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Hiring the Old Barn



The Old Barn is a traditional building, refurbished to a high standard and is available to hire at competitive rates.

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Small Kindnesses:

Amanda works as a visiting nurse who rotates among several nursing homes – often bringing her eleven year old daughter Ruby to work. For something to do.

Ruby began asking the residents, ‘If you could have any three things, what would you want?’ and recording their answers in her notebook. Surprisingly, many of their wishes were for little things – sausages, chocolate pie, cheese, avocados. So Ruby set up a GoFundMe to help her provide for their simple wishes. And when she delivers the goodies, she doles out hugs. She says, ‘It lifts you, it really does’.

When we show compassion and kindness like Ruby’s, we reflect our God who ‘is gracious and compassionate...and rich in love’. (Psalm 145:8) That’s why the apostle Paul urged us, as God’s people to ‘clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience’ (Colossians 3:12) Because God has shown great compassion to us, we naturally long to share His compassion with others. And as we do so intentionally, we ‘clothe’ ourselves in it.

Paul goes on to tell us, ‘over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity’ (v14) And he reminds us that we are to ‘do it all in the name of our Lord Jesus’ (v17) remembering that all good things come from God. When we’re kind to others, our spirits are lifted.

Jesus, thank You for showing me overflowing, unlimited kindness. Help me to find joy in doing kind acts for others.

Praying in difficult times:

Author and theologian Russell Moore described noticing the eerie silence in the orphanage where he adopted his boys. Someone later explained that the babies had stopped crying because they learned that no-one would respond to their cries. When we face difficult times, we too can feel that no-one hears. And worst of all, we can feel that God Himself doesn’t listen to our cries or see our tears. But He does! And that’s why we need the language of petition and protest found especially in the book of Psalms. The psalmists petition for God’s help and also protest their situation to Him. In Psalm 61, David brings his petitions and protests before his Creator, stating, ‘I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I’ (v2) David cries out to God because he knows that only He is his ‘refuge’ and ‘strong tower’. (v3) Praying the petitions and protests of the psalms is a way of affirming God’s sovereignty and appealing to His goodness and faithfulness. God cares and hears us.

NOVEMBER'S RECIPE: RHUBARB TANSY.

The roots of this recipe date back to medieval times. Initially, juice crushed from the leaves of the bitter herb tansy was used to flavour light, fluffy pancake type puddings known as tansies. Tansy itself, once also used for medicinal purposes, is slightly toxic, so has understandably fallen out of favour and is no longer included. This Yorkshire tansy is more like a posset or a fool than a true tansy; whatever its name, its absolutely delicious... a recipe you'll want to make again and again.

Ingredients: (serves 2 – 4)

1lb Rhubarb
2oz golden granulated sugar(or to taste)
2oz Butter
2 medium egg yolks
¼ pint double cream
2 tablespoons of lemon juice.

Method:

Wash and trim the rhubarb and cut into approximately 1 inch pieces.

Melt the butter in a wide pan and add rhubarb. It should fit snugly in a single layer.

Cook gently with a lid on, checking constantly for around 8 – 10 minutes until the rhubarb is just tender.

Remove the lid and stir in the sugar until it dissolves.

Whisk egg yolks and cream together and pour over rhubarb. Stir in the lemon juice

And cook gently over a low heat, stirring constantly until thick. Don't overheat.

Pour into a serving dish, and allow to cool and thicken.

Chill one to two hours before serving.

A scattering of dried rose petals or freeze dried raspberry pieces look pretty.

If you can't wait for it to cool and try some of it warm, than nits more like that ancient soothing drink recipe – a caudle! ENJOY:

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Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

Name: _____ Date: _____

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

WINTER SOLSTICE



CALENDAR
DECEMBER
EARTH
FESTIVALS
HEMISPHERE
HIBERNAL
HIEMAL
JUNE
LIGHT
LONGEST NIGHT



NORTHERN	SHORTEST DAY
POLES	SOLSTICE
REBIRTH	SOUTHERN
REVOLUTION	SUN
RITUALS	SYMBOLIC
ROTATION	TILT
SEASONS	WINTER

Children's picture to colour:



SET YOUR MIND:

Setting Your mind is similar to setting a thermostat; it determines the climate you live in. So, *set your mind on God's Word!* Instead of trying to stop thinking wrong thoughts- which immediately brings to mind the very thoughts you supposed to stop thinking – fill your mind with God's Word.

Jesus told His disciples that the Holy Spirit would remind them of what He had taught them. (see John 14:26) So when you file the Scriptures in your memory bank, God's Spirit will pull those files when you need them.

Picture an amateur pilot navigating through his first storm. He can't see any landmarks around which to fly because they are locked in a fog. But then a voice comes from the controller in the tower saying, 'Just listen to me, and I'll guide you'. Jesus said, 'I have told you these things. so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world'(John 16:33) Paul writes: 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus'(Philippians 4. 6 – 7) For example what should you do when the economy is bad? Recognise that neither the London Stock Exchange nor the High Street decide your security – God does. What should you do when someone criticises you? Take what's good and let no-one but God determine your worth. By keeping your mind on God's Word, you're at peace in any situation.

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In his Hands:

William Shatner played Captain Kirk on the television series *Star Trek* , but he was unprepared for a real trip into space. He called his eleven minute sub-orbital flight, 'the most profound experience I can imagine'. He stepped out of his rocket and marvelled, 'to see the blue colour go right by you and now you are staring into blackness, that's the thing. 'You 'look down and there's the blue down there and the black up there' He added, 'The beauty of that colour and it's so thin and you're through it in an instant' Our planet is a blue dot surrounded by utter darkness. It's unsettling. Shatner's shattering flight puts life in perspective. We are small objects in this universe, yet we're loved by the One who created light and separated it from darkness.(Genesis 1:3 – 4)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

Every year the country comes together for Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day.

A two-minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars around the world.

Remembrance Day marks the day **World War One** ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.

Remembrance *Sunday* is also marked each year, which usually falls on the second Sunday in November.

This year our Remembrance Service will be held in St. Wilfrid's Church, Old Arley at 10.15am. Wreaths are usually put on the altar. At 10.45

The wreaths will be collected and everyone will go out of Church to the Cenotaph just outside Church gates. There will be a short service and wreaths may be laid around the cenotaph. 2 minute silence will be observed at 11am.

The first two-minute silence in Britain was held on 11 November 1919, when King George V asked the public to observe a silence at 11am.

This was one year after the end of World War One, a war that had been raging in the fields of Northern Europe for four long years.

He made the request so "the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead".

'Armistice Day' was when fighting was suspended on the Western Front in 1918, so Germany and the Allies could reach a peace agreement, and the guns fell silent at 11am.

Up to 13 million people died in that conflict which became known as the 'war to end all wars'.

Whilst this special day was first commemorated to **remember the huge losses after World War One**, today the anniversary is used to remember all the people who have died in all wars since.

This includes **World War Two**, the **Falklands War - which in 2022 marks its 40th Anniversary** - and more recent conflicts in Iraq and **Afghanistan**.

And because this day remembers those lost in all wars, we know it more commonly now as Remembrance Day.

Some more true stories from Anne About Whitacre..

My sewing was never very good even though my mother thought I would get used to it. I never did finish the knickers, that my mother had paid 2/-for the material. Knitting was no better, I had to abandon my gloves because I couldn't get the fingers right and I had to be content with mittens with enormous thumbs. What I would have like to have done was what the boys did and that was garden. At the top of the churchyard was a gate leading into a long strip of earth which the boys tended.

Quite recently when I visited my mother's grave I found this little garden but it was sadly overgrown. When I was a little girl they grew all manner of vegetables. I saw corn on the cob for the first time in that garden and was fascinated by the silky hair round the cob. I couldn't imagine anyone eating something like that. To me vegetables were carrots, onions, potatoes and peas and the dreaded cabbage my mother made me eat. Each school term had its own particular flavour. In Winter we fought our way to school through the snow and ice, we often had no gloves and my Mother pushed socks on our hands to keep warm. I used to have chilblains so bad that my feet bled because I couldn't help scratching the shiny red patches and my lips cracked in the cold wind.

Once at school we all gathered round the pot-bellied coke burners and our clothes steamed with the heat. Even so we quite often sat most of the day in dampish clothes but we didn't seem to come to much harm. The winter of 1946/47 was the worst I can remember. The snowdrifts were so high on the Tamworth Road that when I walked down the track that the men made it seemed as I was walking along a ghostly white corridor because the drifts were about 6ft high. I took pride in the fact that for one week I was the only girl in school and the few boys that had made it and I sat in the smallest classroom with the stove throwing out heat and we were quite cosy.

At home, life was difficult also, the well froze over, there was a coal shortage and the wood pile was covered in ice. The icicle hung from the corrugated iron roof of the shed like clear white daggers and we had to break ice inches thick to get some water from the rain butt. Spring came and on our way to school we counted the little lambs playing in the fields. At school if any decorating was to be done then this was when the painters came. The colour scheme rarely varied from the bottom half of the wall was either green or brown, and the top cream. It was very dull but it didn't matter because we soon filled the wall up with paintings and charts. Outside the trees were in bud and green and sticky buds which we threw at each other. As in every season the

teachers would take us for walks down the lanes and point out the exciting things that were happening in the hedgerows.

In those days bird nesting was not discouraged as long as we only took one egg from each nest then it was deemed to be quite ok. I never liked the business of collecting eggs because I couldn't bear to 'blow' them. A hole would be bored in each end and then the contents blown from one end and out the other, if you were lucky.

Some of the lads had boxes of eggs placed in cotton wool and neatly labelled. Butterfly collections were another thing I didn't like. It seemed so cruel to see the lovely creatures impaled on a pin. I was quite happy to keep caterpillars in a matchbox with a bit of lettuce, though, I never thought that as cruel, but it was, because the poor things died in the end.

The Summer term was the busiest one because it was then that we did our exams. Pencils at the ready and small tongues poking out the corner of mouths, we tried to remember all we had been taught throughout the year. I never found the exams hard and always came away with a prize.

I always came top and my pride would have been badly hurt if I hadn't done so. The reasons I came top was because I hadn't much competition and it was quite a jolt to my ego when I went to the county High School to find I wasn't as clever as I thought I was and there were girls very much brighter than me. I might have been a natural scholar but I certainly wasn't a natural sportswoman. It was at the end of this summer term that the sports day was held. I hated games, no-one ever chose me to be in their teams, and I suffered acute embarrassment when I was the last one to be called. One sports day I thought I'd 'really cracked it'. With another girl I practiced and practiced for the three legged race, I was confident I stood a chance of a least a third place.

Just my luck they withdrew that particular race because not enough entered. My one and only chance to shine.

It was after sports day if I remember correctly that the prizes were presented, usually by the Rector and at the very end we all gathered on the field and Mr. Patterson threw up a money bag full of ¼ pieces and we all scrabbled to the ground to pick up as much as we could.

Many thanks Anne for our trip down your memory lane. Maureen x

MADE FOR ADVENTURE:

I RECENTLY MADE A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY. FOLLOWING A DIRT PATH INTO A CLUSTER OF TREES NEAR MY HOME, I FOUND A HIDDEN HOMEMADE PLAYGROUND. A LADDER MADE OF STICKS LED UP TO A LOOK OUT, SWINGS MADE FROM OLD CABLE SPOOLS HUNG FROM BRANCHES, AND THERE WAS EVEN A SUSPENSION BRIDGE SLUNG BETWEEN BOUGHS. SOMEONE HAD TURNED SOME OLD WOOD AND ROPE INTO A CREATIVE ADVENTURE.

SWISS DOCTOR PAUL TOURNIER BELIEVED THAT WE WERE MADE FOR ADVENTURE BECAUSE WE'RE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE (GENESIS 1:26-27)

JUST AS GOD VENTURED FORTH TO INVENT A UNIVERSE (V1-25)

JUST AS HE TOOK THE RISK OF CREATING HUMANS WHO COULD CHOOSE GOOD OR EVIL (3:5-6) AND JUST AS HE CALLED US TO BE 'FRUITFUL AND INCREASE IN NUMBER; FILL THE EARTH AND SUBDUE IT'(1:28) WE TOO HAVE A DRIVE TO INVENT, TAKE RISKS AND CREATE NEW THINGS AS WE FRUITFULLY RULE THE EARTH. SUCH ADVENTURES MAY BE LARGE OR SMALL, BUT THEY'RE BEST WHEN THEY BENEFIT OTHERS. I BET THE MAKERS OF THAT PLAYGROUND WOULD GET A KICK OUT OF PEOPLE FINDING AND ENJOYING IT.

WHETHER IT'S INVENTING NEW MUSIC, EXPLORING NEW FORMS OF EVANGELISM OR REKINDLING A MARRIAGE THAT'S GROWN DISTANT, ADVENTURES OF ALL KINDS KEEP OUR HEART BEATING. WHAT NEW TASK OR PROJECT IS TUGGING AT YOU RIGHT NOW? PERHAPS GOD IS LEADING YOU TO A NEW ADVENTURE.

ADVENTUROUS GOD, SEND ME ON A NEW ADVENTURE OUT OF LOVE FOR YOU AND OTHERS!

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When Jesus visits Bethseda in John 5. He meets a man who was paralysed for 38 yrs. 'Pick up your mat and walk, and the man is immediately healed'

It's crucial Jesus doesn't simply tell the man to walk, which would have been miraculous enough, but the miracle occurred. It seems the Jewish leaders of Bethseda were more interested in upholding their rules than the miracle that had taken place before them.

THE ARMISTICE:

The Armistice was the ceasefire that ended hostilities between the Allies and Germany on the 11th of November 1918. The Armistice did not end the First World War itself, but it was the agreement which stopped the fighting on the Western Front while the terms of the permanent peace were discussed. The Treaty of Versailles formally ended the War after more than half a year of negotiation.

Why did it happen?

Germany's Spring Offensive in 1918 gained them territory but exhausted their supplies and reinforcements, and the Allies pushed them back with the immensely successful '100 Days' campaign. Four years of hardship at home and the news of military defeats led to social unrest and revolutions in Germany, and the Kaiser abdicated in November. With a weakening military and no support on the home front, the Germans had to sign on the Allies' terms.

What were the terms?

The Armistice stipulated that the Germans evacuate occupied territory in France and Belgium. The Allies occupied the area ten kilometres east of the Rhine and declared the rest of the Rhineland region a demilitarised zone. They also insisted that the German military surrender war materiel such as planes, ships and machine guns. The Allies wanted to ensure that the Germans could not resume the war if the long-term peace negotiations broke down.

What were the results?

The British, French and Belgians each administrated different areas of the Rhineland while the Treaty of Versailles was negotiated. The Allies also maintained their naval blockade until the final peace settlement. This meant that it was difficult for Germany to import food, making the existing food shortage worse. The German people saw this as an injustice, which contributed to negative feelings towards the Allied nations in the inter-war period.

The Sisters of Nazareth

Today, dear Lord, I'm 80 and there's much I haven't done,
I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81;
But then, I haven't finished all I want to do. Would you let me stay a
while... until I'm 82?
So many places I want to go, so very much to see, Do you think that
you could manage to make it 83? The world is changing very fast; there
is so much in store I like it very much to live until I'm 84.
And if, by then, I'm still alive, I'd like to stay 'til 85;
More planes will be in the air, so I'd really like to stick around And see
what happens to the world when I am 86.
I know, dear lord, it's much to ask (and it must be nice in heaven) But I
really would like to stay until I'm 87. I know, by then, I won't be fast and
sometimes will be late,
But it would be so pleasant to be around at 88. I will have seen so
many things, and had a wonderful time, So I'm sure that I'll be willing to
leave at 89... Maybe just one more thing I'd like to say Dear Lord, I
thank you kindly But if it's okay with you, I'd like to live past 90.

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VIC'S QUIPS:

* I met this bloke with a didgeridoo and he was playing Dancing Queen
on it. I thought, that's Abba-riginal.
"I did a gig in a fertility clinic. I got a standing ovulation."
"I had a dream last night that I was cutting carrots with the Grim
Reaper – dicing with death."
"I rang up British Telecom and said: 'I want to report a nuisance caller.'
He said: 'Not you again.'"
"I saw this bloke chatting-up a cheetah and I thought: 'He's trying to pull
a fast one.'"
"The advantages of easy origami are two-fold."
"I rang up my local swimming baths. I said: 'Is that the local swimming
baths?' He said: 'It depends where you're calling from."

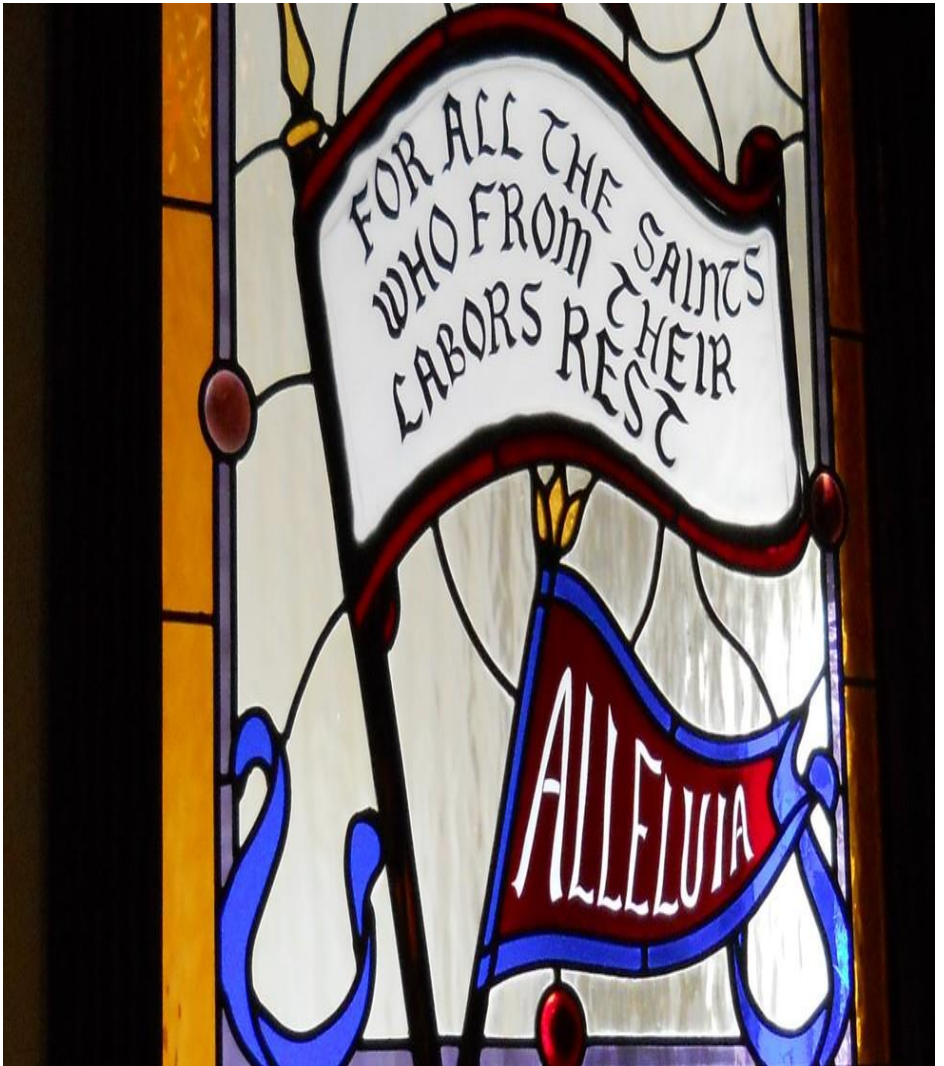
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Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute and falsely say all
kinds of evil

Praying each day during November:

1	Let us pray for peace and understanding in our world today
2	Heavenly Father make us more like You in all we do
3	Never give up praying ,when you pray keep alert and be thankful
4	In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! Our Lord has overcome the world
5	Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! His love endures forever.
6	Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of Jesus.
7	The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy
8	Make every day great by focusing on the wonderful blessings in life
9	In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus
10	May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father
11	Let us remember all who fought in WW1 and WW2 with thanks
12	I will give thanks to the Lord and I will sing His praises
13	Search for the Lord and for His strength; continually seek Him
14	Glory in His holy name; let those who seek the Lord, rejoice
15	You make us glad Lord , we sing at what Your hands have done
16	May Your unfailing love be with us, as we put our hope in You
17	Every good and perfect gift is from above ,our Father in heaven
18	Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.(Proverbs 3:5)
19	You make known to us the path of life and You fill us with joy
20	The faithful love of our Lord never ends!His mercies begin each day
21	Don't worry about anything, instead pray about everything
22	The Lord is near to all who call on Him in truth,(Psalm 145:18)
23	Worship our Lord with all gladness, singing with joy
24	This is the day the Lord has made ,let us rejoice and be glad in it
25	Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength(Isaiah 40:31)
26	Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of Your wings
27	The joy of the Lord is your strength (Neremiah 8:10)
28	Great is our Lord and most worthy of our praise(1Chronicles 16:25)
29	The Lord is our strength and shield, and we trust Him with our hearts
30	Lord God fill us with Your comfort and love and overwhelm us

All Saints Day 1st November



SERVICE INFORMATION:

6th Nov 3rd before Advent 10:30 Common worship St Michaels
13th Nov Remembrance day 10:15 Remembrance St Wilfrid's
Followed by wreaths to go on Cenotaph- 10.45am
20th Nov Christ the King 10:30 Common worship St Michael's
27th Nov 1st in Advent 10:30 Common worship St Wilfrid's
4th Dec 2nd in Advent 10:30 Common worship St Michael's
11th Dec 3rd in Advent 10:30 Common worship St Wilfrid's
18th Dec 4th in Advent 10:30 Common worship St Michael's
25th Dec Christmas Day To be advised.
1st Jan 1st after Christmas To be advised.

They shall grow not old

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Laurence Binyon, 1869 - 1943

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