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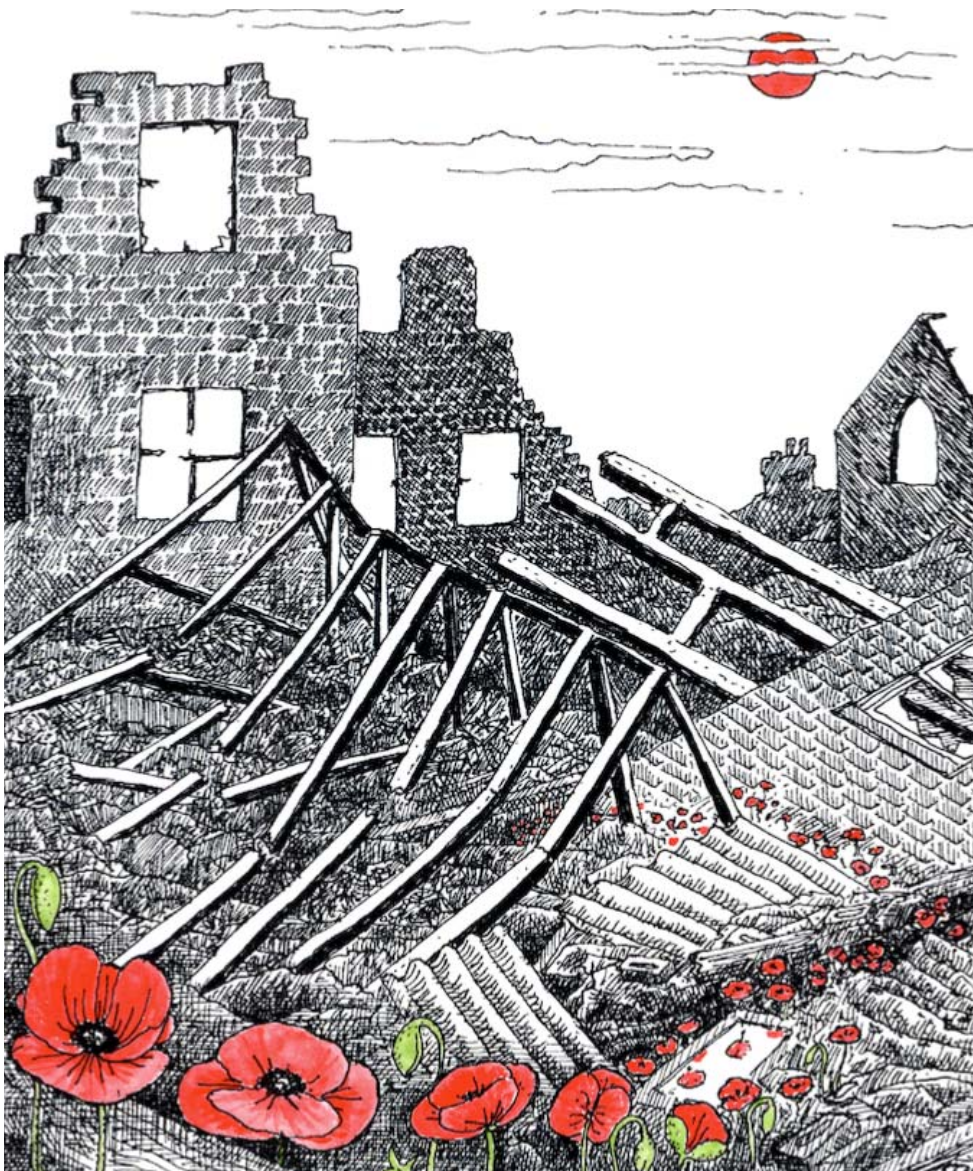
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November
2012

Faith is reason grown courageous

Sherwood Eddy



For your diary:

Get into the Christmas spirit with the **Christingle** service on Sunday 2 December at 4pm.

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Community news

We welcome **Amelia Dawson**, daughter of **Melissa Mottershaw and David Dawson** and **Lily Ann Ryder**, daughter of **Joanne Ryder** of Peckforton, baptised into the church at St Boniface on Sunday 14 October.

Many congratulations to **Emily Sanders and Jonathan Garnett**, married in a moving ceremony conducted by mother of the bride,



the Revd Alex Sanders, at St Boniface on Saturday 22 September. As **Alex and Nick Sanders** have officially upped stakes and settled in Mellor, they wish to thank everyone from St Boniface, Calveley and St Jude's for all their friendship and help over the last eight years.

Congratulations to **Becca and James Preston**, daughter and son-in-law of **Nessa and Peter Camber**, on the arrival of their first baby, Henry James Preston.



We were sorry to hear of the death of **Jean Haughton**, who ran Young Christians in Bunbury for many years. A full tribute will appear in the next issue of the Link.

The **Young Christians pantomime** this year is **'Sleeping Beauty'** and will be held in the village hall on 22-24 November. Tickets will be available soon from Burrows or Wendy Slack and cost £5 (£4 cons). If anyone is able to lend a spinning wheel,

please contact Wendy on 07711 894695.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who brought gifts, donations of produce and who helped out in any way at the **Harvest Service** on 6 October.

St Boniface will be **lighting the tree of lights** again this Christmas. Please complete the form on page 6 if you would like a light on the tree. The tree will be lit after a special Evensong at 4.30pm on 9 December.

The **Christmas Choir practices** for the St Boniface Carol Service will be held on three consecutive Saturdays: 24 November, 1 and 8 December, 10.30am-12pm. **The Carol Service will be held on Sunday 16 December.** All are welcome to participate. For further information please contact Andrew Dean on 261222.

Early Birds Pre-school is once again collecting for **"Bags to School"**, who collect good quality second-hand clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. Please fill a bag with the above items and drop off at Early Birds, Bunbury Village Hall or call Karen Morley on 261034 for collection. The more they collect, the more money they make for the pre-school. Please return bags by Wednesday 28 November. More bags are available from Early Birds - or just use a bin bag!

The **Bunbury Gardening Club** this month will be hosting their AGM and a hot pot supper in the village hall at 8pm on Tuesday 13 November. For more information please contact ruffield@sky.com or call 261163.

Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are being collected now. Please fill a shoe box with small gifts and toiletries for young girls and boys in deprived countries. Last year's collection went to Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Romania and Ukraine. The volunteers reported "extraordinary joy reflected in the children's faces". The shoe boxes are not just presents but cover basic needs for school and provide warmth and clothing. Leaflets are available from school and church or at St. Jude's. Please return filled boxes to either church or school by Monday 5 November for collection, or contact Jane Overy on 260294.

The **Bunbury Village Day Group** is searching for **volunteers** to help with the next Village Day, which will be held on Saturday 15 June 2013. Please contact Steve Mort on 262473 if you can help.

If you know anything about the late **Humphrey Milling** or the whereabouts of his wife **Patricia** or their children, please contact Joy Robinson, who is compiling a family tree, on lornajoyrobinson@tiscali.co.uk.

The **copy deadline** for the December-January issue of the Link is **Friday 16 November**. The magazine should be in church for delivery on **Friday 30 November**.

The Link team needs fresh faces!

The current editor has to stand down mid-2013. If you are keen to see the Link continue, please contact Jo Mason on 733971 or email parishlinkeditor@gmail.com to find out more about what is involved in its production.

A note from the editor

November is a month in which we think a great deal about the past. At the All Soul's service on 4 November, we have the chance to take comfort in remembering those we've lost. On Armistice Day on 11 November, we observe the Remembrance Service to commemorate those who gave their lives in pursuit of our freedom in the two world wars. On 8 November, the Diocese of Manchester is holding a Holocaust Study Day with the Council of Christians and Jews, at which distinguished speakers will consider the importance of not forgetting the horrors of the Holocaust. Furthermore, 18-24 November is Prisons Week, when we are invited to consider the lives of those who are living in, or who have loved ones in, prison. And finally, a happier note, this November marks 20 years since the General Synod voted to allow women to become priests!

This issue of the Link therefore has a general theme running throughout: that of *remembering*. Remembering our loved ones who live on in our hearts; remembering the sacrifices of fallen heroes; remembering those who are out of sight but may need our prayers; and considering how we might want to be remembered if we were out of sight.

On pages 7-11, we explore some of these themes, with contributions from Bunbury parishioners of all ages. We hope that some of the topics and observations help you with your own memories this month.



"It's either an appeal to youth culture or we can't afford to service the boiler for the Winter season"

Our prayers for November

We pray for all those who are ill, including **Danny Jones, Walter and Mary Williamson, Joyce Nancarrow, Bill Corn and Betty Clauson**. We pray for everyone who is mourning a loved one, particularly the families of **Jessie Peers, Mary Vernon and Jean Houghton**.

TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar



There is something magical about an open fire. Whether you have one at home, or sit by one in the pub, you find yourself transfixed by the crackling flames. There is nothing quite like it - especially as the nights begin to draw in and the coldness is all about. You find yourself drawn to it, everything else takes a back seat. It starts with a glance, but a glance is not enough. You begin to stare, uncontrollably. You relax, you start to dream. You begin to think about all the things you have wanted to think about, but have never found time to ... until now. You treasure the past, the flames spark old memories.

The kingdom of God is like... an open fire

You appreciate the present, the flames awaken the senses, and make you feel more alive than you've felt in a long time. You dream about the future, you see things in a clearer light. You feel the warmth on your hands, on your feet, on your face. You smell the the smoke, and breathe a little slower and deeper. You hear the crackle and the spit. You sink into your chair and in that moment taste peace.

Bunbury Primary School heads for the big city

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 visited London recently. After calling in at Haberdashers' Hall for lunch, they got the chance to see The Lion King and had a flight on the London Eye. When the children returned to school they wrote travel guides for Bunbury and London, two of which are reprinted below.

"Visualize a place deep within the heart of British countryside, where wildlife thrives, where the air is untainted and crystalline and pastures are lush and vibrant. Welcome to the guide for Bunbury, the guide to an exciting break.

Settled in the picturesque North West's undulating hills, Bunbury is an astonishing place to visit. In this amazing typical English village there is a fantastic school, where everyone is welcome, three pubs, where you can eat or just stop for a drink. Twisting footpaths weave through Bunbury's luscious fields leading you through the centre of this quaint habitat.

The main attraction has towering sandstone walls and breathtaking stained glass windows. St Boniface church has history pouring out of its walls. There is something for everyone in Bunbury.

Holly Illingworth

"Visualize a location packed with bustling excitement, a place full of passion, where distinguished people and landmarks reside, where the most incredible musicals take place. This is the guide to an adventurous city, London!

Deep in the south of England, beneath the pale blue sky, lies a distinctive metropolis, London. This dynamic city is situated in an urban area with many prominent attractions. One of the main attractions is the London Eye, one of the city's most popular; mainly for tourists, for the purpose of observing London's phenomenal views! As well as the sightseeing structure, another colossal building, Big Ben, is an outstanding experience!

Astonished, amazed, overwhelmed, London is what you feel when striding round the bustling streets.

So, you've had enough fascinating information to make you want to visit the city of London, the home of Queen Elizabeth II. It may seem like a dream, but when you are there it's like paradise!"

Katy Adkin



Some of the Yr 5 and 6 pupils on the London Eye



Eric Wallington
Reader Emeritus
Thought of the month

Pearls are undoubtedly very beautiful, a perfect sphere of purest white (or apparently sometimes pink or occasionally black) which must be one of the loveliest things around. As we know, pearl is formed when a piece of sand falls into the open shell of an oyster and, to avoid irritation, the oyster slowly covers that gritty fragment with concentric layers of smooth and translucent 'mother of pearl'.

The value of the pearl comes essentially from its rarity and, of course, from the labour of the pearl fishers, who often dive to great depths to find and bring up the oyster. We're told that Cleopatra dissolved pearls in wine and drank it as an ostentatious display of wealth!

In the Bible, Job compares the value of the wisdom of God to the most expensive things he knew, including pearls. Jesus told his listeners a parable about a pearl merchant who dreamt of owning a pearl of great price and when he came across one, he had no hesitation in selling all he had to purchase his life's dream: an absolutely perfect pearl. We are also told that the kingdom of God is the pearl of great price.

All sorts of wonderful possessions in this world are good and worthy but they don't compare to the kingdom of God which is beyond any price. Jesus, however, made things very clear when he said: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you'.



The Great Debate: Harmless fun for Christians and all?

Last month, the question was asked: *Should Christians participate in Halloween?* Its roots in satanic worship and associations with the occult make it difficult for many Christians to join in the celebration in good conscience.

There are, however, many Christians who condone the celebration of Halloween and believe that it does not go against their faith to recognise it.

Dr Rearick III, writing in *Christianity Today*, argues: "... I have always considered Halloween a day to celebrate the imagination, to become for a short time something wonderful and strange, smelling of grease paint, to taste sweets that are permissible only once a year..."

"But", some might say, "look at the roots of Halloween. Don't you see how evil it once

was?" I do, but the operative word in that sentence is *was*. Samhain was once a time of fear and dread, but at one time so was Yule..." (Rearick III, *Trick-or-Treat?* *Christianity Today*, October 31, 2008.)

Dr Rearick is voicing a popular opinion in modern Christianity that even though Halloween or Samhain in the past was a symbol of evil, it has now progressed to bear a resemblance to the original celebration only by its date. Nowadays people, especially children, enjoy Halloween innocently as an excuse to dress up, meet new people in the community and stay up late on a school night.

Teenagers in Bunbury also still relish the festivities: "*We're a bit old now to go trick-or-treating, but last year family friends came up*

and we just all chilled out and played games and watched movies and ate sweets!" When asked if they thought Halloween affected their religion, they commented: "*It's just a fun thing where you dress up, I think!*"

Many people choose not to celebrate Halloween on religious grounds, yet a lot more manage to enjoy the party without feeling they compromise their religion. I believe that this is completely justified; we have moved on from the pagan festival and Halloween has changed from the worship of Satan to be a chance to enjoy yourself, eat sweets and go all-out in costume.

Charlotte Greenbury



Pat Edgley
Reader
Saying Goodbye

Losing someone you love is one of life's most devastating experiences.

What words of comfort can be given when hopes and dreams lie shattered into a thousand pieces and life will never be the same again.

Gradually the pain will subside and the process of rebuilding can begin.

In many Christian countries the custom of remembering the dead takes place on All Soul's Day, commemorated on 2 November, following Halloween and All Saints Day.

Families gather in the cemeteries to tend the graves, to pray and remember.

At St Boniface there is a service at All Souls Tide, for anyone who has lost loved ones, especially those bereaved in the last year, to come, and sit and pray and remember.

O Lord of hope, of strength, of love,

We remember all who are grieving,

Whose world has been torn apart

By the death of someone they loved.

As they remember with sadness, a long life well lived,

Or with a bitter heart a young life ended too soon,

With futures unfulfilled and dreams shattered,

May they have a deep awareness of your strength,

Surrounding and enfolding them,

May they come to know the hope

That death is not the end,

But a new beginning in your love.

Give us 2 minutes...Tim Dobson



Tim Dobson's parents, Marshall and Jen took on the tenancy of Radmore Green Farm in 1968. Tim and his brother Mark attended Spurstow School before spending ten years at Sandbach School. After studying Agriculture at Harper Adams, Tim farmed dairy cows and in 2006 he and wife Marnie bought their first goat. They are now farmers,

butchers and online goat meat retailers and have been married for 14 years. They have three children: Grace (10), Amelie (8) and Doug (6) - all at Bunbury School.

If you had a motto, what would it be?

Life's a journey to be enjoyed

It's a celebrity beer call. Whom would you like to invite?

My grandfathers, Douglas Dobson, a show jumper, who farmed at the High Ash, and Frank Crowe, a fruit & veg merchant from

Wrexham. I would love to know them when they were in their prime. Grandpa died in 1957, and some people locally still remember him well

What would you call your autobiography?

The Goat Man

What was your first job?

Collecting eggs for Dad at age 6 - at the time we had 4,000 battery hens!

What is the best book you've read to date?

I loved The Time Traveler's Wife, and am currently reading the Merrily Watkins series by Phil Rickman. I could not imagine life without the mobile library that stops in our yard.

What would you change about Bunbury, if you could?

Make house prices more affordable for our youngsters

What is your biggest regret?

Life's too short for regrets.

If you were granted one wish, what would it be?

To celebrate my Golden Wedding to Marnie, the love of my life.

What is the one thing that people would be surprised to learn about you?

I always wanted to join the Army

What would you like to achieve most over the next 12 months?

To see more of my niece, Saoirse, who was born in County Wicklow this July

What is your favourite place and why?

Western Canada. Mum's family emigrated there in 1925, and I grew up in a house full of Canadian relatives. I have more family out there than in the UK and have been a regular visitor since spending a summer there as a teenager. I love the people, the open spaces and the fact that it is so different to home.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

Harvest time for us means food festivals; my favourites are Ludlow & Abergavenny. I love meeting customers old and new and the smile when they enjoy our meat. Ideally there would be a cake stall on one side and a beer stall on the other.

Church diary for November

Sunday 4 November	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Worship 4.00pm Memorial Service	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface St Boniface
Wednesday 7 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 11 November	9.30am Remembrance 10.45am Remembrance 4.30pm Evensong	St Jude's St Boniface St Boniface
Wednesday 14 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 18 November	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning prayer 10.00am Family worship 11.00am Matins	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Wednesday 21 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 25 November	9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 28 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 2 December	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Christingle	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface
Wednesday 5 December	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 9 December	10.00am Family Communion 4.00pm Carol Service 4.30pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface

Lighting up our church

St Boniface is looking for people to sponsor the floodlighting of the church for a week in the winter to commemorate a family occasion or loved one. The donation will help to keep St Boniface illuminated in the cold, dark winter months. The minimum donation is £15. Please sign up using the notice board in the church.

For those we love and those we miss

Bunbury Tree of Lights 2012



To sponsor a light on the tree at St Boniface this Christmas in aid of our church building please fill in the form or contact Jill Robey on 260081 jill@1manorcottage.co.uk

I would like a light on the tree to celebrate: (please give details)

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I would like to donate £..... (£5 minimum)

I would like to Gift Aid my donation to Bunbury PCC
Tick box (Charity No 1133106)*

*To be able to gift aid your donation you must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax in the tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that will be reclaimed on your gift (25p per £1 donated). If you pay income tax at a higher rate you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your self assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief.

Name:.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....

Signature.....

Tick box for an entry in the Book of Lights

Alex is installed in Mellor



After several months of waiting, Alex Sanders was finally instituted as the new vicar of Mellor on Tuesday 16 October. The Church was packed full, and those unable to find a seat in church were treated to an impressive relay of the service to the nearby parish centre. Mellor, like Bunbury, seems to have its own array of experts and professionals for every occasion - a member of the church just happened to be a former BBC producer of Songs of Praise so knew a thing or two about broadcasting a service from a church.

Amongst the congregation were friends and family from far and wide including representation from all the places where Alex's ministry has occurred to date: Tarporley, Worleston and of course Bunbury. The Bishop of Stockport who conducted the institution spoke, in a highly personalised address, of Alex's many great qualities, her suitability for the new role and the excellence of her ministry to date. Just when those present were about to rename her "Saint Alex" he added: "Her one weakness might be that she is something of a 'Foodie' like me. Give her a good meal and a decent bottle of claret and she'll agree to anything!"

As is customary at these services, a number of community representatives welcomed Alex in person. The representative of the Women's Fellowship made it clear that her attendance at meetings was just about compulsory, whilst the most memorable contribution was from the Chair of the local Archaeological Society. She welcomed Alex warmly but then, with just a hint of menace, warned her that there had been people living in Mellor for 10,000 years. Somewhat nonplussed by this remark, Alex no doubt wondered whether any of the original inhabitants were still around and how easy it might be to bring about changes in such an environment. But at least she knew she would not be contending with a fundamentalist who believed that God created the world a mere 6,000 years ago.

Following the service, the parish centre saw a perhaps unique gathering of all the recent vicars of and from Bunbury with Tim, Rick and Alex all in celebratory mood. All those from Bunbury were sad to see Alex and Nick leave, but are pleased to have seen them settling into their new home.

Set in rolling Derbyshire countryside, the landscape of Mellor may be very different from that of Bunbury, but it looks like the community will be just as supportive and resourceful. We pray that they will have a wonderful and fulfilling time there.



Young Christians share their favourite memories

One of my favourite memories is when I was really small at Christmas. We had lots of family over and they all put loads of presents round the tree. There can't have been *that* many presents but I was so small it felt like they filled up the whole room! I remember thinking I could wade into them and be buried. The fire was on and it was so bright, colourful and warm.

My favourite memory has to be when I was little and we went to



& fountain

America. Mum dressed my sister and me up in these cute little outfits and my brother in a top which was hard to fit over his head. I have an image of us standing on a water fountain in a line, with great big smiles from ear to ear. I think I

remember it because I was with my sister and brother, their smiles are hard to forget when you live with them.

My favourite memories are when I go to Abersoch every year with my family for my summer holiday.

I remember when we went to the Isle of Scilly on holiday - my fave memory.

I have a memory of when I was in reception and I could not be detached from a toy cow and a tractor.

I remember when I was 3 I started dancing and when I was 11, I quit.

My favourite memory is of going to America when I was young. I loved hearing about the plagues, eating Matzo (a type of bread) and having Fruit Loops and Lucky Charms for breakfast.

My favourite memory is going on a family holiday to Disneyland, Florida for my 6th birthday. I got sang 'Happy Birthday' to me 4 times: one was my family, two was Minnie Mouse, three was a brass band and four was Goofy, down the phone in a shop! It was brilliant. Also it was one of the best holidays I have ever been on, and the best birthday.



Going to Spain when it was my birthday and learning how to walk.

It was a cold, wet, early Saturday morning. I was young and scared. Sadly, after begging and begging my parents not to take me to go to my first ever swimming lesson, I had to go.

Clutching on to the side of the colossal pool not wanting to drown, the instructors told us to swim. I let go. Kicking and sputtering I started to make progress. I suddenly stopped. I don't know how, maybe nerves, but I just stopped. "That was horrid", I thought. A wonderful idea popped in to my small, dizzy head. I could splash with my arms and kick with my legs. So that's what I did!



My favourite memory is of going to Las Vegas and eating a massive plate of chocolate chip, strawberry and cream pancakes!

One of my favourite memories is when I was at primary school and we were allowed on the field in winter, and it had just snowed. We had a snowman building competition and then we had a whole school snowball fight. It was so fun and I enjoyed every second. I loved my primary school even though it was tiny. You got to get to know everyone.

How would our Young Christians want to be remembered if they had to move away... and what do they think is important to remember

I would like people to remember I was kind and helpful and funny and generous. I would like people to remember these things because these are probably my main best qualities and I wouldn't want people to remember me for bad things.

-If I MOVED AWAY
• Fun, bubbly, kind, happy, good friend,



I would want people to remember when I was happy and how I made them feel. I would hope people would miss me and would think I was a happy, bubbly person.

Well, ideally I wouldn't move away in the first place but if I did, I'd hope people would remember I was a music-loving, nice person who, yeah, had her moments but always came around in the end. Sometimes she'd get depressed and hostile but she was always there for her friends and trusted them completely. Then the things I'd want people to remember most about me would be that I absolutely

loved loved LOVED my Chemical Romance, 30 Seconds to Mars, Green Day and even when people gave me stick I'd never change for anything, for no-one. I was me through and through, all the time. I also sang, played piano & guitar all the time - music is my whole life. My dress sense is rather 'unique' but like the music, I'd never change. Never ever. And that's what I want people to remember about me.

"It's important to remember your friends and family because they're the people that help you get through life."

"It's important to remember WWI and WWII in the hope that we, as a race, will learn from them and avoid repeating them."

"The most important times to remember are the happy times not sad, childhood memories that you can never get back."



Remembering, honouring and treasuring the fallen

As we turn the clocks back and begin our annual journey into winter, many of our elderly neighbours find this time of year particularly difficult. The long nights are to be endured and the darkness can be intimidating for many who prefer to stay indoors and hibernate.

Winter may be a time of darkness, but it is also a time to light the fire and warm ourselves by its side, to feel its warmth and be transfixed by its light.

Around the village, we will light bonfires, and set off fireworks, catherine wheels and be dazzled by their light.

At church during our Memorial Service, we will light candles and remember loved ones departed whom we see no more, but still

treasure and love. As we look upon the flickering flames, we remind ourselves that in the midst of darkness, there is light and love and hope, and that these things are stronger than all the darkness and pain the world can throw at us. Our loved ones may have passed away, but our love for them will never die.

On Remembrance Sunday, across the generations we will gather together to parade and to hear read out the roll of honour, remembering before God the fallen from our communities. We will honour their memory and treasure their stories, and their stories and memories will be a sacred thread that will forever tie us together. As we open our hearts to them, we remember they too faced life's search for meaning in times of darkness, they

too loved and lost, grieved and celebrated, and their stories hold seeds of wisdom for our own.

My hope and prayer for all of us

at this time of remembrance, is that we will not be overcome by the dark and by our pain, or sorrow, or loss.

Rather, as we face up to the darkness and our own mortality, we will have a greater appreciation for the life we have, and allow our souls as well as our bodies to be warmed by the light and love and warmth of God.

Tim Hayward



Bunbury's Royal British Legion installs rescued memorial in Haughton

It's the time of year when all our thoughts turn to the remembrance of those who made the ultimate personal sacrifice in the World Wars and in the numerous small wars that have happened every year since 1914.

The Royal British Legion (RBL) has supported personnel from the Army, Navy and Air Force who are in need through both physical and mental injuries, as well as those who need welfare support.

I am honoured to be the newly appointed chairman of your branch of the RBL. Our branch President is Mr. George Potter, the Treasurer and retired Chairman is Mr. Roger Fairweather, both of whom provide sterling service to the branch and have done for many years.

Your branch of the RBL helps plan the church service and organise the annual Remembrance Sunday march from the Nags Head to St. Boniface Parish Church. Members of the branch attend the Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School to help engage the children of our village in an act of remembrance on the Friday prior to the Remembrance Sunday service. The Poppy Appeal in Bunbury is organised and co-ordinated by the branch, with this appeal regularly collecting around £4,000. This is an outstanding amount from such a small community, so we thank you and hope you will achieve even greater support this year. Other branch activities generate revenue to enable donations to be made to local hospices, Tarporley Memorial Hospital, British Limbless Ex Servicemen Association (BLESMA), Help 4 Heroes and to provide welfare support to those in need in our village.

The photograph attached is of the small memorial to the fallen from Haughton. This memorial tablet was found in a builders scrap yard, about to be confined to landfill when a member of our branch became aware of it and Bunbury branch then allocated funds to provide a permanent memorial on the small triangle of land in Haughton using the tablet.

Your branch has committed and active members. However the passing years are catching up with many of us so if you as members of our parish wish to see the Branch's useful work continue please do come and join us. You don't have to have been in the armed forces and we very much need more active (dare I say younger) members in the Bunbury branch. All will be most welcome. Please give me a ring on 260195 if you would like to join us.

James Walton, Chairman, Bunbury Royal British Legion



Memorial to the fallen in Haughton rescued from a scrap yard

Memorial service to remember our loved ones

A special memorial service is to be held at St Boniface on Sunday 4 November at 4pm.

As in previous years, the service is an opportunity for people to remember before God our loved ones who have died: to thank God for all that they meant - and still mean - to us; to commend them to God's sustaining love, and to affirm our faith in the God who supports us and gives us courage and strength throughout our lives.

During the service, the names of the departed will be read out - those who have died this last year, as well as those whom folk would like to be remembered - and there will be an opportunity to light candles in memory of them.

The candles serve as a symbol - both of the prayers we offer for our loved ones, and of Jesus Christ the light of the world, in whom we place our hope and who leads us from death to life.

If you would find it comforting to come along and sit peacefully to remember those who are important to you, do join us.

Open doors - all day every day

St Boniface is open every day if you are in need of a few moments of peace. Or if you would like a loved one added to the prayer list, simply stop in and sign the visitors' book.

Teach the children to remember (Deuteronomy 4:9b)

Teach them to your children
And to their children after them,
The things our eyes have seen
The things we remember
From our parents telling.

And as the anniversary of armistice comes round
See again those sepia soldiers and their sweethearts,
Who lived and loved and longed for peace and home,
Watch today, as widows weep on News at Ten.
And in the hopelessness of history repeated.

Let's teach our children
Of a different death,
Of one who overcame the world and death's destruction,
Who rose and lives
And opens up the way to peace.

Let's teach our children
To remember Jesus.

By Daphne Kitching

The soldier's prayer

This prayer is believed to have been written by an anonymous confederate soldier in the American Civil War. What he says applies to all of us fighting our own private battles in life.

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for -
But everything that I had hoped for,
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among all men most richly blessed.

In tribute

Jessie Peers - a Lancashire lass



Jessie Peers was born on 24 Nov 1919 in Sankey, Warrington.

After her mother passed away when she was very young, she was brought up by her grandmother and attended Huxley school. When she left school she went to work as a milkmaid on a farm in Clotton.

One day she was stopped on a road by a cheeky red-headed lad who would not let her pass; she went on to marry that lad, John, in 1941.

They first set up home in Hoofield, later moving to Peckforton and then spending 51 years up on the hill between Peckforton and Burwardsley.

Jessie's married life was very busy, as she and John went on to have eleven children: Betty, John (who passed away as a baby), Ken, Dot, George, Maurice, Ruth, Stan, Joyce, Janet and Helen. Eventually Jessie and John moved to Tarporley, and then, when they needed more help, moved to live with one of their daughters, Joyce. She loved playing dominos and kept herself busy with crochet, as well as maintaining a very active social life, assisted by her family, friends and carers.

Passing away peacefully at 92, Jessie lived a long and full life, and in her last few years she had no worries. "She did what she wanted when she wanted and was very happy."

Harvest then and now...



Bill Edge, who later became verger at St Boniface, is pictured ploughing the fields in the 1920s

Having grown up in Manchester, I was surprised when attending for the funeral of PC Fiona Bone on 4 October at how much the city centre has changed. It was interesting to wander around and compare the city to my memories.

Bunbury is a very different place to Manchester of course, but in many ways we have seen change. The pace seems somewhat slower and more in tune with our idyllic village but the changes are there for all to see. As we drive around the parish all the fields and lanes are much the same as they always were, but there are differences. Many of the farms have ceased to operate. Farmhouses have become non-farming homes and barns have been converted for occupancy. The parish was a thriving farming area and the church played its part in that community, particularly at Harvest.

In years gone by the Harvest festival was a huge local event. Services were held on Friday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night with

visiting preachers. All the services filled the church to bursting and villagers and farmers came from right across the parish to celebrate. The church was doved in decoration. Every available space was dressed with produce from all the farms. Many villagers brought flowers and garden produce from home too. The school children would also attend and bring tinned and packet donations. "All the produce and food was split and donated to local elderly people and the quantity was so much it took all Monday to sort it out," remember Frank and Mary Large.

Over the last two years we have resurrected the Harvest festival. We are going from strength to strength, are joined by the school choir and this year also included our wonderful harvest lunch.

The celebration of all that God provides for us should not be forgotten but it is easy to forget how things used to be when the fruit and vegetables on our table are often from hundreds of miles away and not the field at the end of the lane.

As I look toward Harvest 2013 (yes, already!) I think our celebrations should remind us of change and where we are now, not forgetting to look back and remember the path that brought us here.

Neil Dewson-Smyth

Harvest thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the harvest festival and lunch such a success. Bunbury is blessed to have such a wonderful team of people who can come together and create such a great event. Thank you to all those who donated lunch items, served the food, moved the tables and pews - and tidied up afterwards.

Special thanks should also go to **Richard Broster** for providing all the vegetables used to decorate the church and the carrots that made the soup (see opposite). Special thanks should also go to local cheese producers **Belton Cheese, Whitchurch, H S Bourne (Mrs Bourne's cheese), Malpas and Butlers Farmhouse Cheeses and Ravens Oak Dairy, Burland**, who have been generous enough to donate cheese to the festival for the last two years.

Please support our local producers when you can.

Recipe of the month - Harvest carrot soup

Ingredients

- 2 tbs butter
- 8 medium carrots peeled and sliced
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 600ml (1 pint) vegetable stock
- 3 tbs of rice



Melt butter in pan then add carrot and onion. Stir until they are all coated with butter.

Cover pan and cook on a low heat for 10 minutes, adding a little water after 5 minutes in order to prevent the vegetables from burning.

Add the vegetable stock and rice. Cover and cook for a further 20 minutes.

Transfer the soup to a blender and puree until smooth. Return soup to the pan and warm through.

Season with salt and pepper and garnish with some chopped parsley if required.



A Grace for Harvest

God bless the farmers, bless the farm,
That crops and cattle meet no harm:
God bless our home, our family,

church, village, friends, community.
Thanks be to God for food to share
And for his daily loving care.
Amen.



Prisons Week: 18-24 November

For those of us who go through life untouched by the issue of imprisonment, it may be natural not to spend time reflecting on those whose freedom has been taken away or whose loved ones are incarcerated. Prison's Week is a time for all to give some thought to those for whom prison is a very real and awful part of their lives.

There are 84,522 people in prison throughout England and Wales. About half of them have a reading age of 11. Four-fifths lack basic numeracy skills. Within one year of release, 47% will be reconvicted. The number of women in prison is currently 4,274. Two fifths of them have previously attempted suicide. The number of young adults (18 to 20) in prison is 9,775. Nationally, 160,000 children have one or both parents in prison.

Our prisons are full of some of the neediest people in the county. Their lives are in chaos. Their crimes have badly hurt their victims, their communities and also their own families – so many lives have been damaged.

So what should our response to prisoners be as Christians? Why should we care? The Prison Christian Fellowship says that we should care "because Jesus did. Jesus calls us as Christians to love the unlovable. Everyone is loved by God and can come into a relationship with

him. God never gives up on people so neither should we. Everyone is redeemable."

Prison Fellowship has 1,400 volunteers in the UK. Through them, there are now 120 prayer groups around the country, praying for specific prisons. They also run a scheme called Sycamore Tree - a Restorative Justice course based on the story of Zaccheus, where after a conversation with Jesus, he took responsibility for his crimes and then made amends to the community. This course allows offenders to hear from a surrogate victim who explains how the crime affected them.

For children whose parents are in prison, Prison Fellowship runs Angel Tree, a scheme which gives practical help to children by raising money and buying presents for them at Christmas. Last year Prison Fellowship gave almost 4000 presents.

Finally, Prison Fellowship has a letter-writing scheme, where volunteers build a relationship with prisoners, many of whom have no other contact with the outside world.

"If you picture a prison in your mind I can almost guarantee Her Majesty's Prison Styal is nothing like that", writes Clare McGregor, a life coach who works with prisoners at our nearby prison, HMP Styal. "Leafy avenues of 1890s red brick houses with ugly grey portacabins dropped between them mask the

menace of the shed-like wing down one end backed by the high perimeter fence. Beehives and the occasional passing pushchair or brood of ducklings only add to the surreal atmosphere.

"HMP Styal is 'home' to 459 of our country's most damaged and damaging women who often live extremely chaotic and challenging lives.

"What really hits me about the cycle of crime and deprivation is that the prison has a Mother and Baby Unit where nine young women can be with their children until they are 18 months old. This is an odd enough concept on its own, however, there are occasionally prisoners in HMP Styal's Mother and Baby Unit who were born there."

The extract above is from Clare's website where you can read more about Styal and the women who live there.
<http://coachingwithstyal.wordpress.com/>

What you can do?

Several things. You could help by joining a local Prayer Group for prisoners. Prayer really does change things! You could help raise money or wrap presents for Angel Tree. You could even consider visiting your local prison. Visit: www.prisonfellowship.org.uk for details.

Linking friends to God

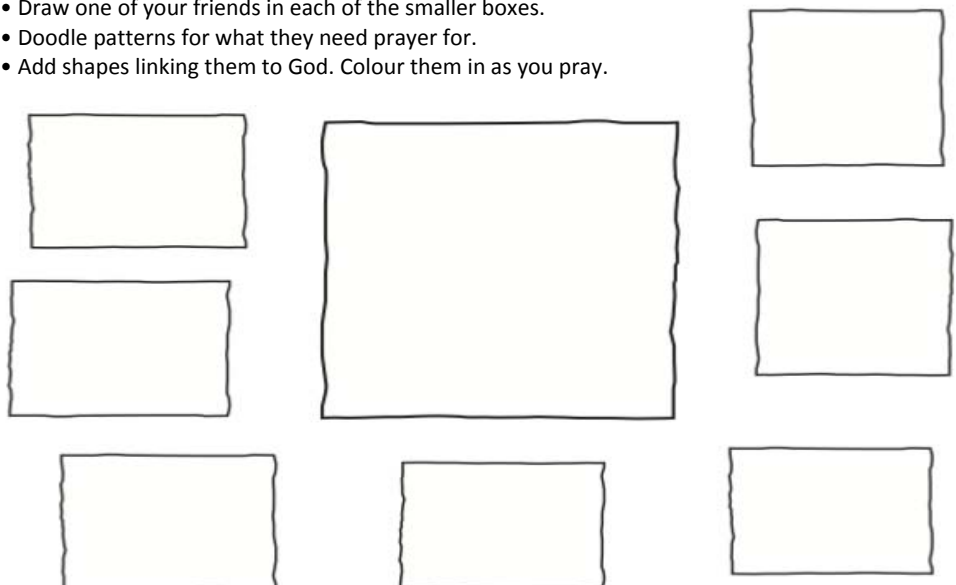
Kiddies

Corner...

remembering
our friends

Praying for friends

- Write the word GOD in the square at the centre.
- Draw one of your friends in each of the smaller boxes.
- Doodle patterns for what they need prayer for.
- Add shapes linking them to God. Colour them in as you pray.



Parish Council news round-up

Open meeting

Bunbury Parish Council held an open meeting on 12 September with a good turnout from the village, where residents were given the opportunity to express their views and ideas and discuss how to take action to make Bunbury a better place to live and work. A Steering Group was formed to create a detailed and constructive survey of the community in the form of a Parish Plan (see below).

A plea to slow down

Drivers are being urged to slow down. Bunbury Parish Council said it had been carrying out its own research and it had found that many people ignored the 20mph speed limit in School Lane that is imposed during school hours. "It appeared that not everyone was taking notice of the 30mph restriction either," said chairman Jo Mundell. She urged all drivers to please watch their speed.

Winter weather advice

Elderly residents worried about chilly winter nights are invited to attend an event at Wrenbury Village Hall on Saturday 10 November. Residents will be offered free advice and help with any issues or

concerns. A poster will soon appear on the village notice board with more details. Bunbury Parish Council is appealing for volunteers to drive elderly residents to the event.

Bonfire night

Bunbury will be celebrating Bonfire Night in style this year. Nemesis Fireworks will be putting on a professional display at the Jubilee Playing Fields on Monday 5th November. In addition, there will be a barbecue and cakes and hot and cold drinks, including mulled wine, will be served. Gates open at 6.15pm. Tickets will soon go on sale at Burrow's Butchers and Tilly's coffee shop. All pre-bought tickets will be entered into a prize draw and the winner will be invited to start the fireworks' display. Personal fireworks and sparklers are not permitted.

Help needed

We appeal to anyone interested in serving on the Parish Council or the Playing Fields Committee to get in touch. Regular Parish Council updates and minutes can be found on the Bunbury Village website (www.bunburyvillage.info).

Remember, remember, 5th November Bunbury Playing Fields 6.15pm onwards

- Fireworks by Nemesis
- BBQ by Burrows the butchers
- Hot & cold drinks, mulled wine and cakes by Tilly's

Tickets £4 in advance, £5 on the door (adults),
£2 (under 16s). Under 5s go free

A parish plan for Bunbury

A Steering Group has been set up to create a master plan of how Bunbury should look in the year 2030. The group was formed after a meeting, organised by Bunbury Parish Council, during which members of the public were given the opportunity to discuss how to make Bunbury a better place to live, work and play.

"The idea is for the community to develop its own voice and use this to create a shared vision for the future and an action plan for turning that vision into a reality," said Andrew Thomson, Chairman of The Parish Plan Steering Group.

Villagers will soon be invited to fill in detailed questionnaires which will help the Steering Group to shape the Bunbury Parish Plan. The questionnaire will be ready for distribution in the early part of 2013 and, once completed, the resulting information will be collated and used to produce the plan. This is your chance to shape the future of Bunbury and the Steering Group needs everyone to participate. If you require any further information please contact Andrew Thomson 01829 261805.



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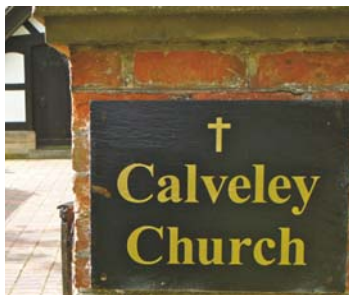
Cards for Good Causes multi-charity Christmas card shop will once again be open at the Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church selling cards on behalf of 30 different charities.

The Tarporley shop is one of a country-wide network of shops which open in the run up to the festive season and last year their sales raised a total of over £4.5 million. Because 'Cards for Good Causes' keeps its overheads to an absolute minimum, 75 pence in every £1 from their

card sales goes to the charities. (The retained amount covers CFGC's costs of running the temporary charity Christmas card shops. Participating charities also have to pay for production and distribution costs and any applicable VAT).

The Tarporley shop, which is celebrating 21 years of trading, is staffed by local volunteers, and is open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm from Tuesday 30 October to Saturday 1 December.

Harvest service at Calveley



Calveley was well attended by over 40 people for Tim's first service of Harvest Holy Communion on Sunday 7 October.

The church had been beautifully decorated by Jenny Brooks and a small team, and wine and food were provided for all at the end of the Service by Dorothy Donald,

Pat Edgley and Yvonne Wood. The wine was very kindly donated by Kenneth Donald. It was a most pleasant convivial evening.



News from St Jude's

After a rather impressive induction service, our new vicar Tim Hayward was duly installed as Vicar of St Boniface and St Jude's. Our best wishes go to him on this new venture in his clerical life.

We at St Jude's are mindful of the fact that we are what might be considered the junior partner in this new situation. However it must be said - and said loud and clear - that we are expecting rather more attention than we received in the past. We may be small but we are complete and perfectly formed in all respects!

The first service that the vicar attended at St Jude's was our Harvest Festival, and we are pleased to say it was particularly well attended. I am sure that if he has an eye for what's beautiful he would have been impressed by the way in which the church had been decorated, which goes to prove that we have some very artistic ladies in our congregation - come and see for yourself.

On the Saturday before, we held our Harvest Supper: one of our major fundraising events. The food and singing is reported as being outstanding.

In the midst of the current excitement you may not have noticed that Christmas is fast approaching; it will soon be time to start your Christmas shopping. Do remember St Jude's Christmas Fair which is on 24 November, starting at 2pm. Come along and spend a lot of money and be ahead of the game.

On Armistice Day (11 November) we will be holding our Remembrance service. This annual service is not far behind in importance to the major festivals in the church year of Christmas and Easter, so do come along, after all we owe it to Them.

It has recently been reported that Don Low, a member of our church some years back, has died. Don was a witty man always good for a laugh, so do remember him in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Bob Gardner

St Boniface hosts Nantwich Choral Society masterclass



A SINGING star whose voice was featured on the film score of Harry Potter helped visitors brush up on their singing skills during a special choral open day at St Boniface.

Susan Marrs, one of the region's leading mezzo-soprano soloists and a Fellow of Trinity College of Music in London, was welcomed as a vocal coach to Great Oratorio Choruses - a singing day hosted by Nantwich Choral Society.

The Nantwich-based performer, who also sang on the score of Lord of the Rings and regularly sings at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, led masterclasses covering everything from breathing and posture for good singing to voice projection and performance.

Elizabeth Lea, who has taken over as society chairman, said: "The day was a great opportunity for singers of all abilities to work on their singing technique whilst making or renewing their acquaintance with some the greatest oratorio choruses ever written.

"It was a coup to welcome such an accomplished performer as Susan Marrs. She is much in demand as a vocal coach and gave great encouragement to our visitors."

More than 70 keen singers from various local choirs and choral societies were led through great works with John Naylor, the society's music director conducting and Simon Russell, its accompanist, playing the piano and organ.

Mrs Lea, of Alpraham Green, takes over as chairman from Roger Boulton in the society's 40th anniversary year. A singer at school and university, she added: "Singing is good for you. Members of any society have a common bond which unites them. This applies to singers especially."

The society, which has more than 100 members drawn from across Cheshire, has several concerts planned during its anniversary year. A highlight will be a performance of *Messiah* with period instruments at St Mary's Church in Nantwich on 10 November - a work first performed by the society in its founding year 1972.

For ticket information call Elizabeth Lea on 07740 722443 or visit www.nantwichchoral.org.uk

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