

A field of red poppies with green stems and leaves. A white-bordered red box is centered in the upper half of the image, containing the date 'NOVEMBER 2018' in white serif font.

NOVEMBER 2018

— WE WILL —
REMEMBER

Well, at last they are here! The Reverend Allan Smith and Fiona- our new minister and his wife. Some of us were able to attend a very moving and beautiful service of Induction at Nuneaton RUC on the 20th of October and when the service ended Allan was our minister.

It seems to have been a long journey since David and Annette left us. However, thanks to David's nurturing we were able to cope with the things we were expecting and even more remarkable the things we weren't expecting.

Brian, Eddie and I were able to cover many of our services including all the seasonal ones. At the beginning I was the only one able to take a Communion Service but fortunately Brian, Eddie and Hilary were soon given permission to take this service too. Brian and Eddie were given training and in my case retraining and then Brian and Hilary and myself took the URC certified course. Eddie takes his in November. We shall all have the piece of paper to display on the notice board saying we are able to take this service in our own church.

Eddie hadn't preached before but fortunately for Brian and me he took to it like a duck to water. In addition, Cath, Mary, Jean and David Bloodworth have all assisted us in our morning worship.

It isn't just in our worship that people have stepped in to fill the gap; in many aspects of our church life people have come forward to stand in the space where the minister would have stood.

I think the last three years or so has seen all of us develop our church spiritually and pastorally. I think we should be proud of how we have tried to grow our church and promote God's Kingdom in our Community.

This year we had 10 new members and we had a lovely Service led by Brian to celebrate this. Our prayer Shawl ministry continues to flourish and there are several people who come regularly but who are not members of our church. Our fayres are well attended along with our special services, particularly our Christmas eve Community Carol Service.

The attendance at our free coffee morning is growing and we perhaps need to think of how we can bring more people in. We are already thinking of how we can deliver pastoral care to those who do not go to church.

We try to tithe our income to both Christian and secular causes and we are well supported in our efforts by our next-door neighbours 'The Co-op'.

Now we have a captain and we all look forward to working with him in continuing to grow our church and to reach out to the community in our area and within our town. We also must stretch out the hand of friendship to the other churches in our pastorate as well as continue with the close relationship we have developed with Holy Trinity, Atherstone,

So, this isn't about stepping back and letting our minister take everything back and do it all himself, this is about making sure that we work together like jigsaw pieces fitting into the puzzle. We need to fit together nice and snugly but there is an overriding picture that we will all need to complete to make us whole, vibrant and a growing church.

Love & blessings,

Judith

November Preaching Plan & stewards etc

4/11/18	MW	Anglican	Brian Cartwright, Judith Wilson, Jean Roper	Cath Taylor	Kath Roper	C Taylor
11/11/18	Remembrance Day & C *	Rev Allan Smith	Eddie & Diane Reubens, Carol Harris	Brian Cartwright	Judith Wilson	Brian Cartwright
18/11/18	MW	J Wilson	Max & Mary Healey	Cath Taylor	Max Healey	Jean Roper
25/11/18	C **	E Reubens	Mary Howley, Sylvia Griffin, Alan Cook	Judith Wilson	Wendy Cook	Diane Reubens

***** Meal after this service

****** AGM after this shortened service

Puzzle Corner

November 2018

David Bloodworth

Mediterranean Islands

As last time, my basic theme this month is 'islands' but this time I've moved to the Mediterranean.

1. To the nearest 1000 how many islands form part of Greece?
2. What is the largest of the Mediterranean islands?
3. To which island group does Majorca belong?
4. What is the capital of Malta?
5. In what decade did Turkey invade Cyprus, as a prelude to the island being partitioned?
6. Which Mediterranean island was the birthplace of Napoleon?
7. A famous palindrome refers to Napoleon's first period of exile (on a Mediterranean island). Can you quote it?
8. On which island is Cagliari situated?
9. On which island is TV's 'The Durrells' set?
10. An island lying in the bay of Naples and featured in a hit song from the 1930s. Can you name it?

To those of you wanting a target, I'd suggest that 5 is a good score.

As ever, the answers can be found elsewhere in this edition of Jottings



IMAGES
FROM
WOMENS WORLD
DAY OF
PRAYER/HARVEST
SERVICE





Worried son

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, 'We should pray.'

From the back seat I heard his earnest voice: 'Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's.'

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Wake

Shortly after my father passed away, one of my daughter's Jewish friends approached her with a question. 'Kate,' he said, 'I've never attended a Catholic wake before. What is the significance of the daughter not wearing shoes?'

Kate replied softly, 'My mum's feet hurt.'

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Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and they seemed to fascinate the seven-year old. "All those names," he said to the minister. "Who are they?"

"Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 9 o'clock, or the 11 o'clock?"

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Last chance?

The minister was very ill. He was told by his doctor not to have too many visitors. However, when his agnostic friend called, the unbeliever was ushered into the minister's bedside. 'I do appreciate,' said the agnostic, 'you seeing me when so many in your church have not been able to see you.'

'Well, it's like this,' said the minister. 'I feel confident that I shall see them all in heaven, but I was worried that this might be my last chance to see you!'

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Say that again?

A woman telephoned her bank and spoke to the accountant who looked after her holdings. 'I want to make some changes,' she said.

The accountant asked for more details. 'Are you interested in Conversion or Redemption?' he asked.

'Good heavens,' came the reply. 'I must have got the wrong number. I wanted the Bank of England, not the Church of England.'

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What bishops do

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, 'Does anyone know what the bishop does?'

There was silence. Finally, one little boy ventured: 'He's the one you can move diagonally.'

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When children tell Bible stories (*real-life efforts that didn't quite make it...*)

* St John, the blacksmith, dumped water on Jesus' head.

* Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says 'do one to others before they do one to you'.

* Jesus ruled that 'a man doth not live by sweat alone.'

* It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off of the entrance.

* The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

* One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.

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As for those signs found outside churches:

* Church carpark sign...FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised!!

- * No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.
- * Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!
- * Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- * Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed. A headline reads: 'For fast relief, take two tablets.'
- * When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its own message: 'We are open on Sundays, too. And we have live music.'
- * A singing group called 'The Resurrection' was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the minister fixed the outside sign to read, 'Resurrection is postponed - due to snow.'
- * Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!
- * Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm next Wednesday in the church lounge. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- * Thursday at 10am there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All those wishing to become Little Mothers are asked to go and see our new minister in the vicarage....

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Can't scare me

My wife and I were watching the gorillas at the zoo when several of them charged at the enclosure fence, yelling terribly, rolling their eyes around, and clenching their fists. They looked quite terrifying. The crowd scattered except for one frail, elderly man, who did not bat an eye. Later, my wife asked him how he had kept his composure. 'Oh, easy,' he said cheerfully. 'You see, I used to run the youth group at my church.'

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Top job

Our local vicar thinks very highly of my father. He's given him a job so important that he has 500 people under him. My father is cutting the grass in the churchyard.

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Church membership

I'm not C of E, I'm from the Methylated church. +



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Thank you all so much

44.7kgs

The Nuneaton Foodbank gratefully acknowledges this wonderfully helpful donation of food from

Horeston Grange Church Centre

Thank you very much indeed for your gifts to support those in need in Nuneaton

27th October 2018

David Stanier

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Chair of Nuneaton Foodbank Management Committee

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATES

We all would like to thank everyone who donates to the foodbank - Churches - Schools - local businesses and organisations, and individual donors, who regularly donate food to help those in need locally.

We are always very pleased to receive individual and corporate cash donations, which help us to purchase bread and spread and other items, such as baby milk, nappies etc which we add to food parcels as needed.

SHOPPING LIST OF ITEMS WE NEED URGENTLY

We know that people like to know what we are particularly in need of when they are thinking of donating food, **and at the moment we would be really grateful for:-**

(Christmas Items;- Tinned Ham; Christmas Puddings; Mince Pies; Iced Christmas Cake Blocks; Biscuits) as we already making up Christmas hampers)

Small jars of coffee; Fruit Juice; Puddings

As always, any donations at all are very warmly welcomed, but the above items are particularly needed.

If you are aware of friends or relatives that might wish to support the work of the foodbank in helping families in need in the local Nuneaton community, and who want to know where they can make food donations, the following places kindly have collection points:-

ASDA; SAINSBURYS; ATTLEBOROUGH CO-OP; BULKINGTON CO-OP; YORKSHIRE BANK; NUNEATON TOWN HALL; CAFFE NERO; NUFFIELD HEALTH GYM and many local churches.

WE URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS

In order to continue to provide the support needed at our four centres, which working together give access five days a week to emergency food parcels for those in need, we rely on the help of volunteers. We are always grateful for the help of volunteers, and there are a number of different jobs that need to be done in order to enable the Nuneaton Foodbank to operate efficiently.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

If you would like to help us by being a volunteer please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator (nfbvolunteers@gmail.com)



TESCO NATIONAL FOOD COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS TIME ON FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER AND SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

In the Christmas collection in 2017, **1979.5kgs** was donated to the Nuneaton and Bedworth Foodbanks which was invaluable in helping us meet the increasing need locally.

COULD YOU HELP US FOR AN HOUR PERHAPS?

We would really welcome some **'ONE OFF' help** from people who aren't volunteers on a regular basis, to support our core team of volunteers.

**WE NEED HELP AT TESCO IN BEDWORTH ON
FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER AND SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER**

Nuneaton Foodbank is run in partnership with local churches
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The tale of the Salt and Light

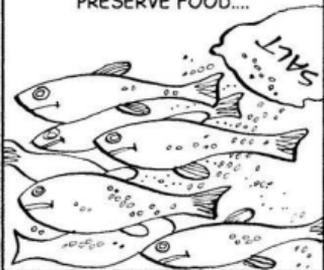


JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS

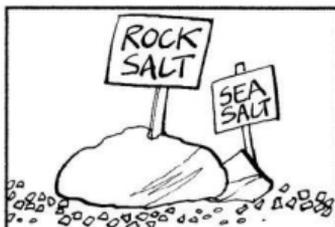


HE ONE EXPLAINED TO HIS
FRIENDS THAT THEY WERE A
BIT LIKE SALT!

IN JESUS' DAY, SALT WAS
VERY PRECIOUS. IT HELPED
PRESERVE FOOD....

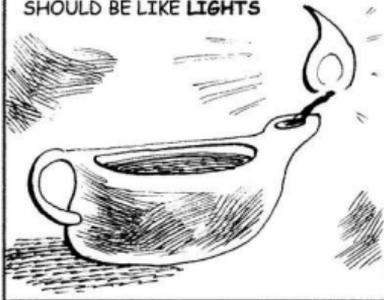


....AND SALT GAVE FLAVOUR.
IT WAS VERY USEFUL INDEED



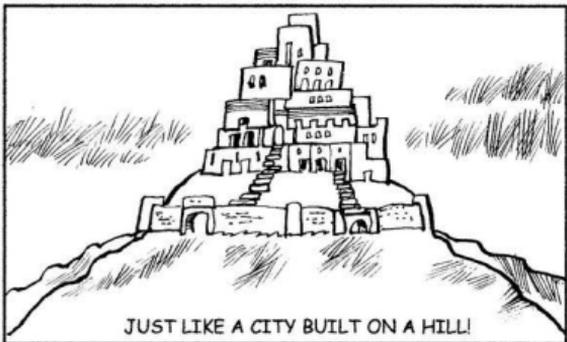
SALT HELPED MAKE LIFE
BETTER - WE TOO SHOULD HELP
MAKE LIFE BETTER IF WE
CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS!

JESUS ALSO SAID HIS FOLLOWERS
SHOULD BE LIKE LIGHTS



'NOBODY LIGHTS A LAMP - THEN PUTS
IT UNDER A BOWL', SAID JESUS

THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS
CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE
TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.



JUST LIKE A CITY BUILT ON A HILL!

Church Council Meeting - Wednesday 7th Nov 7pm at Church

Fun Club – Friday 19th November 7pm-8.30pm

Murder Mystery evening – Saturday 24th Nov 6.30pm Tickets £10.00 which includes 3 course meal

Prayer Shawl knitting group – every Friday 11am-1pm

Coffee mornings – every Wednesday 10am-12.30pm

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Puzzle Corner Answers

1) 6000, 2) Sicily, 3) Balearics, 4) Valetta, 5) 1970s, 6) Corsica, 7) Able was here I saw Elba 8) Sardinia,

9) Corfu, 10) Capri

December Newsletter deadline: Wed 28th November