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TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

I suspect that many readers would like to turn the clock back to those half-remembered times when life seemed so much easier, when churches were so much fuller and when there was a strong community spirit and the front row in our church was full of children and young people.

Our turning back of the clocks at the end of October is of course not quite the same thing at all. It is a device, we are told, to reduce road accidents. By playing tricks with the clock we can ensure that even on the shortest of days that children can come and go to school in daylight. It is also an event which reminds us that while we play tricks with clocks, time marches on and we are a few more weeks nearer Christmas and the end of another year.

We are called to a journey which does not stop even though sometimes we get a little diverted, or we go on a little ramble in a different direction! We may have been diverted by celebrations of All Hallows' Eve, known more colloquially as Hallowe'en. Perhaps you were frightened or annoyed by "Trick or Treaters", young folk dressed in hideous masks, purely for commercial gain. "Trick or Treat" must be one of the worst customs to make the journey eastwards across the Atlantic. Is this the price of progress? Perhaps we would be better to turn the clocks back! But as we look backwards, we bump into the celebration of Bonfire night when we are invited to "celebrate" a time of religious conflict, of deep mistrust of people because of their faith, and persecution of those who did not share a particular view of faith – surely not a good time to look back on!

No, we must journey on looking forward to the future. At our Church Meeting on October 27th we will be discussing where we hope our church might be heading, and what sort of ministry we will need to support our vision and hope for the future. For those of you who still possess mechanical clocks, the vision and hope we express at that meeting will be like rewinding the mechanism to give it more energy rather than turning the clocks back. For those with electric clocks it is about reconnecting with power to renew our vision as we move for-

ward. However, this throws down a challenge to each of us to make the words we might express at the meeting a reality in our lives.

We are called to journey in the footsteps of our Lord, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit so that each of us takes on the being that we are called to be. If this sounds daunting, it is! But remember that every journey begins with a single step and just a few small steps may take us on our journey into an exciting future.

We have many good things going on in our church and there is nothing to get downhearted about. At the end of November we journey into that wonderful period of preparation called Advent. A time when we journey with the real hope and expectation of the coming of our Lord. As the Graham Kendrick song puts it:

*"We'll walk the land
With hearts on fire
And every step
will be a prayer
Hope is rising
New day dawning
Sound of singing fills the air."*

Yours in Christ. ***Jerry***



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

You all know that Central hospitality is 'top notch', but we are beginning to struggle to provide large quantities of cakes for the different events. Please could you consider whether you could make a cake once in a while to help us keep up with demand. Whether it's a tried and tested 'Family Fruit Cake' recipe, or a quick, mix it all-in-one sponge, they would all be welcome.

Have a word with Tessa G. or Sue Coatham for more details. Many thanks. The Catering Team.

FAMILY NEWS.

THANKS

- From the Bolts: Thank you Central for the lovely Harvest Gifts. The Flowers look lovely on our hearth, and we are enjoying the chocolates. Celia & David.
- From Barbara Kennedy: Thank you very much for the lovely Harvest gifts and cyclamen plant that were kindly delivered to me by Christine Sherriff. These gifts were much appreciated.
- From Jeanne Sherrington: Thank you very much for the Harvest Gifts, a lovely surprise. I do miss being in church and sharing worship with you. Looking forward to being with you as soon as I am well.

CONGRATULATIONS

- To Joy Perry who celebrated her 90th Birthday on the 20th October.



BARNABAS CHARITY.....working for persecuted Christians.

The water lashing out all over – this message came to Barnabas Fund from a Pastor in Bangladesh. The despised and impoverished Christians – mostly converts from Islam or tribal people – struggled to eke out a meagre existence even before the floods and landslides brought devastation. The Pastor wrote “your intense prayer and support will be highly appreciated.”

Barnabas has provided food, medicine and water purification tablets as Christians are normally discriminated against when government relief is distributed in Bangladesh. Let us respond in prayer for these persecuted Christians. *MML*

CENTRAL'S FELLOWSHIP

At our meeting on 4th we welcome our friend John Tucker from Exminster with his excellent visual presentation. The Rev Peter Williamson will join us on 11th for an afternoon of Remembrance and on 18th we have 'An Afternoon' with Rev Jerry Cook. At our final meeting this month on 25th we look forward to an afternoon of music with Cynthia Arscott, one of our own members.

Barbara Lawton



WANTED

Good quality items

To sell at the Autumn Fayre on Sat
November 23rd. NO CLOTHES OR
FURNITURE. For more details
contact Philip or Barbara Gissinger

ToWNS. *Torbay Winter Night Shelter.*

Paignton and Torquay are again providing a safe haven and a dry night's sleep for our homeless neighbours during the worst of the winter months, January, February and part of March.

Central are hoping to be hosting on February 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th and March 7th all Saturday evenings.

For this to happen we will need a coordinator (I am anticipating having moved to Cardiff by then) and ToWNS have been asked to find someone to fill that role.

We also need a good number of volunteers, so please pray about this and if you can volunteer for some of the following duties;

- Preparing the room for meals and sleeping.
- Preparing meals
- Providing hospitality in the evening
- Overnight supervision, two men and two women as a minimum
- Providing breakfast and tidying up
- Laundering bed linen
- Donating suitable clothing and money for buying food.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you can help. *Christine Sherriff*



AUTUMN FAYRE..a message from the Normans.

Stephen will be glad to receive any of your unwanted toys and gifts for his Santa Claus table. Susan will be running a Christmas table and will be very pleased to receive any Christmas decorations you may no longer use. Please do telephone if you need anything collected. Thank you.



Christmas Post Box At Central



The Christmas Post box, as before,
will be available in the front entrance
hall for Christmas cards for
ATTENDING MEMBERS ONLY.

Please put all cards in bundles,
secured by an elastic band,
IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, to make
it easier for those sorting them.

Thank you.

A box for a donation will be available,
or money may be given to
Barbara Lawton.

The last date for collection will be
SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER

TEARFUND

Reclaiming hope in Iraq:

Intense protracted conflict across Iraq over the past decade has left a crippling legacy of mental health conditions, many women and girls who lived under Isis control have witnessed or suffered and survived, horrific scenes of death, sexual assault, enslavement or torture.

Let's pray for hope and healing and also for Tearfund staff who are responding.

Beneath the surface:

Generations of Afghan people have witnessed trauma and violence. Men, women and children have all been affected and the prevalence of mental health disorders is very high

Please pray that families across the country will have access to the help they need, so that homes can be healed and lives restored.

Taken from the Tearfund prayer Diary. November

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NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	TIME	DETAIL
Fri	1 st	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir
Sun	3 rd		SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES
		12.30	Community Lunch
Mon	4 th	2.30	Central's Fellowship – Films. John Tucker
		6.30	Flexercise Fun
		6.00	Leadership Team
Tues	5 th	9.30	Midweek Prayers – Barbara Lawton
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees
		7.00	New Life Housegroup
Wed	6 th	10.00	Faith Matters
Thurs	7 th	9.30	Central Tots
Fri	8 th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir
Sun	10 th		SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES
Mon	11 th	2.30	Central's Fellowship – Remembrance Revd Peter Williamson
		7.30	Festival of Remembrance – Riviera Concert Brass
Tues	12 th	9.30	Midweek Service – Philip Kay
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees
Wed	13 th	10.00	Faith Matters
Thurs	14 th	9.30	Central Tots
Fri	15 th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir
Sun	17 th		SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES

Mon	18 th	2.30	Central's Fell: An Afternoon with Revd Jerry Cook
		6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	19 th	9.30	Midweek Prayers – Margaret Newman
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees
		7.00	New Life Housegroup
Wed	20 th	10.00	Faith Matters
Thurs	21 st	9.30	Central Tots
		7.00	Church Council
Fri	22 nd	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir
Sat	23 rd	10.00	Autumn Fayre
Sun	24 th		SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES
Mon	25 th	2.30	Central's Fellowship: Barking Tricksters
		6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	26 th	9.30	Midweek Communion – Revd Valerie Price
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees
Wed	27 th	10.00	Faith Matters
		7.30	Moors Housegroup
Thurs	28 th	9.30	Central Tots
Fri	29 th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir



**Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the snake.
And the snake didn't have a leg to stand on!**

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2019
(HC) = Sacrament of Holy Communion

DATE	TIME	MORNING	EVENING.6.30
3 rd	10.30	Revd Peter Williamson	David Welsh
10 th	9.00	Rise & Shine	
	10.30	Revd Jerry Cook (HC)	Adam Hills
17 th	10.30	Revd Adrian Phippen	Ian Somerville
24 th	9.00	Rise & Shine	
	10.30	Margaret Newman	Revd Peter Williamson (HC)



The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible

.....George Burns.



NOVEMBER WELCOME ROTA

DATE	10.30 am	6.30am
3 rd	Monica Lansley & Barbara Gissinger	Paul Sherriff
10 th	Jackie Little & Paula Bastin	Philip Kay
17 th	Barbara Lawton & Sue Coatham	Su Garrod
24 th	Cynthia Arscott & Yvonne Thorne	Barbara Lawton

A REFLECTION

This month we remember. On 1st November it is All Saints Day; on 5th November we remember Guy Fawkes and how he tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament; and then on 10th November it is Remembrance Sunday, and 11th November it is Armistice Day. At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month World War I ended.

This year it is the 100th Anniversary of when the first Remembrance Sunday took place. Next year will be the 100th Anniversary of the Cenotaph in Whitehall and also the 100th Anniversary of the symbol of the poppy. 'If I am spared' maybe I will write about the Cenotaph and the Poppy next year.

But let's think about Remembrance Sunday. For 100 years we have observed this particular Day. In Churches up and down the land, on the nearest Sunday to 11th November, services have taken place to remember and to commemorate the contribution that British and Commonwealth military and civilian men and women made in the service of their Country. Since 1939, we too have remembered those who gave their lives in WWII and also in more recent conflicts.

For 100 years we have stood for 2 minutes in remembrance of these brave people who have given their lives so that we may live in peace.

What grieves me, is the fact that we shall be thinking of these men and women, and yet there are still so many people dying as a result of civil wars in so many countries now. There are still so many people living in fear because of oppression. There are still so many people leaving their homes, and even their countries, because they do not know if they will be alive by tomorrow if they remain in their homeland. There are still so many people being persecuted because they are Christians.

Why must so many people die unnecessarily? Why must so many people in the 21st Century live in fear?

Next month we shall be remembering again. We shall be remembering the coming of the Prince of Peace into the world. God so loved the world that He gave us His Son to show us how we should live. But, the trouble is, the world has turned its back on the One who gave us the Prince of Peace.

All of you who are reading these Reflections are Christians. We all follow Jesus. But so often we fall short of His teachings. Do we use the words Jesus would use? Do we show kindness to those with whom we come into contact?

It is good that we remember those who gave their lives, or who have lived with physical injuries or mental scars for many years because of war, and I have no doubt that we shall be observing Remembrance Sunday for many years to come -- and so we should. But can we do our bit to bring peace in the places where we live and work.

We owe a deep sense of gratitude to those who gave their lives in the two World Wars and in so many conflicts in recent years, and we shall stand and remember them this Remembrance Sunday, but let us, who live 100 years since the first Remembrance Sunday, all follow the Prince of Peace and live in His ways, so that peace may reign wherever we go.

Wishing you peace and blessings wherever you are. *Margaret Newman.*



MOTHER TERESA....*all you need is love*

Mother Teresa once observed: "We cannot do great deeds, but we can do small deeds with great love." That's something to remember in our daily life. What good are great public efforts if they are fuelled by personal ambition or a desire to rule? If you are not personally kind, what good does it do you? The Bible warns us that 'If I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, and have not love, I gain nothing.' (1 Corinthians 13:2,3) Who can you show some love to, today?

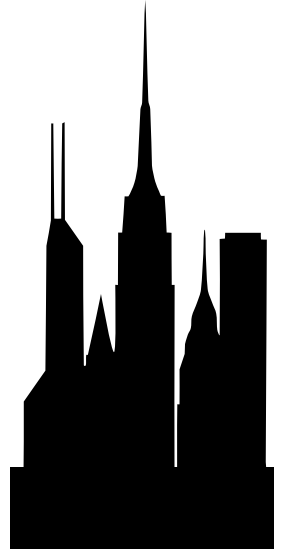
PEACE

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month
The guns had ceased and peace had come,
Another war with so much loss
As brave men fought and victories won.

We honour those who gave their lives
And took up arms against the foe,
Not knowing if they would return
But faithful to the call to go.

Battles rage throughout the earth,
It seems that wars will never cease
Until the day that Christ returns –
And only then will there be peace.

The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel
Will come to end this world of strife
And as He brings His kingdom in
He'll usher in eternal life. *By Megan Carter*



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A NOTE FROM JUDITH HOLMWOOD

My Dear Friends

I would like to thank you all for the lovely birthday cards you sent me- they meant such a lot to me & gave me great joy. The joy is still been a part of Central which, I must say, I still miss so much.

I would also like to thank Clive Bastin, who sends me your weekly welcome sheet, for still making me a part of Central. It's so wonderful to be able to read the Services & what the choir are singing, to follow the daily readings & also to be kept up to date with the event diary.

I would like to thank Barbara G for sending me the Cornerstone Magazine, of which I read from cover to cover, & the monthly Quiz. My next door neighbours also look forward to the monthly quiz & often disagree on the answers which makes a lively time for them both.

I have to thank Margaret Newman for her 'Reflections' of which I can relate to & also gives me great comfort. I can not believe it's 10 years Margaret since we first discussed the need for your 'Reflections'- doesn't time fly- but it's proved to be a great success & we all need your very wise words.

Long may the Cornerstone, & WWS, be in production for I would miss them greatly, if not it could mean that Central is no longer a huge part of our lives or, it could mean that the printer is banjaxed! Let us hope that if the printer is to blame then a huge spray of WD40 is called for, or a Huge Power of Prayer is needed!

Believe that Jesus is alive & also his Church which is Central – then we can all be at Peace with the World.

God bless you all my dear Friends. *Judith/Jude xxxxxx*

IRAQ OPEN DOORS... *world watch list number 13*

God keeps his promises

“Now it is God who establishes both us and you in Christ. He anointed us, placed His seal on us and put His Spirit in our hearts as a pledge of what is to come
2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Have you ever had to wait an age for God to fulfil His promises?

The children and teachers at St Joseph’s School in Qaraqosh, Iraq, had to wait four long years to use their now school building-just after it was built, so-called Islamic State invaded Qaraqosh and took it as a base

When the pupils returned, they found much had been destroyed. But, thanks to our support, the restoration work was swift and within two months everything was ready for a new school term.

Father Ammar, who works with the school says: “if you will give these students a good education, they will be the doctors, the engineers of many parts of Iraq – not only this city”.

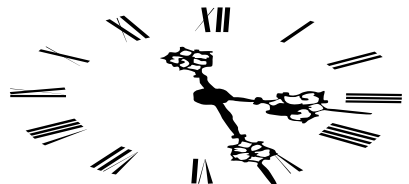
Basma is a student at the school. She says “my dream is that we have peace in our country, and we collaborate. I hope that many people from all over the world will come to visit our city”

What are you watching and waiting for God to accomplish in the lives of your loved ones?

“Lord Jesus, thank you that You are true to Your word and that You keep Your promises. Help me to watch and wait for Your promises in my life and rejoice with those who see breakthrough in their lives.

Open Doors prayer diary Oct 2019

**Regardless of how many items
are on the church council
agenda, a meeting will take the
same amount of time.**



URC QUIZ NIGHT

If you weren't at Central at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th October, Oh! what a treat you missed! We had a lovely evening of social interaction with folk from other churches in the area. Barbara G. and Philip posed some thought-provoking questions, we had a great supper and lots of laughs to boot!

The next Quiz night will be on Wednesday 4th March 2020, this time at Furrough Cross URC Church, St Marychurch.

If you would struggle for a lift, don't be shy, just speak to Philip or Tessa and we'll do our best to organise transport.

Let's be there in good numbers and remember, we are an L.E.P
- Methodist and URC Church! *Tessa G.*



GUY FAWKES NIGHT.

Sharp sounds and bright illuminations
Roaring fires and celebrations
Incandescent constellations
Multichrome disintegrations
Festive fireworks and frivolity
Jumping Jacks and all such jollity!

But, pause between those stellar shows,
Perhaps we might remember those
Through centuries of "Christian" strife
Have lived their faith, and paid their life.
Remember too, before you're done,
That Jesus prayed we might be one.

by Nigel Beeton

CENTRAL'S **PICTURE** **QUIZ NUMBER 80**

John

Jonathan

JOHN

September 2019 'People called John'

Well, we seem to be up and running again with the faithful monthly supporters, although I have lost a few regular supporters for different reasons. Maybe I'll find a few new ones, as the winter creeps ever towards us!!

There were only 12 entries returned to me this time, and there were some very clever alternative answers. Unfortunately, no-one had all the same answers as me!! So, I'm sorry to say that there was no clear winner this time.

However, I'm sure next month will be different, as the clues were very simple!!!

SO - here are the answers.....

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| 1. JONATHAN SWIFT | 2. JON DOBLE | 3. JOHNNY WALKER |
| 4. JOHN THAW | 5. JOHNNY CASH | 6. JOHN WESLEY |
| 7. JOHN MAJOR | 8. JOHN WAYNE | 9. JOHN LENNON |
| 10. JOHN KENNEDY | 11. JOHN LEWIS | 12. JOHN MILLS |
| 13. JOHN MACINROE | 14. JOHN LE MESSURIER | |
| 15. JOHN NETTLES | 16. JOHN BERCOW | 17. JOHN BARLEYCORN |
| 18. JOHNNY ALPPLESEED | 19. JOHN WILLIAMS | 20. JOHN CLEESE |
| 21. LONG JOHN SILVER | 22. JOHNNY MORRIS | 23. JOHN THE BAPTIST |
| 24. JOHN SMITH | 25. JOHN BROWN. | |

If you know someone who might like to sit and puzzle over an amusing quiz during the dark winter nights, then, buy them one!!! Quiz 82, for November will be available soon!

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