



GREASBROUGH UNITED CHURCH



November 2017

Remembrance

November is a month of remembrance. It starts with All Saints day on the 1st, then we have All Souls day immediately after, where we are supposed to remember all those Christians who have died. Then of course we have Bonfire Night (remember, remember the 5th of November) when we remember that Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators were stopped from blowing up the King and members of Parliament. And on the 11th November, we have Remembrance Day when we remember those who have given their lives in times of war to keep the world at peace.

Remembering can be both a sad and happy experience. Maybe it's good that we have this time of looking back and thinking about those who have gone before us. Maybe this time of remembering is supposed to get us ready for the season to come, Advent, a time set aside for preparing ourselves to remember the greatest gift we can ever receive, the gift of Jesus.

But remembrance isn't just about looking back, it's also about looking forward.

We remember and give thanks to those who gave their lives in time of war, but we must continue to strive towards peace. That includes how we treat all those we come into contact with, be they black, white, Christian, Muslim, etc.

We remember all those Christians who have died on All Saints and All Souls day, but we must continue to share God's Word and love to all those we meet.

We remember the 5th November, but we must work to continue work against the intolerance and prejudice that create hate and mistrust in the world.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Phil

News

Well I do have to say that October was a busy month for our church. To begin with, our shoe boxes collected for The Samaritan Purse Appeal numbering 26 were dedicated at our recent service and we wish Christian Blessings and Love on each child receiving them. In addition to those gifts, £187.50 plus £5 on line was donated towards the cost of shipping the boxes to their final destination. What a magnificent effort this was by all to spread a little happiness in the form of gifts to needy children. I will let you know where the boxes have been sent to when I receive confirmation next year.

After the Harvest Service, the produce was sold off and the amount of £105 was sent to Christian Aid. A Big Thank You to all who helped in any way with the shoe boxes, donations and produce.



On a lighter note, our recent social evening was an enjoyable time of party food and the friendly rivalry afterwards when playing “Beetle” just added to the occasion. Also not forgetting, £101 was raised towards the expenses of running our church.

Now some good news, Martyn has recently started work at The Pension Office Call Centre in Wath Upon Dearne. We wish him success in this new venture.

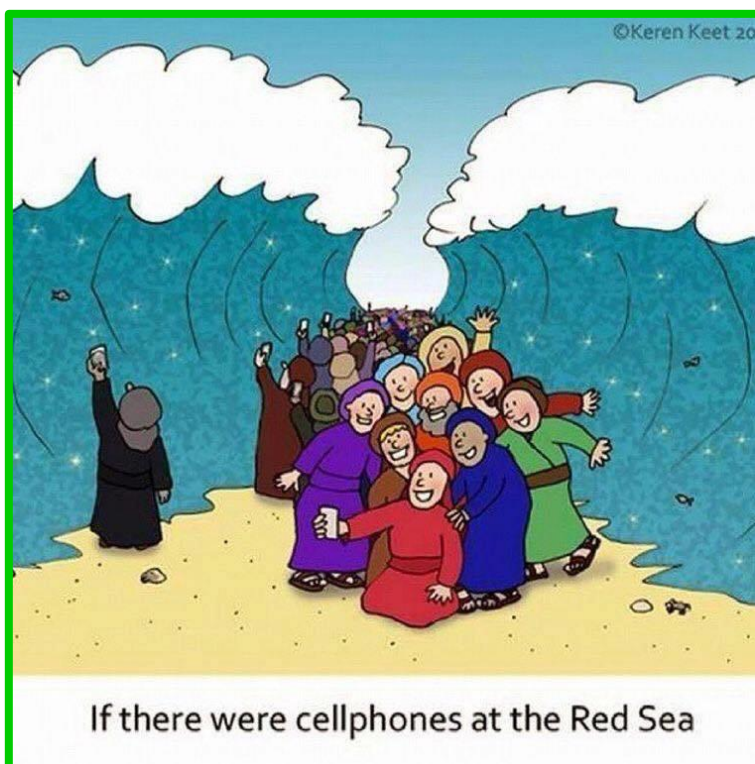
Lastly, just a little reminder, the Christmas Party is on the 16th December at 2.00pm-4.00pm. Have you sorted out your party pieces yet as on Saturday it will be only 5 weeks away. Wow!! is Christmas that close.

Jean

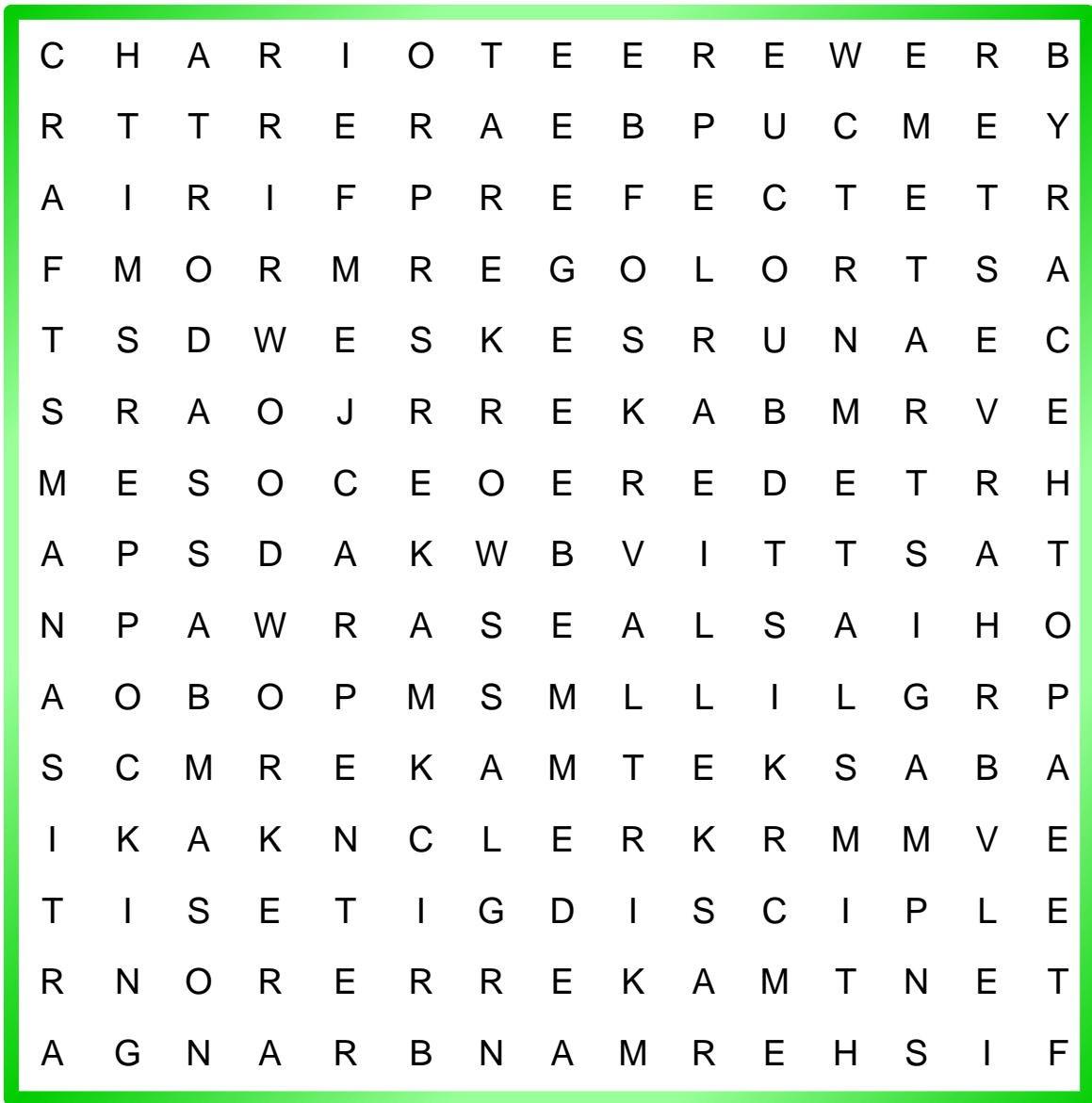
Prayer this month

We ask that you pray for the end of:

- terror attacks;
- abuse of power.



WORDSEARCH



Biblical Occupations

Find these words in the grid above. The words may be in any direction – forwards, backwards, upwards, downwards or diagonal. After you have found all the words, use the leftover letters to form a mystery answer.

Answer: _____

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| Ambassador | Carpenter | Gatekeeper | Mason |
| Apothecary | Charioteer | Glassworker | Metalsmith |
| Artisan | Clerk | Harvester | Nurse |
| Astrologer | Coppersmith | Jeweler | Prefect |
| Baker | Craftsman | King | Silversmith |
| Basketmaker | Cupbearer | Laborer | Slave |
| Brewer | Disciple | Magistrate | Tentmaker |
| Brickmaker | Fisherman | Maid | Woodworker |

The Crosses

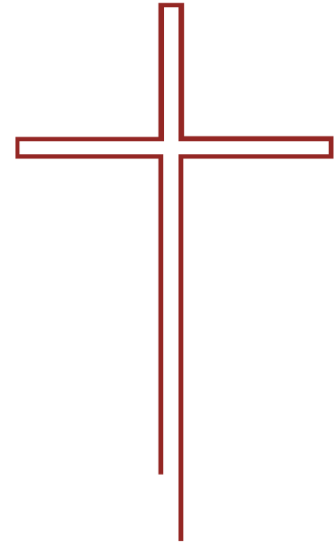
I stood there before the crosses
glowing white in row on row
Everyone a young life cut short
as the names upon them show.

The dates they died below the names
tell of wars now past and gone
Passchendaele, the Somme, and Mons
of battles fought, and lost or won.

History remembers, as it should
these men who fought and died
Whilst for their families left behind
a dull sorrow tinged with pride.

The faces of boys held now in Sepia
who died in days long gone
yet living on in memories
and hearts, still holding on.

Yet despite the hurt and grief here
what with horror makes me fill
Is that when I look behind me
there are more new crosses growing still.



Bill Mitton



A Lot of information

A Sunday School teacher was telling her class the story of Lot.

“Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and she was turned to salt.”

She looked around the class, and one little girl tentatively raised her hand.

“Yes?” said the teacher.

“I was wondering,” said the girl, *“what happened to the flea?”*



Sunday Services

Held at 10.30am every Sunday.

Preachers

5 th Nov	Phil Critchlow
12 th Nov	Mike Thomas
19 th Nov	Pat Critchlow
26 th Nov	Rev Simon Copley
3 rd Dec	Barrie Thomas

Friendship Group

Held at 2.00pm every Wednesday.

Speakers

1 st Nov	Rev Lyn Broadhead
8 th Nov	No meeting
15 th Nov	Rev Brenda Hill
22 nd Nov	Rev Simon Copley
29 th Nov	Rev Jenny Park

What's on

Care home services –
16th Nov @ 2.00pm

Christmas Party –
16th Dec @ 2.00pm



Bible study and prayer group

These are held at 34 Green Street on Tuesday mornings at 10.00am and are a valuable time of learning and sharing God's Word. It is a very relaxed gathering and all are welcome.

Contact us

If you would like to know anything about the church please contact:

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Who's who: Guy Fawkes

Guy Fawkes was born on 13th April, 1570 at Stonegate, York. He was the only son of Edward Fawkes and his wife Edith Blake. His father was a staunch Protestant but died when Guy was only 8 years old, and his mother later married into a strongly Catholic family and they moved to Scotton, near Knaresborough.

His maternal grandparents were 'recusant' Catholics, who refused to attend Protestant services.

When he was 21 he sold the estate his father had left him and travelled to Europe to fight for Catholic Spain against the Protestant Dutch republic in the Eighty Years War. His military career went well and by 1603 he had been recommended for a captaincy. He had also adopted the Italian variant of his name, becoming known as 'Guido'.

In 1604 he was recruited by Thomas Winter to join what would become known as the Gunpowder Plot, under the leadership of Robert Catesby.

His expertise with gunpowder gave him a key, and very perilous, role in the conspiracy, to source and ignite the explosive. But 18 months of careful planning was foiled with just hours to go, when he was arrested at midnight on 4th November 1605 beneath the House of Lords. Thirty-six barrels of gunpowder were found stacked in the cellar directly below where the king would have been sitting for the opening of parliament the next day.

Fawkes was subjected to various tortures, including the rack. While just the threat of torture was enough to break the resolve of many, Fawkes withstood two days of the most terrible pain before he confessed all.

Fawkes was tried with the other surviving conspirators on 27th January 1606. He was sentenced to the traditional traitors' death – to be 'hanged, drawn and quartered'. In the event, he jumped from the gallows, breaking his own neck.

**Remember, remember the fifth of November,
Gunpowder treason and plot.
We see no reason
Why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot!**

