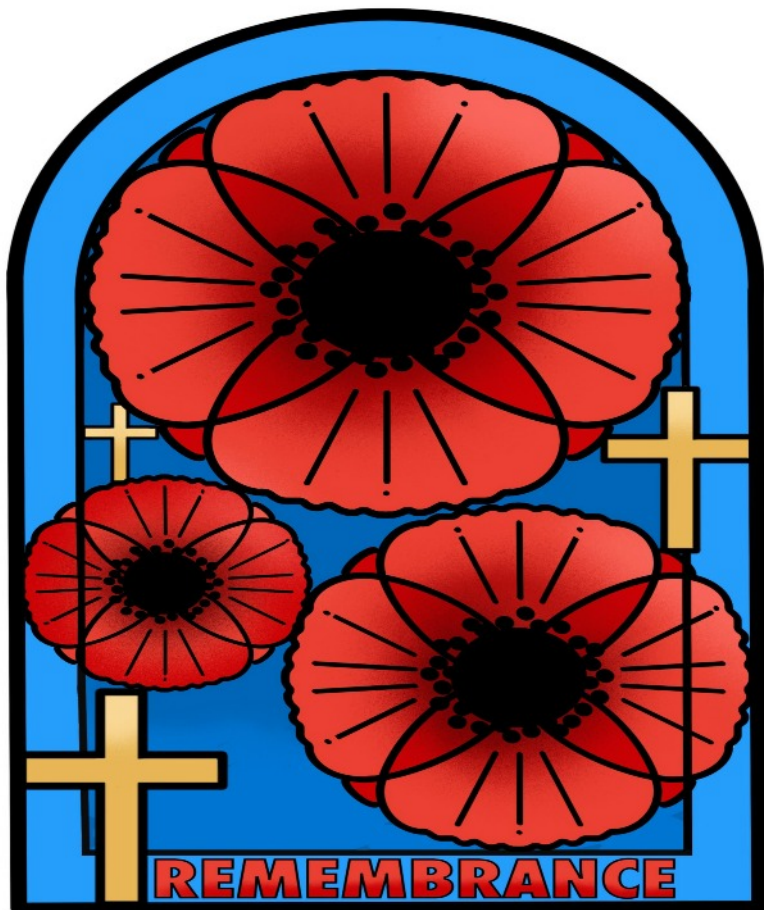




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NOVEMBER MESSAGE

November is the month of Remembrance especially since the end of the Great War of 1914-19. It was only after this war that cenotaphs and war memorials were erected, and town and villages started to record the names of those from their communities who had paid the ultimate sacrifice.

However, even before the Great War dubbed by H.G. Wells as “the war to end all wars”, November was for many Christians associated with remembrance. Starting in the tenth century when a tradition established at Cluny Abbey began to spread, Christian communities remembered their dead during the month of November and especially on November 2nd designated by some traditions as All Souls’ Day. In many places around the world people visit cemeteries to clear graves, leave flowers or candles and to pray for their deceased forebears. In Mexico the three-day festival called *Dia de los Muertos* is celebrated as a public holiday.

So, why do we remember? Why is remembrance so important?

In our family contexts it is important to set aside some time to acknowledge and value the love, guidance and sacrifice our deceased parents and forebears have made to set us on life’s journey. It is good to acknowledge our heritage, our roots. It is good to recognise the importance of others, both past and present, in making us the people that we are.

And in a polarised and divided world where tensions and divisions abound it is important to remember the cost in human lives of not resolving our disputes and conflicts peacefully. We keep alive the memory of the bravery and courage of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms and our futures. We should also recall our histories and the circumstances which have brought nations into such bloody wars and learn from them. It is crucial that we acknowledge the inhumanity, cruelty and destruction that humanity is capable of and resolve “never again”.

As individuals, remembrance is important to ground us in our roots and to renew us in our commitment to live in peace and harmony with all people. As a society and as the human race, remembrance affords an opportunity to reflect on the futility of conflict and killing, reminding us that there is a better way.

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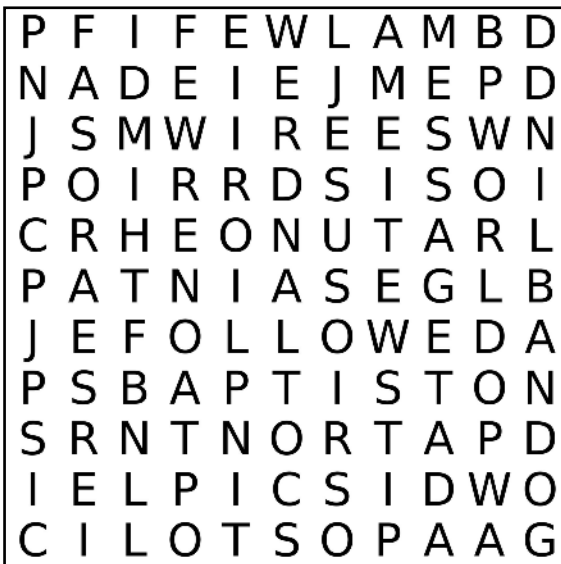
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WORDSEARCH CLUES

St Andrew (Feast Day 30th November)

St *Andrew* is the *patron saint* of *Scotland*, though his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8th century to *Fife* and preserved at a church in a place now named St Andrews. Andrew was one of the first *disciples* of Jesus, and the very *first* to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the prophet *John* the *Baptist*.



When one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and his friend, and described him as the '*Lamb of God*', the two young men assumed that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So as *Jesus* made off, they *followed* him.

When Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was a lame enquiry about his current place of residence: 'where are you staying?' The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: '*Come and see*'. So they did, and the results of their response were life changing. For Andrew brought his brother, *Peter*, to Jesus, and soon the little *apostolic band* who would carry the *message* of Jesus to the whole *world* was formed. And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.

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Each month a different speaker comes along to talk for about 45 minutes /1 hour, followed by tea/coffee and a chat. Cost £2.50 per person including refreshments.

4TH NOVEMBER – YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE TEAM

There have been many advancements within the YAA recently, and their talk will include updated pictures and videos clips of the new air ambulances and crew in action, plus up to date facts and figures about their work, with time for questions at the end.

Any suggestions for speakers or topics please contact John Kiddle 07746953527

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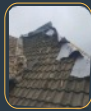
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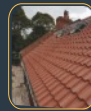
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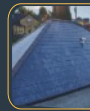
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LOCAL HISTORY

**In the graveyard at Illingworth Moor Methodist Church there are
fourteen Commonwealth War Graves
the remainder are recorded on family gravestones.**

Pvt Leonard Batho 24th Sept 1914 aged 18 years
Pvt. H J Danetry 3rd September 1916, aged 25 year
Sgt William Ernest Webster 3rd September 1916 aged 23 years
Pvt George Harry Poole 25th February 1917 aged 20 years
Gunner Thomas Herbert Walmsley 17th March 1917 in his 35th year
L/Cpl Harry Tidswell 3rd May 1917 aged 22 years
Pioneer Victor Whitley 6th May 1917
Lieut. Arthur Halstead MC AM 1st Aug 1917 aged 23 years
Cpl Whiteley Hessleden. 25th Nov 1917 aged 23 years
Sgt Tom Bates Nov 27th 1917, aged 24 years
Pvt Ernest Hardacre 6th Dec 1917 aged 21 years
Pte Archibald Walter Garnett 22nd March 1918 aged 27 years
Ordinary Seaman Sam Wilde 23rd March 1918 aged 29 years
L/Cpl Ernest Haigh May 26th 1918 aged 25 years
Pvt George Oldfield May 27th 1918 aged 18 years
L/Cpl John Edgar Hardy November 7th 1918 aged 35 years
Pvt William Fleming 13th December 1918 aged 47 years
Pvt Harold Sunderland Jan 12th 1919 aged 32 years
Pvt Ben Brooke 23rd February 1920 aged 40 years
Pvt Walter Mitchell 5th October 1939
Flt/Sgt Stanley Ryder Mosey 5th May 1943 aged 21 years
Pvt Albert Widdop 5th July 1944 aged 33 years
Pvt John Denwood 16th July 1944 aged 19 years
Pvt Jack Steele Sept 8th 1944 aged 32 years
Driver Alfred Smith 30th January 1945 aged 45 years
Corp Thomas Wilson Andrew 1st February 1945 aged 43 years
F/Sgt Jack Briggs 2nd July 1945 aged 22 years
Gunner Joseph Stubbs Dec 31st 1945 aged 33 years
Gunner Peter William Raistrick 11th June 1972 aged 18 years
Pvt Fred Helliwell July 20th 1918, aged 37 years
Stoker 1st Class James Robert Kayley Marsland 2nd August 1918
Pvt Harry Hill 13th September 1918 age 31
L/Cpl Preston Tasker October 1st 1918 aged 38 years
Pvt John Haslem 26th October 1918 aged 22 years
Pvt A Midgley 29th October 1918 aged 24 years

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

BONFIRE NIGHT – SOME SIMPLE RULES FOR STAYING SAFE

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has provided the following tips to help families stay safe while they are having Bonfire Night fun...

Young people should watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance and follow the safety rules for using sparklers. Only adults should deal with firework displays and the lighting of fireworks. They should also take care of the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used. Here are some other things to bear in mind on the night:

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework, using a torch if necessary.
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper, and stand well back.
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. *Never* return to a firework once it has been lit.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. *Never* use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

MID WALES CHURCH OFFERS UNIQUE AUTUMN STAY FOR WALKERS

Walkers looking for a new way to explore the Welsh countryside this autumn can now book overnight stays at St Gwrhai's Church in Penstrowed, Powys — one of only two “champing” sites in Wales.

Champing, a blend of ‘church’ and ‘camping’, offers exclusive overnight access to historic churches no longer used for regular services. St Gwrhai's, built in the 1860s on a site with Christian heritage dating back to the 6th century, sits beside the River Severn and provides access to walking routes across Mid Wales.

The church accommodates up to four guests and includes a fully equipped kitchen in the adjacent hall, an indoor toilet, and secure space for bikes. Dogs are welcome. Most guests stay for one or two nights, with solo travellers, small groups, and families all booking during the first season.

Located an hour from both Aberystwyth and Shrewsbury, the site is well placed for exploring the Cambrian Mountains, which lie 20 minutes away and include nine Dark Sky Discovery sites. The Severn Way — a 215-mile walking route to Bristol — begins nearby, and guided walking groups operate in the area.

The initiative is run by the Bro Arwystli Ministry Area. Guests have exclusive use of the church during their stay. For more info: champing.co.uk.

ALL IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

175 years ago, on 19th November 1850 that Alfred, Lord Tennyson, became Poet Laureate of the UK (until 1892).

125 years ago, on 22nd November 1900 that Arthur Sullivan, British composer, died. Best known for his collaborations with the dramatist W S Gilbert on operas including H.M.S. Pinafore and The Pirate of Penzance. He also wrote the hymn Onward, Christian Soldiers.

100 years ago, on 10th November 1925 that Richard Burton, Welsh stage and film actor was born. Known for Cleopatra, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? And many more. Fifth and sixth husband of Elizabeth Taylor. Died 1984.

Also 100 years ago, on 27th November 1925 that Ernie Wise, TV comedian and actor, was born. Best known for his comedy partnership with Eric Morecambe (Morecambe and Wise) Died 1999.

90 years ago, on 6th November 1935 that Britain's Hawker Hurricane fighter plane made its first flight. It played a major role in WWII, especially during the Battle of Britain.

80 years ago, on 16th November 1945 that UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, was founded.

75 years ago, on 2nd November 1950 that George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright and literary critic, died. Best known for Pygmalion. Winner of the 1925 Nobel Prize in Literature, and co-founder of the London School of Economics.

65 years ago, on 2nd November 1960 that a British jury cleared Penguin Books of obscenity for publishing D.H. Lawrence's novel Lady Chatterley's Lover. This is often considered the beginning of the permissive society in Britain.

Also 65 years ago, on 8th November 1960, that John F Kennedy was elected as the 35th President of the USA.

60 years ago, on 9th November 1965 that the death penalty was abolished in the UK

50 years ago, on 3rd November 1975 that Britain's first North Sea oil pipeline was officially opened.

40 years ago, on 15th November 1985 that the Anglo-Irish Agreement was signed by the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Irish President Garret Fitzgerald. It gave the Irish government a consultative role in the affairs of Northern Ireland.

30 years ago, on 20th November 1995 that Princess Diana admitted that she had committed adultery, and spoke openly about her separation from the Prince of Wales in a frank interview with the BBC. In 2021, BBC journalist Martin Bashir was accused of using deception, including fake bank statements, to persuade her to give the interview.

25 years ago, on 9th November 2000 that Eric Morley, TV host, died. Known for establishing the ballroom dancing competition Come Dancing (1949 – 98). It was succeeded by a celebrity version, Strictly Come Dancing, in 2004.

20 years ago, on 30th November 2005 that John Sentamu became Archbishop of York (until 2020). He was the first black archbishop in the Church of England.

10 years ago, on 13th November 2015 that the Paris Attacks took place when suicide bombers and armed terrorists from Islamic State (IS) attacked a football stadium, rock concert, cafes and restaurants. 130 people were killed and 416 injured. IS said the attacks were in retaliation for French air-strikes on IS targets in Syria and Iraq.

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Could having a dog help your child to develop better lung function? A recent study says yes.

Research from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto has found that children who've been exposed to higher levels of the dog allergen *Can fl* may even have their risk of childhood asthma cut in half.

As one doctor explained: "Asthma is a very common chronic respiratory illness in children, with the highest rates in the first four years of life. It is caused by complex interactions between genetic factors and the environment, including infections, allergies and air pollution. Children spend most of their time indoors, so in this research we wanted to study allergens in the home.

"We examined pet allergens from dogs and cats. We found that, while cat allergens showed no association, exposure to dog allergens was linked to improved lung function and a reduced risk of asthma.

"This suggests that early exposure to dog allergens could prevent sensitisation, perhaps by altering the nasal microbiome – the mixture of microbes living inside the nose – or by some effect on the immune system.

"This study suggests that babies who grow up around dogs may have a lower risk of developing asthma. This is potentially good news for families with pet dogs; however, we need to know more about this link and how living with pets affects children's developing lungs in the longer term."

ANSWERS

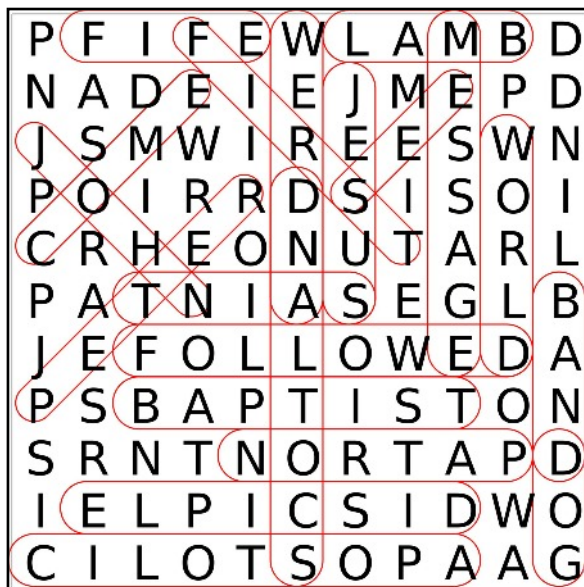
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Illingworth Cricket Club

As we get deeper into Autumn we are continuing with the tasks of putting the playing side of the club and facilities into winter mode. The end of season work on the ground is nearly finished. The essential tasks of scarifying and top dressing the square with soil and over

seeding has been completed and with the aid of germination sheets to keep the soil warmer there is already a good new growth of grass. The cricket nets and covers have been dismantled and necessary repairs to the pavilion roof have been carried out before the winter weather sets in. With a large area of grounds not to mention buildings to maintain there is never any shortage of jobs to do for our volunteers.

November is often the time for celebrations and fund raising and we are no different. Both the club and League dinners and prize presentations take place this month and we are looking forward to a large representation from the club at the League Dinner as we will again be celebrating our success in the Halifax Parish Cup. Robert Croft MBE the former Glamorgan and England spinner and now television pundit will be the main speaker and no doubt he will have some interesting tales to tell. Congratulations too to Sam Fellows who has won the 2nd XI Premier League Batting averages and a special mention to Khurram Shahzad and Noman Hussain who came 2nd and 3rd in the Bowling averages.

Before the League Dinner we have our own fund-raising event when we welcome David “Bumble” Lloyd to speak at a sold-out sportsman’s evening. The former Lancashire and England cricketer and Sky pundit has a terrific reputation as a speaker and we are in for a fun evening.

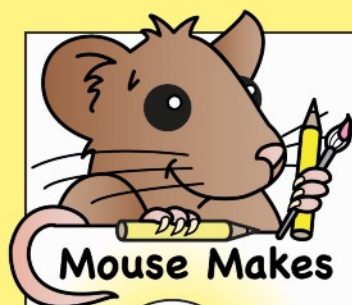
On the cricket front we have much to look forward to over the winter period. Our Women’s team will be playing in an indoor competition over the winter and it won’t be long before the men and juniors will be joining them in the winter nets as we begin the preparations for Season 2026.

On the wider front there is more cricket to look forward to. Currently the Women’s World Cup is taking place in Sri Lanka and before long the Men’s tour of New Zealand and Australia will be taking place. The fight for the Ashes is always of major interest to any cricket lover and whilst our record in Australia over the years is very mixed we always look forward with optimism and the start of the 1st Test at Perth on 21st November is already highlighted in my diary. I still remember as a young boy getting up at 5 am and sometimes earlier to listen to the live commentary of the final hours of the days play of each Australian test as it was broadcast live on the radio.

I hope to keep you up to date with news of the club over the winter months.

If you want any more information have a look at our website Illingworth.play-cricket.com You can contact us by email comms@illingworth.co.uk and on Facebook you can find us @illingworthcc.co.uk

Andrew Smith
President



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



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



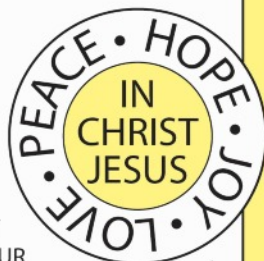
Read:
Isaiah 40:5
What shall be revealed?



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

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ADVENT • ARRIVAL • HOPE • JOY • LOVE • PEACE • GOD • GLORY
MESSAGE • PROMISE • PROPHECY • FORETOLD • JESUS • SAVIOUR
CHRIST • GIFT • GOOD NEWS • RETURN • CANDLE • LIGHT



BEECHWOOD ROAD LIBRARY

The Staff at Beechwood Road Library are looking forward to welcoming old and new members to visit them during any of the following opening hours:

Monday 10 am - 5 pm

Thursday 10 am - 5 pm

Friday 10 am - 5 pm

Saturday 10 am - 1 pm



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“Aiming to keep Calderdale fit and healthy”**

**We have an exercise class at Forest Cottage
every Thursday at 9.45 am**

We have walk-it health walks of 60 - 150 minutes

Monday, 3rd November Beechwood Health Centre at 1 pm

Monday, 17th November Keighley Road Medical Centre at 1 pm

**Wainstalls (all walks start & finish at Wainstalls turning circle)
Wednesday, 26th November**

**Friday 10 am Illingworth Moor Methodist Church
Approx. 4 miles All of our information is on our website**

www.crewheartsupport.co.uk / crewpartners.hsg@gmail.com



CHALLENGERS

invites your whole family to our



CRAFTERNOON

Saturday 15th November - 2.30pm onwards

Illingworth Family Hub

(Top drive at Trinity Academy Whitehill, Occupation Lane)

Booking Required

Please book by messaging Carol (07780778257) or messaging the Challengers Team on Facebook



SMILE LINES



Exam

In the examination paper, the professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student admitted that he had prayed for the assistance of God.

The professor carefully studied the answer page and then replied, "You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you."

Careful!

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. The lady thought for a moment. "Only the Ten Commandments."

Morning

There are two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

A deeper problem

Young James started nursery and began bringing his drawings home. Each day his mother admired the pictures and hung them on the refrigerator. But one thing bothered her. James used only black and browns for his drawings. What did that mean? Fearing a problem, and not wanting it to get worse, she decided to take him to a child psychologist. The psychologist delicately went to work. He gave James a battery of psychological tests. Everything seemed perfectly normal. Yet every day, James continued to bring home drawings in only blacks and browns.

Frustrated and fearful that something was terribly wrong, the child psychologist finally decided to give James some paper and a box of crayons and simply observe what happened.

James opened the box of crayons and cried! "Oh, cool! A new box! At school we only have old boxes. The only crayons left in mine are black and brown!"

Hear, hear

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. "Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

Bible knowledge

A minister was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I finally figured out what the Bible means!" The minister thought of his extensive theological library and smiled indulgently. He asked his young son what he thought the Bible meant.

"It's easy, Daddy," the boy replied. "It means: 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.

I'm proud to announce that I have completed the first item on my bucket list. I have the bucket.



**CAR BOOT SALE &
TABLE TOP SALE AT
OSCA FOUNDATION**



Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, HX2 8AD

on Sundays, 9th & 23rd

Sellers arrive from 8 am Buyers start 8.30 am

Book your £10 table with Neil 07530874386.

If you prefer to sell outside you must provide your own table.

Light refreshments will be on sale.

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at Forest Cottage,
Cousin Lane,
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**Tuesdays at
12 noon**

All welcome

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#ITSOKAYTOTALK**



**Meets every Monday from
7 pm (exc. Bank holidays)**

**At Halifax Rugby Union
Football Club,
Keighley Road, Ovenden,
HX2 8AR**

PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER 2025

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



LEAF SOME GREEN STUFF IN THE GARDEN

The clocks have gone back, and we are putting our gardens to sleep for the winter. But this autumn, when you tidy up, do not tidy away too much. Many insects and wild creatures will be relying on some ground cover or hideaway to call 'home' for the winter. Several piles of twigs or pruning, left around your garden in discreet places, will provide a great winter 'snugs' for toads, grass snakes and other small garden inhabitants. 'Spent' seed heads provide cover and food for birds over the winter. Above all, before you light any bonfires on 5th November, take care there are no hibernating hedgehogs inside!

PUT TOGETHER A MEMORY BOOK

Do you have grandchildren? Then this winter, during those long dark days, why not spend some time putting together a sort of scrapbook of memories to pass on to them?

Things you might like include could be: where you lived when you were a child; what your school was like, what games you most enjoyed, who your best buddies were, what pets you had, what your first job was, and how you met your partner. What was your first car, and where was your first home as an adult? Add a selection of photographs that you have from the past.



**OSCA FOUNDATION (based at Forest Cottage,
Cousin Lane, Halifax, HX2 8DA)**

Activities to be held in NOVEMBER

MONDAYS From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405

6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo

Yorkshire Darts Association – top quality darts tournaments every week enroll from 6.30 pm on the night.

TUESDAYS 12 noon Walking Football (outside)

2 pm to 4 pm Old Tyme / Modern Sequence Dancing

From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405

6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo

WEDNESDAYS 10.30 am to 11.30 am Chi Chi Fit Musical Dance Class – for people with learning disabilities and their carers. After class join us for a free tea or coffee and a chat £2.50 per session. More info/book your place 03000120416

From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405

6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo

THURSDAYS 9.45 am to 10.45 am Keep Fit

11.30 am to 12.30 pm Ladies Netball

2 pm to 4 pm Old Tyme / Modern Sequence Dancing

From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405

6 pm to 9 pm Youth Club 13 years –19 years

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm Enderby Hall Halifax Gateway Club

FRIDAYS From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405

7 pm onwards Pool and Darts Night

SATURDAYS Three Ovenden West Riding Girls football teams in the West Riding Junior Girls League aged u/10, u/11 & u/13. New girls welcome. Contact Nial Toolin on 07922089240

SUNDAYS Thirteen Ovenden West Riding mixed gender teams in the Huddersfield Junior League from u/7 through to u/15. New players welcome contact Steve 07727860731

Floodlit All Weather 5 a-side football 3G pitch available for hire seven days a week at competitive prices

Function rooms along with various rooms are available for hire at very competitive prices.

Receptions, Funerals, Parties, any form of event can be catered for.

For further information on all activities give Steve a call on 07727860731

TIME TO REMEMBER THE PERSECUTED CHURCH – 2ND NOVEMBER

Have you ever felt frightened to go to church? Afraid that someone might see you and report you to the authorities?

380 million Christians around the world have that anxiety, because one in seven Christians worldwide live in countries with high levels of persecution. That includes one in five in Africa and one in seven in Asia. These Christians make up the Persecuted Church, and live with the threat of discrimination, violence, imprisonment, and even death.

To support these suffering Christians, The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) is held each year in November. It is a good month to choose, because November is the month of remembrance – not only of our armed forces on Remembrance Sunday, but also of all Christian saints and martyrs who have given their lives for Christ, on All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

And so, on 2nd November thousands of Christians in churches across the UK will pray for the Persecuted Church worldwide. They will also send practical help through supporting well-established UK organisations such as Open Doors, Release International and Christian Solidarity Worldwide. These work to advocate for persecuted Christians in the UN and to advocate with national governments. They also distribute humanitarian aid to the affected communities around the world.

If you would like to join in this year, Open Doors, Release International, Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), and International Christian Concern offer you digital resource packs containing prayer guides, information about specific regions of persecution, and materials for church services, home groups, and children's activities.

Meanwhile, here are some things to consider (figures from Open Doors):

Worldwide, at least 4,476 Christians were killed last year for their faith. Nigeria alone accounted for 3,100 of them. Other countries in sub-Saharan Africa have seen rising numbers of Christian deaths.

Worldwide, at least 4,744 Christians were detained. They were arrested and detained without trial. Some were then sentenced and imprisoned for following Jesus. In India alone, 1,629 Christians were detained without trial and another 547 were sentenced to prison. Believers were incarcerated for their faith in Eritrea, Bangladesh, Iran amongst others.

Worldwide, at least 210,000 Christians were driven from their homes last year and forced into hiding. Again, almost half of these were in Nigeria, where militant Islamism is on the rise.

As for individual countries, in Algeria alone last year, *all* the Protestant churches were ordered to close, or were forced to stop regular services. In Mexico, where organised crime is rampant, any Christians who protest at the violence become themselves a target for abduction and murder. In Kyrgyzstan, violence against Christians is also on the rise, as the authoritarian government further represses religious freedom.



The Local Activities (LA) Group in Illingworth and Bradshaw was formed specifically to improve the health and wellbeing of people over 50 in this area of Halifax. If you are interested in meeting new friends and doing new activities please get in touch via one of the following ways:

Facebook: **Illingworth & Bradshaw Local Activities Group** / Ring the Secretary on 01422 249070 / attend one of the activities

The Bowling Section of the LA Group meet every Monday at 10 am at Holmfield Bowling Club, Holmfield 1st April until 30th September

We run day trips to the seaside or places of interest & have other social events throughout the year.

**ALL THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE HELD AT
ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST CHURCH**

TUESDAYS

KEEP FIT from 10 am to 11 am £4.00

Not too hard, but not too easy!

This is a fun aerobic exercise class to get you fit and keep you healthy

NEW AGE KURLING from 11.15 am - 12.15 pm £2.00

Both the above activities are suitable for a range of abilities

SITTING DOWN PILATES from 11.15 am to 12 noon £3.50

WEDNESDAYS

CRAFTY CLUB from 10.00 am - 12 noon £2.00

Join the friendly group for knitting, card making and other crafts

Refreshments available from the Church Cafe

THURSDAYS

INTERMEDIATE PILATES from 9.45 am - 10.45 am £4.00

BEGINNERS PILATES from 11 am - 12 noon £4.00

To improve core stability and strength

***** NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME *****

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