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LOVING EACH OTHER,
LOVING BRACKLEY"

Remembrance Day
LEST WE FORGET





Rev'd Rob Woods writes.....

REMEMBRANCE

November is a time of remembrance.

Rich and I would like to extend an invitation to the All-Souls remembrance service. This service offers a space to remember loved ones who have died. As part of that service, we will reflect on the comfort that Jesus offers to all who mourn.

We also invite you to our service on Sunday 9th November, where we will have a minute of silence at 11AM. We remember those who gave their lives for the cause of freedom. Their example points to the ultimate sacrifice of the Lord Jesus, who gave his life so that we can be free from the tyranny of sin and its penalty.

PRAYER

I was reminded of an encouraging story about prayer recently.

In September I started my part-time academic research at New College, Edinburgh. Here's a picture of the college I took on the first day.



In the courtyard of New College, there is a statue of the Scottish reformer John Knox. Note the similarity to Dumbledore!

Knox is known for various reasons. He wrote a pamphlet called 'The First Blast of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women.' You have to admit it; it's a catchy title. However, it didn't do

much to put him in good standing with the queens Mary and then Elizabeth. I digress...



The thing that I know most about John Knox, however, was the purported quote from Mary Queen of Scots: "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than all the assembled armies of Europe."

Prayer is powerful. At St Peter's we want to become more dependent on Jesus in prayer.

That's why I think the morning of prayer we had in October was one of the most important meetings I have been a part of at St Peter's.

It was a wonderful time where we were able to seek God's face and ask him to provide and empower all the work happening at St Peter's.

With the power of prayer in mind, we are seeking to have a termly Church

prayer meeting. Rich and I invite you to the next church prayer meeting on Wednesday 12th November, at 7:30. To help make the prayer meetings a priority for the church, we will pause growth groups that week.

As the quote about John Knox reminds us, prayer is powerful. What a privilege it is to be able to set time aside as a church family and pray together.

November's Easy Eco Tip

Taste the difference! Think about adding locally grown produce onto your shopping list throughout the seasons.

Save pennies, stop and reflect! 29th November is 'No Shopping Day'.

Whilst its origins are a response to 'Black Friday', take this time to consider your own carbon footprint in the run up to the festive period. You can use websites such as creation care to keep a track.

Hannah Griggs



CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 12th November
7.30 - 8.30pm
Church hall

*"In every situation, by prayer and petition, with
thanksgiving, present your requests to God"*
Philippians 4:6



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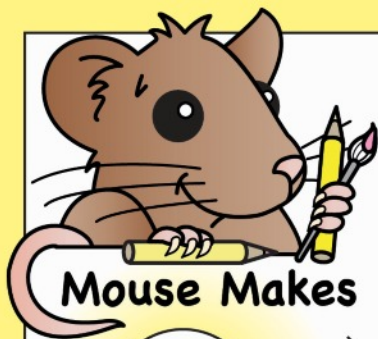
On Saturday 30th August some 27 of us left St Peter's promptly at 11.30am, with great optimism for the weather to remain kind for the day. St Mary's church, Turweston was reached in short order and we settled in the (dry) newly mowed churchyard for a splendid picnic. Fortified with picnic treats, 20 brave souls set out around 12.30 for Evenley under



somewhat grey skies. Excellent progress was made as far as the particularly busy A422, where the challenge of dodging the traffic was greatly aided by one kind motorist stopping the Westbury bound flow to allow all to cross safely together. Steady progress continued towards Evenley, buoyed by the anticipation of a well-earned refresh-

ment stop at the Forge Café. We arrived in Evenley just before 14.00, where we were offered ice creams or coffee, courtesy of Rosemary Leeper. All were glad of the break, while those interested could watch the cricket match taking place on the green. A short walk to 'sign in' at St. Georges church was followed by the homeward leg of the walk. Descending the park at Evenley Hall found us crossing the A43 into the outskirts of Brackley and the return to St Peter's via another match at Brackley Cricket Club. By this time our luck with the predicted rain looked to have run out but we managed to finish the walk at 15.30, shortly before it really set in. Altogether, a very pleasant and satisfying walk was enjoyed by all in the knowledge that it was benefiting the NHCT and our wonderful church. With all sponsorship money now in, we are able to announce that we raised nearly £800. An excellent result from a fun day out!

John Carter



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November.

ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour. We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.



Read:
Isaiah 40:5
What shall be revealed?



Read:
LUKE 2:10-11
Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?



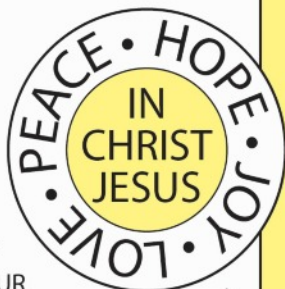
Read:
John 3:16
How did God show He loves us?



Read:
Romans 5:1-2
Through who do we have peace with God?

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New

**Choir Members
Welcome!**

Snapshots of life from the Bukeeras



We are making real progress on building the church! Here (right), foundations are being dug for two water tanks. We hope to be able to have enough water for the needs of the church, as well as for others in the community.



We recently hosted our Women in the Word conference (below) at Ssenge Baptist Church, facilitated by Living Word Uganda. We were taught from the book of James, and also had some interactive sessions on Bible handling skills. Several men in the church served the ladies by preparing a delicious breakfast and lunch!



We have been running classes (left) for those consider becoming members of Ssenge Baptist Church. On 28th September we had several baptisms, along with others being welcomed into church membership. Praise the Lord that He is growing a body of His people here in Ssenge!

Please pray for our Sunday School. We regularly have around 80 children, most of whom come to church without parents. Due to a lack of suitable space and enough teachers, we have one Sunday School class (right), from ages approximately 3-11. This is not ideal! Pray for wisdom as to how we can best teach and serve the children entrusted to our care.





Talitha, Zephaniah and Zebulun (left). Zephaniah has just turned six months, and now we have devised multiple ways to work out a fair way to decide who will sit next to him in his high chair at mealtimes!

We have quite a few chickens running around in our garden. We're trying different methods to prevent eagles from stealing the little chicks. We also regularly chase chickens out of our house (right)! Sometimes they sneak in to try to find a cosy place to lay eggs.



On Friday mornings Heidi and the children often go to Nature Club. It's a great opportunity to spend time with other homeschooling families. Here is Eleazar, holding a chameleon.

Our children seem to spend a lot of time simply digging in the garden (right)!



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We recently went on a walk (left) to visit our friends the other day. Things quickly get very muddy when the rain comes down. This is the main road (left) that runs through our village of Ssenge.

Thank you for your continued interest in and prayers for our family and church planting ministry. Pray for the series in Galatians that we begin in October and pray for us to remain focused on what the Lord is doing here in Ssenge. What a joy it is to be part of this ministry! With much love, Bosco and Heidi xxx

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