



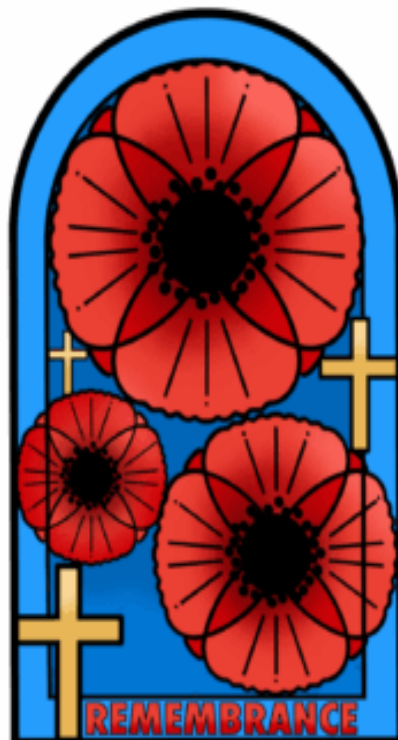
Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News – November 2025

Remembrance

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.

Taken from a Poem by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943), published in *The Times* newspaper on 21 September 1914.



Hello, and welcome to our November newsletter.

When we arrive in November, I am always reminded of the Narnia story, 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. If you've never read the book, can I suggest that you do read it? Don't be put off by the fact that it is ostensibly for children, it's a good read at any age, and meeting Aslan for the first time and realising who he is, is always a wonderful experience.

In that book, the White Witch (boo hiss) has cast a spell on the land of Narnia, so that it is always Winter, but never Christmas. How wicked can you get? Now I know – before you queue up to tell me – that November is actually an Autumn month, but right now it feels like like winter, and that is why it reminds me of the story, because we have the dark evenings and the cold and the rain, but none of the joy of Christmas.

But of course, the real joy of Christmas is, to badly misquote Charles Dickens, that we can hold it in our heart and celebrate it every day of the year!

In any case, our planning for Christmas has already started and our Candlelight Carol Service, which will be held on Sunday 21st December, is shaping up to be our best one yet, with guest musicians already booked, including our guest harpist.

But before that we have plenty to be getting on with.

Next week is our special Remembrance Service when we remember those who gave their lives for freedom across many wars. We don't glory in war, but we pause to reflect and remember those brave souls who died for our freedom.

In order that we can attend the service at the village war memorial our service on the 9th will start at 10am instead of 10.30, and those who feel able are invited to join us at the war memorial starting at 10.55.

Church Activities 1 to 30 November - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

Saturday 1 9:30 – 11:30	Deacons Meeting	Leadership team
16:30 - 18:00	Lighthouse Youth Group	Karen Parsons and Jane Melvin
Sunday 2 10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship and Holy Communion*# Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 4 10:30 - 12:00	Women's Fellowship	Sally Gilbert
Wednesday 5 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 6 14:00 – 16:00	Dabblers	Pauline Parkinson and Julie Appleton
Friday 7 October 17:00 – 18:00	Young Explorers Youth Group	Karen Parsons
18:00 - 19:00	Lighthouse Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Saturday 8 9:00 - 12:00	Ferring Women's Breakfast	Marion Brenchley
Sunday 9 10:00 - 10:45 10.55 – 11.30	Morning Worship - Remembrance Service Remembrance Day Service at the Ferring Village War Memorial Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley Rev Robin Brenchley & Rev Shirley Tupper
Tuesday 11 14:30 – 16:00	Afternoon House Group	Trish Aze
Wednesday 12 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Friday 14 17:00 – 18:00	Young Explorers Youth Group	Karen Parsons
18:00 - 19:00	Lighthouse Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Saturday 15 09:00 – 11:00	Men's Breakfast	Gordon Rickwood
16:30 - 18:00	Lighthouse Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Sunday 16 10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship* # Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 18 10:30 – 12:00	Women's Fellowship	Sally Gilbert

Wednesday 19 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 20 14:00 – 16:00	Dabblers	Pauline Parkinson and Julie Appleton
Friday 21 17:00 – 18:00	Young Explorers Youth Group	Karen Parsons
18:00 - 19:00	Lighthouse Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Sunday 23 10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship* # Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 25 14:30 – 16:00	Afternoon House Group	Trish Aze
Wednesday 26 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 27 14:00 – 16:00	Dabblers	Pauline Parkinson and Julie Appleton
Friday 28 17:00 – 18:00	Young Explorers Youth Group	Karen Parsons
18:00 - 19:00	Lighthouse Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Sunday 30 10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship – 1st advent* # Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley

** Young persons' activities are available - please ask for details on arrival.*

All leaders are DBS cleared in accordance with our Safeguarding Policy

Notices:

- 2 November – Marilyn will be holding her card sale in the Church – proceeds go to the Children's Air Ambulance. Please support if you are able to.
- The next edition of Fellowship News will be out in time for the 16 November. Fellowship Bulletins will be used to communicate anything urgent.

Quote for November:

- If you worry, you didn't pray. If you pray, don't worry. – Anon
- Love is a fruit in season at all times and within reach of every hand. — Mother Teresa
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God - Matthew 5:9



Remembrance Day is the day to give back love to those soldiers who loved our nation selflessly. May they always be in our prayers.

A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have
gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Prayer for November:

Heavenly Father,

Here we are in November – the month of short, dark days. A dreary, difficult month, unless you have a birthday! Lord, it seems as if the world is permanently in November at the moment. So much is so difficult for so many people, through no fault of their own. And it seems to go on and on.

Lord, would You bring your healing light into the world's darkness. Bring transformation, compassion and a softening into the hearts of those with responsibility for the conflict and the suffering, that they might work for peace for all people. We know that nothing is impossible for you, Lord, so we pray in faith – and in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Prayer Pointers:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill the Church with His presence and guidance;
- We pray for all those taking part in services for Remembrance;
- We pray for our World, that these wars and destruction that we see around us will cease and that peace talks will bring a lasting settlement. We know that you are the Prince of Peace;
- We pray for all those who have lost loved ones or been severely affected by war;
- We pray for our brothers and sisters at St Andrews that they will continue to serve in our local community;
- We pray for our Prime Minister and his Government, for wisdom and right direction, that their decisions will be made for the good of the many. We pray for Christians in high authority, that their Godly influence will be felt and acted upon;
- We pray for our King and Queen, Defender of Our Faith that they will lift up Christianity whenever possible;
- We pray for our King as he navigates his journey with treatment for cancer. We pray that his health is restored;
- We pray for the Princess of Wales that she will navigate through life after her cancer treatment and know that you are always with her, providing comfort, love and support;

- We thank you for our growing congregation and we pray that you will cast your protection around all Church members and attendees;
- Loving Saviour we bring to you our whole Church family asking for your peace, your grace, your healing and encouragement;
- We especially pray for comfort and healing for:
 - Judy and Stewart
 - Marilyn Ford
 - Sue Alton
 - Brenda Elliott
 - Val & Ron Boot and family
 - Kelly and Simon
 - Chris, Wendy and Jason
 - H Kitchen
 - Khristina
 - Pat May (Pauline's sister)
 - Sheila Palmer
 - Lorna Sivyour and family
 - Cliff and Maureen Warden
 - John, a friend of Mary and Philip
- We pray that you will be with the many Missionaries in the World to protect them as they bring the basic supplies - food, medical supplies, and shelter to people;
- We pray for Open Doors, Mission Aviation Fellowship etc to bring your Gospel of Hope and Healing in difficult places;
- We pray for Judy Cook and the staff and those living in Hope Home;
- We pray for the continuing safety for Jaco and Corrina Loenen (with Pioneer) in Australia. We also pray that you will give them wisdom and obedience as they consider their future;
- We pray that our Church will be successful in our assistance to Worthing Soup Kitchen food parcels/community pantry;
- We pray for all the organisers, leaders and everyone serving in various ways in the next month. We pray for those attending that they enjoy the activities, get to know you and that we provide the answers that they are searching for.

Amen

BMS Birthdays:



To all those in the fellowship blessed with a November birthday especially

1st Angela Kenward
21st Karen Parsons
24th Janet Reading

WSK Update – Thank you:

Thank you for all of the food donations. It is greatly appreciated.

Food donations currently required are;

- Cereals, Biscuits, Crisps;
- Jams, chocolate spread and spreads etc for sandwiches;
- Cream crackers;
- Tins of Ham, Tuna, Spam etc;
- Tinned Meals such as Spaghetti Bolognese, Meatballs, Pies;
- Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Long Life Milk, Squash;
- Jars of Sauce, Pasta, Rice;
- Snacks;
- Boxes of washing powder (they divide the box up);
- Toiletries.

Please note that if the crate is not by the front door it can be located just inside the kitchen door.

Many thanks, Karen

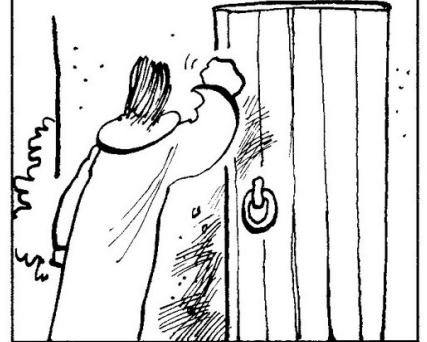


Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.



ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY



MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME



MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY



BUT MARTHA, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK. NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING



LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?!



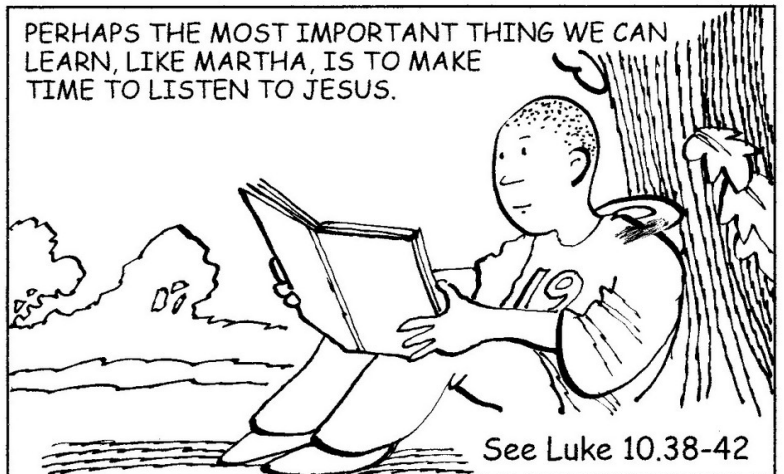
MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS



JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!



PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.



See Luke 10.38-42



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Note from Karen (Editor):

Editing the Fellowship News is a privilege and one which to truly reflect our fellowship will benefit from your contributions and dates for the diary etc so please send to Karen1.parsons@uwclub.net by Wednesday.