens, we should really be doing more to encourage them. As with other wildlife, this is an important time of year as we all have a tendency to be too tidy – resist! Leaving seed heads and hollow stems of plants provide excellent over-wintering places for spiders. Log piles or a stack of bricks also give spiders shelter from the cold and wet. Hopefully I don't need to tell you to stop using any pesticides. Spraying anything around the garden tends to get rid of both the good and the bad and becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Get rid of one 'pest' and you'll probably increase another. Best to let nature take its course.

There are 650 species of spider to be found in the UK and, confusingly, the most common one to be seen in the garden, the Garden Spider or Cross Orb Weaver, can be found in many different colours. These are the ones you often see sitting in the centre of the webs dangling between plants. So whilst you may think you've seen several different species outside your back door, the chances are that you haven't! Another common garden spider in the UK is the Golden Rod Crab Spider. Named after the Golden Rod plant, they can actually be found on all different types of plant and, again, they are out to confuse us by changing their colour to match the plant they are on. What we learn from this is that identifying spiders isn't easy but if you want to have a go at getting to know your local eight legged 'friends' somewhat better, then the [Field Studies council](#) do a foldout guide to help you which can be purchased from their website.



Frosted webs © John Malone

Elizabeth Malone

<https://outsidethebackdoor.wordpress.com>

THE COFFEE MAKER'S CREED

By Fr David Cloake (and written quite a long time ago!)

The Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days the Nicene Creed is said, and on other days it may be said

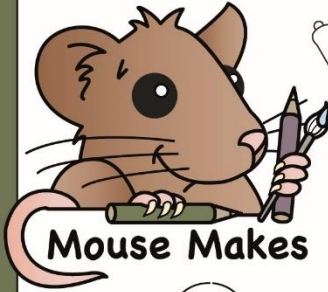
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**We believe in one coffee,
the Father, the Barista,
maker of coffee and tea
of all that is,
strong and overly milky.**

**We believe in one powdered coffee,
Fairly Traded,
the only choice for the church,
eternally begotten of the barista,
Coffee from Granules, Milk from
Cows,
true coffee from true jars,
begotten, not made,
of one flavour with the mud;
through him all coffees were made.
For us and for our edification he came
down from heaven,
was trained by Costa and the
Traidcraft lady
and was made to wear a pinny.
For our sake coffee was percolated
under Morphy Richards;
it suffered insufficient strength and
was re-made.
On the third hour it was nearly ready
in accordance with the instructions;
it descended into chaos
and is stewing on the hotplate of the
machine.
He will come again in glory to judge
the coffee and the tea,
and of its flavour there will be no
escape.**

**We believe in the sprinkly sugar,
the sweetness, the crystals in browned
clumps,
who proceeds from the spoon and the
sugar bowl,
who with the Coffee and the Tea is
still now sweet and sticky,
who has been stirred through the
teaspoon.
We believe in one brand of coffee an
appalling instant.
We acknowledge one strength for the
flavour of drinks.
We look for the caffeine withdrawals
with the pain to the head
and the twitching of the life to come.
Amen.**

And yes, if you're wondering, there is a whole service to go with this! (Ed.)



THE COMING OF A KING

The birth of Jesus is foretold



God sent a messenger to Mary
What was the angel's name?

Luke 1:26-28

Mary was frightened,
what did the angel say?
Luke 1:30

What was Mary to
name her child?

Luke 1:31



What is her son
going to be?
Luke 1:32-33



READ
the story
in Luke
1:26-55



What does the angel
say about God?
Luke 1:37
(LEARN this verse)

Mary praises God, what does
she say God has done?
Luke 1:46-55



Find the words
in the word
search and
the ___
words too.



What happened
to Elizabeth
when Mary
went to
visit her?
Luke 1:41



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ANGEL • MESSAGE • GOD • JOSEPH • MARY • BABY • SON • BORN
CHILD • THRONE • KING • REIGN • KINGDOM • HOLY SPIRIT • LORD
HOLY • WORD • ELIZABETH • BLESSED • SAVIOUR • REJOICE • PRAISE

GARDENER'S PHILOSOPHY

WISHFUL THINKING

By Angela Sharp

During my travels to Europe over the years I've noticed that a lot of the plants we might be familiar with as houseplants, plants for hot, sheltered spots in our gardens, or those just used as annuals here, thrive all year round in parts of southern Europe. And I always long to be able to grow those sorts of plants, hence the wishful thinking as they're not usually hardy here. That means they wouldn't survive the cold and/or wet we get in this country.

In Spain they have oleanders everywhere and are often seen by roads, and in gardens and parks. They do at least grow here as they are hardy, but they don't grow to the size you see in Spain and other similarly warm places, or flower as well. In Seville we saw orange flowered clivia in municipal bedding in parks. That also can flower here, and survives winters, but getting it to flower may not be quite so easy as in a warmer climate.

Many of us will be familiar with the dripping bright pink blooms of bougainvillea draping themselves over little lanes in historic parts of some towns abroad, and whilst we can grow them here, they're usually only found in conservatories, or pots to be taken indoors in winter, and even then will go into a semi

dormancy by the time winter comes meaning their stems probably rarely or never become the gnarled old trunks you can sometimes see of specimens that must be decades old in those sheltered old streets. In Seville, we saw one bougainvillea that had been trained up a conical frame to contain its stems and it had grown into what looked like a huge, neon coloured tree on a traffic island in the middle of a busy two lane highway! It certainly brightened the place up!

In Seville orange trees are used as municipal street trees. In March the orange blossom perfume filled the streets and it made an already sophisticated city seem even more beautiful. I think we all know that citrus plants generally are grown in pots here as they need to be brought inside to a light, frost free place to hide from the worst winter weather. They certainly would not be seen on the streets or grow to the size they do in Seville.



Clockwise from top left – brugmansia, tree trained bougainvillea, dombeya, hibiscus, strelitzia with clivia in front, orange trees in Seville © Angela Sharp

Another commonplace plant in warmer climes is Strelitzia, or the Bird of Paradise plant. In Seville the taller Strelitzia was flanked by the smaller, but equally orange clivia I mentioned earlier in the main park. It is a most impressive plant if it's happy with its long leaves, V-shape habit and possibly the most spectacular flower. Having said that, though, I think brugmansia might give it a run for its money, with its drooping, huge trumpet shape blooms from a very tall 2-3 metre plant. We saw these in both Seville and on a trip about 4 years ago now, in Cuba. You can grow it here, but again not without protection from frost.

One very impressive and tall plant I do wish we could grow here outdoors and which we saw in Seville was tender Dombeya. I'd never seen it before elsewhere, not even abroad. It resembles hydrangea, although its slightly more extravagant flower balls are larger with pendulous groups of large and very fragrant flowers which bees love. Birmingham Botanical Garden has one in their subtropical glasshouse but in Seville they were outdoors.

We have a hardy form of hibiscus that we can grow in this country. It is quite pretty and comes in all sorts of colours, but it isn't quite as special as the hibiscus that isn't hardy as its blooms are bigger and more spectacular than the hardy ones. It doesn't flower in profusion though unlike our hardy one so perhaps it's not all bad. And if we love the more exotic version that much we can grow it here as a house plant.

I remember once seeing the most spectacular tree, an Albizzia julibrissin in front of a house in southern France and its pink fluffy blooms covered the canopy in summer. It's a tree that's also used as a street tree in that part of the world. It is fairly hardy but when young I would hazard not so much. I put my tiny one in the greenhouse every winter, and I got a lot more leaves on it this year, having killed off at least two previous ones. I am hopeful one day soon I'll see one of those pink fluffy blooms on mine.

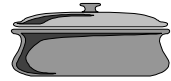


Albizzia julibrissin ©
Angela Sharp

Perhaps it is part of the human condition to always want what you can't have, and that is one of our failings, for there are certainly many plants we grow here which wouldn't thrive in hotter countries. Certainly the flavour of extreme heat we got here in July proved that as some plants' leaves shrivelled and flowering was delayed in some species. So let's not get too envious of plants that grow in other parts of the world, and we'll just enjoy them when we travel or when we visit glasshouses in formal gardens in the UK as they're often seen there too!

COOKERY CORNER

CAKES IN A JAR



Back in the July/August edition of CROSSBridges I introduced you to the idea of cakes in a jar - a portable and fun way to use up store cupboard ingredients, or practice making a new filling or topping. Make sure you start with a scrupulously cleaned and sterilised jar before screwing the lid on, and transporting.

Here are some more ideas for fillings

Rhubarb and custard

Plain sponge

Rhubarb compote

Plain sponge

Crème patisserie (or half sweetened whipped cream and half custard)

Plain sponge

Top with a marbled mixture of the compote and custard/cream mixture

Dust with orange zest

Jam and peanut butter

Plain sponge

Berry compote

Plain sponge

Peanut buttercream

Plain sponge

Berry compote

Plain sponge

Peanut butter cream

Top with a few crushed roasted peanuts

Genna Martinez



ROYAL FAMILY WORDSEARCH

This month's wordsearch contains the first names of the first 23 people in line of succession to the British throne, The 11 unused letters form the name of a favourite holiday home for the Royal Family. Solution next month.

John Barnes

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SOLUTION TO PRIME MINISTERS WORDSEARCH

ASQUITH, ATTLEE, BALDWIN, BALFOUR, BLAIR, BROWN, BUTE, CALLAGHAN, CAMERON, CHAMBERLAIN, DERBY, DISRAELI, EDEN, HEATH, JOHNSON, MAY, MELBOURNE, NORTH, PALMERSTON, PEEL, PERCEVAL, PITT, PORTLAND, RUSSELL, THATCHER, TRUSS, WALPOLE, WILSON. The 11 unused letters formed DOUGLAS HOME.

John Barnes

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