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## Minister's Message

### ***“Seasons of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness”***

This famous line from John Keats' Ode to Autumn, is one of those phrases which so beautifully captures the ever dynamic aspects of nature, as our weather changes from those long hazy days of sunshine to the colder, wetter and generally more unsettled weather we have seen of late. Seasons, as such, form part of the natural rhythm of our lives, constantly changing, and each brings new things to engage with - some to enjoy and take pleasure in, whilst others offer times to reflect and remember.



Reflection and remembering is often associated with the season and month of November, as we have two commemorations which we mark both as a Church, and more nationally; The first is All Souls Day on 2nd November, when we remember those who have passed away this year; The second is Remembrance Sunday, when we give thanks for all those who have sacrificed their lives in conflicts past and present, both in this country and across the world. It is a festival where we now also remember, and give thanks for, all who serve in our military and emergency services.

This year will be particularly poignant, not just because so many families have lost loved ones because of the COVID pandemic, but because these commemorations will be more subdued. For sadly there can be no processions, fewer gatherings at war memorials, and many people, for whom these commemorations mean so much, may even feel it is not safe to attend even small-scale church services.

Yet, in spite of the many restrictions, it is good to know that as a Church, and as a nation, people will still be marking these occasions, albeit in different ways. For this year, people will be putting poppies in their windows, standing on doorsteps to mark the 2-minute silence, and lighting candles in their houses.

All these are gestures, expressing love and gratitude for people who have “fought the good fight” of life, and it is through these expressions of remembrance, that people will become united through collective memory, even whilst not being able to be physically together.

Therefore, although many of our loved ones may no longer be with us, they are still remembered for the influence they have had on the lives of so many. For these people lived their lives, as God intended them, following the example demonstrated through the life of Jesus Christ - by showing love, selflessness, and generosity; through their lives and because of their yesterday's we have our today's and tomorrow's.

So as we remember all who have died and gone before, let us reflect that although their seasons of life on earth may have ended, we are now called to walk in their footsteps and to follow their good example, living lives of love, compassion and hope for a better future. So let us never forget them, and may God bless you all.

Allison Davies



## SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

### Sunday, 1st November

- 9.00am Chapel of Ease, Bredon's Norton *with the Rev Catherine Lack*
- 9.00am St. Faith's, Overbury *with the Rev Allison Davies*
- 10.30am St. Mary's, Elmley Castle *with Canon Roger Spiller*
- 10.30am Holy Trinity, Eckington *with the Rev Allison Davies*

### Remembrance Sunday, 8th November

- 9.00am St. Peter's Chapelry, Besford *with the Rev Allison Davies*
- 10.30am St. Barbara's, Ashton under Hill
- 10.30am Holy Trinity, Eckington *with the Rev Allison Davies*
- 10.30am St. Giles, Bredon *with Peter Whitehead (lay led)*
- 10.30am St. Mary's, Elmley Castle *with Peter Hayes (lay led)*



### Sunday, 15th November

- 9.00am St. John the Baptist, Beckford *with the Rev Allison Davies*
- 10.30am St Giles, Bredon *with the Rev Allison Davies*
- 10.30am St. Mary's, Elmley Castle

### Sunday, 22nd November

- 9.00am St. James, Defford\* *with the Rev Allison Davies*
- 10.30am St. Barbara's, Ashton under Hill
- 10.30am St. Giles, Bredon *with the Rev Allison Davies*

### Sunday, 29th November

- 10.30am St. Faith's, Overbury *with the Rev Allison Davies*  
*Fifth Sunday - United Service for Advent Sunday*

\* *subject to 18th October service being successfully held*

### Please observe social distancing rules in church and note:

- On arrival, those attending will be asked to sanitise their hands
- For social distancing, many pews will be partitioned off
- There will be no singing, apart from the socially distanced choir members
- There will be no shaking of hands, kisses of welcome etc.
- Face masks must be worn



## Festival of Remembrance - Sunday, 8th November

Plans are in place for St. Giles to hold our annual service of Remembrance on Sunday, 8th November. The service this year will be scaled back due to the current constraints placed on us as a result of COVID-19.

This will very sadly mean a cancellation of the normal parade of uniformed services and impose a limitation on numbers able to attend.

Under the current guidance the church can only accommodate limited numbers due to social distancing and those wishing to attend will be asked to book in advance of the service to ensure numbers allowed are not exceeded.

Those wishing to attend are asked to contact Alison Khan, details as shown below, during the week commencing Monday, 2nd November. The cut off date for all applications is midday, Thursday, 5th November.

Alison Khan: 07984 748059  
Email: [acbhteam@gmail.com](mailto:acbhteam@gmail.com)



*Remembrance Day Parade in 2018  
taken by Meg Hanlon*



Peter Whitehead  
Churchwarden, St Giles  
07980 605857

As a result to the constraints brought about by COVID-19, the Bredon Flower Guild will be concentrating their floral offerings outside the church; within the North Porch, in and around the Lych-gate and on this special occasion wreaths will be laid on each of the War Graves, together with the Garden of Remembrance, located in the churchyard.

## Tewkesbury and Bredon Hill Probus Club

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The French have a well known phrase – “Plus ca change, plus ca meme chose” which roughly translates as “the more things change, the more they stay the same.” Every day we seem to be inundated with a new directive or rule change as more and more statistics are published by the medical and scientific communities about the Coronavirus and how we must change our behaviours, change our conduct, change the numbers of people we can meet up with – and so on. Plus ca change indeed!

Yet despite all this continuous change, the stalwarts of Probus Club “stay the same” in their determination to keep the spirit of the Club going through the medium of our weekly Newsletter. At the time of writing we are about to publish our 30th weekly edition – who would have thought way back in March that in late October we would still be prevented from coming together for our weekly meetings at Bredon Village Hall?

There is still talk of possibly reviving ideas of the Zoom option with scant enthusiasm – there really is no substitute for the camaraderie and face to face contact and the sharing of ideas (and coffee) at our weekly meetings.



Chris Brown

We can only be steadfast in keeping the spirit of Probus going and look forward to that point hopefully in the not too distant future when we can start getting back to normal.

Jusqu'à notre prochaine rencontre!

## Bredon Church Flower Guild

Just over a year ago I was elected as the new Chair of the Flower Guild, following in the footsteps of Jan Woollatt. Jan had been leading us since 2003, and had acted as Secretary for many years before. Things continued much as before with a very productive Christmas wreath making course and decorating the church for Christmas.

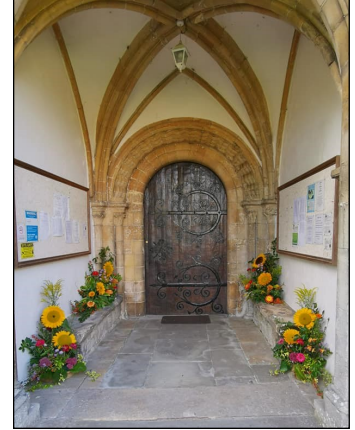
We are fortunate in Bredon that we have a very talented team of nearly 30 members, who give their time freely to decorate our church, in normal circumstances every week of the year. This year has been unprecedented for the Flower Guild, with months of no flowers in the church due to the pandemic.

When the church was allowed to open again, we started decorating the porch. It was lovely to have the opportunity to arrange flowers again, and to receive positive feedback on our displays. As a farmer's daughter, Harvest Festival is always a special time for me. With arranging flowers in church not really an option, I thought we could decorate around the church instead. So, on a cold and windy Friday morning, secateurs in hand, we started using greenery and flowers grown in our gardens to make our displays. The reaction to our Harvest flowers was amazing. It certainly made all our efforts worthwhile.

Following on from this success, we are planning to decorate around the church for Remembrance Sunday. We plan to make displays for the Lychgate, Vestry door, Porch and Church Walk gate. We will also be making arrangements for the war graves in the church yard. These are rarely visited graves now, so please take the time to walk around the church to find them, details will be in the porch to help locate the graves.



Joanne Hill  
Email: [Joannehill62@live.co.uk](mailto:Joannehill62@live.co.uk)



Harvest flowers 2020



***Have you marked your calendar?***

*The next Bredon Food Bank donation day is*  
**Wednesday, 18th November, 8:30am - 5:30pm**  
*at St. Giles Church (North Porch), Bredon*

*We look forward to your continued support!*

## Bredon Community Play and Recreation

By the time you read this we hope our brand-new play equipment will have been installed. As you may have read in last month's article, we have purchased some new junior swings for our older age group children which include an All-Inclusive swing. We are very excited as this is something that has been on the wish list of our Junior Playing Fields Reps at Bredon Hancock's First School for quite some time. The purchase of the new swings is just one part of the new developments, we are currently undertaking thanks to the kind generosity of our village residents during our fundraising events over the last couple of years. The total cost of our project stands at £11,699.44 so we would like to say once again a big thank you to each and every one of you who has supported us and helped make this happen. We would also like to say a huge thank you to the **Pershore and District Round Table** for their very generous donation of £650 towards the cost of the All-Inclusive Swing. Over the coming weeks we will be replacing our worn out orange bowl swing with a brand new one and installing a new hardwearing, all weather, rubber mulch surface, which means we can remove the current bark surface to create an even safer place to play. Please follow us on Facebook or Instagram for more information on these developments as they occur.

### 200 Club

As we have mentioned many times before, all of the improvements and maintenance that we carry out at the playing fields is funded by our fundraising events such as Bredon's Big Day Out, Santa's Sleigh, Ferret Racing, and our 200 Club. The 200 Club is our most important source of income and costs just £15 per year to join. Your membership not only benefits the Playing Fields, but it can also benefit you if you become one of our prize draw winners. We hold 6 draws per year, each draw has 3 x £10 winners, 2 x £25 winners, and 1 x £50 winner; that is a total of 36 winners each and every year!

We have just held our 5th draw for 2020, and the winners this time are ..... drum roll please .....

£10	Florence Vacy-Ash;	£10	V Madden;	£10	Susan Durrant
£25	Jess Hutchison;	£25	Louise Woodward		
£50	Jorja Freestone (although she has donated it back to BCPR)				

If you would like to be in with the chance of winning, and help support our wonderful playing fields please email us at [bredonplayingfields@gmail.com](mailto:bredonplayingfields@gmail.com). Our committee member, Andrea, will email you back with details of how to join. We will start to take payments for 2021 on 1st November. Our goal for 2021 is to reach the landmark 200th member of our 200 Club! We are not far off, so please take the time to support us. To those of you who are already members, thank you, we really appreciate and need your support.

### AGM – Tuesday 8th December 2020 @ 8pm

The date of our 2021 AGM is soon approaching. We usually hold it at the Bowling Club, and everyone is welcome to attend. However, due to the current Covid situation it is most likely this year's meeting will take place via a Zoom conference call. If you would like to join the conference call and find out more about us, what we have done over the last year, and what our plans are for next year please email us at [bredonplayingfields@gmail.com](mailto:bredonplayingfields@gmail.com) and we will send you the Zoom Conference Call log in details. Zoom is a free app that you can download on your phone, tablet or computer and is very easy to use. We will send you a link, you click on the link and voila you are in the meeting! We hope many of you can attend although one downside of a virtual AGM is no mince pies this year, sorry!

Have a great month and we look forward to advising you of more exciting developments and ideas in the coming months.



Andrea Fleck Freestone

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## Bredon WI



Well, November is here, the month we would normally hold our AGM. However, it has been decreed that, if the present President can remain in post, there is no need to hold such a meeting. Hooray! The thought of trying to line up Zooms and garden discussions can now fade into the distance. It is therefore with pleasure that we greet Joan Needham back into her Presidential chair for the year ahead. As not many of us have been overworked since our last meeting in February, there are few resignations from the rest of us. So we continue. We still await a full monthly meeting, as the current maximum of six attendees would not be much fun, but keep watching this space.



Have you taken up new pastimes during these fairly inactive times? Knits, crafts, poetry, music, star-gazing, running????? We are collating a record of Bredon WI versus the virus, and would love to receive your accounts of (probable) successes and (maybe) disastrous misadventures. Please send contributions to Joan or Chris Lester to illustrate this period of unbelievable history. In fact, VERSUS THE VIRUS might be a good title. Who knows what lies ahead, but the WI will remain optimistic. Keep safe, and call any of our members for a chat. Everyone needs to talk.

Viv Ebbage 773549

## Around the hill in Beckford

I had heard from friends that 'Around the hill', a local artisan gift shop, art gallery and café, was quite an interesting place and, on a cloudy Friday morning, I decided to go and check it out. I am glad I did.

The shop and cafe is at the side of Beckford Village Hall, with the entrance adjacent to the tennis club. Although only in their fifth week since opening, I am impressed with the selection of cards, paintings and gift items on display. Lucy, who runs this community enterprise, tells me that all items there are produced by local artists living around Bredon Hill. There seems to be something to suit everyone's budget and taste.



Around the hill is a community interest company and profits from the shop will be reinvested in community projects, e.g. subsidising art workshops, in the future.

Pop round to have a look at the shop and support the local artists or just to have a cuppa with friends!

Around the hill @ Beckford Village Hall

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.30am - 3:30pm

Anne Choi Fordham

***Anxiety weighs down the heart,  
but a kind word cheers it up***

*Proverbs 12:25*



## Bredon and Bredon's Norton Parish Council



### Planning Applications

The Parish Council's role is only advisory. For more details, please refer to [www.wychavon.gov.uk](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk).

For consideration by Wychavon:  
W/20/01604 - 3 Back Lane, Bredon. Two storey extension. PC has asked for a time extension.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**Monthly Parish Council**

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
at 7:15pm*

This meeting will take place virtually, please contact the Clerk for access to this meeting.

### Queensmead Footway Adoption

There have been quite a lot of residents raising issues with the footways in Queensmead. Councillor Adrian Hardman informed us that the section of footway which runs in front of the houses, along the Main Road, by the large section of grass, has been adopted by Worcestershire County Council. It is likely that any maintenance work will not occur until the next financial year.

The County Council will be resurfacing the section of footway by the entrance to Queensmead, as you enter the estate from Cheltenham Road, next year as well.

### Bredon's Norton Drainage Issues

Councillor Adrian Hardman reported that the flooding by Bredon's Norton Village Hall was caused by a broken gully, which he is trying to get moved up the list as a priority. In addition, a new pipe is going to be installed to resolve the problems with flooding around Oak Tree Place.

### New Councillor Required

Lots of residents care about where they live, we can tell that from all the messages posted on the Bredon Parish Noticeboard.

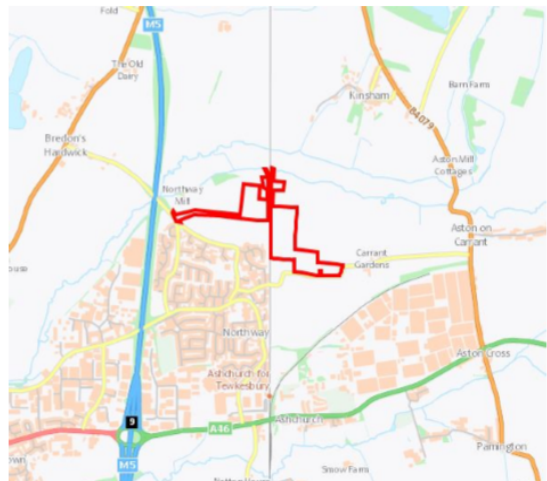
Being a Parish Councillor is a great opportunity to work for the community, to help decide how to meet the concerns of residents and what is best for the Parish. It is a very varied role and can be extremely rewarding.

If you love your local area, care about the future of our community, and would like to be part of the process, then please speak to any of our current Councillors or contact the clerk. All applications must be received by the end of November.

### Bridge to Nowhere - Increased Traffic

Tewkesbury Borough Council has submitted its own planning application to build a new bridge over the railway north of Northway in the area marked red on the map. The purpose of the bridge is to unlock land north of Ashchurch Camp for 1000+ houses, by removing safety objections to the existing crossing. However, funding for connecting roads has not been secured and there is a significant likelihood that a large amount public money will be spent on a 'Bridge to Nowhere'

The Parish Council strongly objects to the proposal on highway safety, road congestion and landscape grounds. Traffic from the new development will either add to the dangerous congestion on the A46 at Ashchurch, or else be channelled through the severely restricted roads in Bredon and neighbouring villages. The new bridge will be the height of 3 double decker buses and will be an eyesore from the AONB.



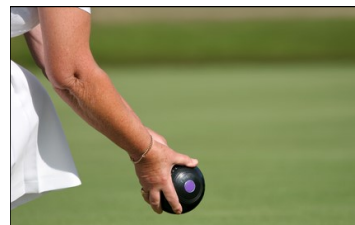
You can view the application by visiting:- <https://publicaccess.tewkesbury.gov.uk/online-applications/> and searching for application reference "20/00896/FUL". The Parish Council urges parishioners to respond to the planning application **before 3rd November**, either via the website, writing to the Planning Department at Tewkesbury Borough Council, Council Offices, Tewkesbury Road, Tewkesbury, Glos GL20 5TT or by emailing comments directly to [developmentapplications@tewkesbury.gov.uk](mailto:developmentapplications@tewkesbury.gov.uk) quoting the application reference. The Parish Council's own objection and information leaflet will be posted on its website and social media pages.

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## Bredon Bowling Club

It has been a very active few months of bowls despite the lockdown.

The Finals were held over August Bank holiday in windy but dry conditions. It was well supported over the three days. The finalists are listed below.



The 2-wood competition in early September drew many nominations, their energy again fueled by Jo's splendid BBQ on both days. This resulted in the Finalists, Darren Rosser and Ron Hilton battling it out at the Closing of the Green weekend. Darren won.

We had the annual Men v Ladies match, played over two days, in a Triples format keeping to the Bowl's England social distancing rules.

Another match, away to Suffolk Square in Cheltenham was followed by a special Home and Away triples game against Worcester Bowling club. Bredon sending 9 players to Worcester while they sent 9 to Bredon. This match was played simultaneously. Bredon was successful in both venues.

We extended the bowling season until 3rd October to give our members more time to enjoy a casual roll-up before the Green is treated and prepared for the winter.

### Final results:

Men's Champion: Darren Rosser, Runner-up: Moz Pullin  
Men's Handicap: Dave Lootes, Runner-up: Pete Litchfield

Ladies Champion: Kate Young, Runner-up Sue Williams  
Ladies Handicap: Kate Young, Runner-up Di Honey

Men's Pairs: Darren Rosser & Dave Doyle, Runners-up Moz Pullin & Ron Hilton  
Ladies Pairs: Kate Young & Jan Hilton, Runners-up Chris Doody & Bina Goodson

Aussie Mixed Pairs: Bina Goodson, & Moz Pullin, Runners-up Pam Taylor & Jack Pullin

Wif & Hilda: Lesley Wood & Roger Cooke, Runners-up Richard Woodward & Maureen Harley

Club Triples: Clive Chappell, Andrew Chatburn & Joan B-Stuart,  
Runners-up Kate Young, Keith Davies & Di Honey

Men's Stapleford: Pete Dempsey, Runner-up John Woodcock

Jackie White Ladies cup: Annette Day, Runner-up Sue Williams

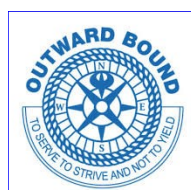
The Compton cup was won by the Lady Captain's team



Jill Marshment

## Bredon Outward Bound Association

November Draw		£
13	A Lawrence	50
102	R Burcombe	50
5	E Lane	5
185	R Cox	5
10	R Dobbs	5
39	S Clover	5
84	Dr Ainge	5
187	M Powell	5



December Draw		£
126	M Petts	50
114	M Evans	50
161	I Shields	5
92	D Cox	5
27	D Kane	5
48	J Holloway	5
110	M Wood	5
104	J Carr	5

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## What I Love About ... Aeromodelling and Flying

If asked what my interests and pastimes are, I normally reply rugby, gardening, reading, looking after my Morris Minor and so on. However, I have one particular interest that has been part of my life since primary school times.

It started with a prize that I won for a sports achievement, an Airfix plastic kit of HMS Hood. I was able to build it at school as part of our craft period.

Subsequent to building this model, I asked my where these kits came from; Mitson's, the toy shop, just off Newmarket High Street. When I visited the shop I was spellbound by the selection of models that were available. What really caught my eye was the range of Keil Kraft flying models aeroplanes. For my birthday that year I was given a Keil Kraft Soarer Baby and together with a school friend, Alan, we began to build it. I asked my father to help but he was not familiar with this type of model. Fortunately, my friend Alan's father had built this type of model as a child and he led us through the construction showing us the basics.



*Keil Kraft Soarer Baby kit*

Alan and I eventually finished the model and attempted to fly it in the street, we could not wait for Alan's dad to help. Our attempts at flying were a disaster and my lovingly built Soarer Baby was badly broken. Alan's father then explained how important it was to trim the model, to balance it. It may well be that he had mentioned this before but it went straight over our heads, unlike my Soarer Baby!

Some weeks later Alan's dad bought a kit, a KK Chief. He built it whilst Alan and I watched on. Once built, we went to Newmarket heath, where the old aircraft hangers are, and the Chief was launched by pulling the glider up on a tow line. I was entranced.

This began what turned out to be a lifelong passion for aeromodelling. There were times when I departed from true gliders. I have built boats and power planes, but always return to my passion for gliders of all types.

When my sons were old enough to take an interest in flying models, they too came along to the flying field and learned to fly models. By this time radio controlled models were a popular and affordable possibility. Time passed and the boys became interested in other things, but for me aeromodelling was a constant.



*Flying my glider "Pulsar" on Cleeve Hill*

For the last 20 years of my working life I was fortunate to have worked overseas, but still found it possible to continue with the hobby. I have built and flown models in Chile, Indonesia and Singapore and have generally been able to join clubs and enjoy the hobby with likeminded modellers and flyers.



These days, model kits are available in a wide variety of materials and technical complexity. Also, models can be purchased prebuilt constructed using carbon fibre, GRP and Kevlar, wonderful flying machines, but for me the traditional, balsa wood models built from plans are my favourite. Perhaps it is because of the smell of the wood and the desire to build better with each new project. Building and flying these "old school" models still gives me the same thrill as it did when I chose my first flying model from Mitson's toy shop in the 1950's.

In retirement, and returning to the England, it was important to find a home close to our family and also close to hills where gliders can be flown safely. Kinsham is perfect with Malvern Hills, Cleeve Hill, Selsley Common and several other flying sites all reasonably close. There, one can enjoy a flying session on the top of the world with a beautiful landscape laid out beneath.

Mike Fordham

## Book for November

### ON MARRIAGE by Timothy Keller

This book is the perfect gift for any considering matrimony. It gives us the tools to understand the meaning of marriage within God's vision of life through the lessons contained within the Bible.

On Marriage is divided into three sections: BEGINNING, SUSTAINING, and DESTINY.

1. **Beginning a Marriage** - Here it is explained at length why, though marriage was made for us, it is, in our present culture, often entered into either very late or not at all.

Seeking Marriage. The high mobility of today may seem to have increased choices greatly. This has its own disadvantage however, in that the dizzying number of potential spouses "can be paralyzing, --- even reducing marriage seeking into a shopping experience". The superficial assessment offered by the online environment is discussed and found wanting in the important areas of character and personality assessment. So, before proceeding very far, 3 things are suggested:-

- i) Look for another believer, if you are a Christian.
- ii) Look for someone who will still attract you when their youthful bloom has faded.
- iii) Get advice from others about your relationship before you proceed to marriage.

These are discussed at length in this book with many references to the Bible.

2. **Sustaining a Marriage** - Marriage started at the creation in the Garden of Eden and will end with a marriage at The Wedding Supper of the Lamb in Revelation. We are shown how the Christian understanding of marriage points us to God. A third of the book cites anecdotal evidences and biblical advice and commands which support a successful marriage. Surprisingly, even a perfect marriage has the danger of idolatry and tells us about John Newton ("Amazing Grace" writer) who advised of the risk of "turning the heart from God to your spouse as a greater source of love, safety and joy".

### 3. Destiny of Marriage

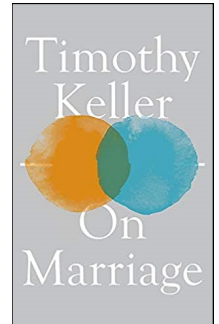
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#### **The End of History**

*As Luther says, in keeping with Saint Paul's views, we are in one sense already married to Christ. But there is another sense in which we are not yet married - we are more like engaged to him. Revelation tells us "The Marriage Supper of the lamb" is a future day in which we will be "married to Jesus" (Revelation 19:7). The great wedding day in which we fall into his arms is the only wedding day that will really make everything right in our lives.*

*It is significant that the Bible begins in Genesis with a wedding, and that wedding's original purpose was to fill the world with children of God. But Adam and Eve turned from God and the first wedding failed to fulfill its purpose.*

*When we come to the end of the Bible we see the church, "Coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband." The echoes of Genesis 2 are unmistakable.*



Timothy Keller



Again we see God bringing a bride to her husband, only this time the husband is Jesus and we are the bride. In that first marriage Adam failed to 'step in' and help his wife when she needed him. But at the end of time there will be another wedding, "The Marriage Supper of the Lamb". . . It will succeed where the first marriage failed because, while the first husband in history failed, the Second Husband does not. The true Adam, Jesus Christ, will never fail his spouse, the Second Eve, his church.

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### QUOTE . . . UNQUOTE from Gloria Cain

Life is a journey, and finding and knowing God is fundamental to that journey. When a new child is born, when we approach marriage, and when we find ourselves facing death - either in old age or much earlier - it tends to concentrate the mind. We shake ourselves temporarily free from absorption in the whirl of daily life and ask the big questions of the ages:



***Am I living for things that matter?  
Will I have what it takes to face the new stage of life?  
Do I have a real relationship with God?***

## Christopher Frith writes

Profound gratitude. That sums up my feelings at the moment. First, that I am still alive. That is mostly thanks to God but also to the remarkable surgeon at Worcester Royal Hospital, Professor Richard Downing who skilfully performed the operation and then even rang Pam at 2.30am to say I had pulled through.

My thanks now go to so many; Pam & I are grateful to the many people that have shown their love towards us in different ways.

It will plainly be a while before I am able to resume life as it used to be, but I'm getting there slowly. I came home from Hospital after nearly a month. People often ask me how I am. The answer is usually "not very different".

It may well be some months before I resume the role I enjoy of editing this magazine, which may be bad news to Anne Choi, to whom I am EXTREMELY grateful. Anne is pretty near the top of the list of people to whom I owe gratitude. Even higher comes my own private nurse and carer Pam.

Christopher Frith



Walking with my rollator

## Just for a laugh!

Edna finds herself in dire trouble. Her business has failed and she's in serious financial difficulties. She's so desperate that she decides to ask God for help. She begins to pray ... "God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lottery." Lottery night comes and somebody else wins it.



Edna prays again ... "God, please let me win the lottery! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well." Lottery night comes and Edna still has no luck.

Once again, she prays, "My God, why have you forsaken me? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE, just let me win the lottery this one time so I can get my life back in order."

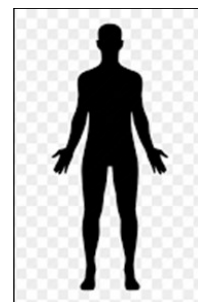
Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Edna is confronted by the voice of God himself: "Edna, meet me halfway on this. Buy a ticket!"

Author unknown



## November Quiz

### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR BODY?



1. Which blood type is known as the "universal recipient"? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the largest organ of the human body? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the better known name for the Clavicle bone? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many pairs of ribs are in a typical human body? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which part of the body receives oxygen without a blood supply \_\_\_\_\_
6. What percentage of the human body is made up of blood -- 5%, 7%, 10%? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is the only bone in your head that can move? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many pairs of chromosomes do humans have? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What hormone, produced in the pancreas, regulates blood sugar levels? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is the term for the movement of eyes during sleep? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Which is the largest, strongest and longest bone of the body? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Which vitamin is known to prevent night-blindness? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Where are the Carpal bones? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Which side of the brain contributes to rational thought? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Which substance in the skin filters out harmful rays from the sun? \_\_\_\_\_

*To see how well you have done, check your answers on the back cover*

## Sylvia Harrington's Recipe for November

### BREAD PUDDING – Serves 6

#### Ingredients:

1 large white loaf  
 75 grams shredded suet  
 350 grams mixed dried fruit  
 50 grams mixed peel  
 2 teaspoons mixed spice  
 1 tablespoon golden syrup  
 75 grams butter  
 125 grams soft brown sugar  
 2 eggs beaten  
 2 tablespoons demerara sugar



#### Method:

- Preheat oven to 190°C Gas 5.
- Slice loaf and place in a large bowl. Add enough water to cover. Leave to soak for 30 mins. Place in a colander and press any excess water out.
- Transfer the bread to a mixing bowl and beat until smooth.
- Stir in the suet, fruit, peel, spice and syrup.
- Cream together the butter and soft brown sugar, then beat in the eggs. Add to the bread mixture and mix well.
- Turn into a greased ovenproof dish and sprinkle with demerara sugar.
- Bake in a preheated moderately hot oven for 1 hr 15 mins --- 1 hr 30 mins until firm and golden.
- Serve hot with custard or cream.



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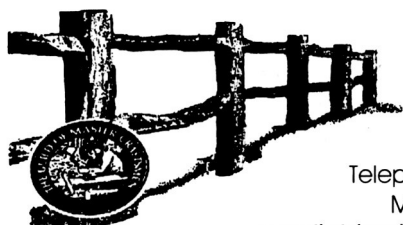
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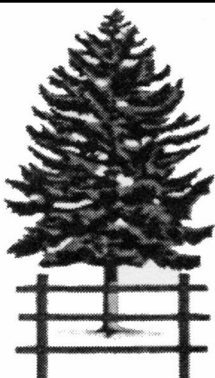
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I am very pleased to report that Christopher Frith, the magazine editor, has returned home from hospital on 29th September and has been making steady progress in his recovery. I wish him all the best and am looking forward to him returning to the driver's seat for the Parish magazine very soon!

Many of you will remember Colleen Gryspeert and her little dog, Dill. An update from Colleen's daughter, Pip Davine "Colleen has recently moved from Bredon Lodge and is now living happily at Winslow House Residential Home, Spring Hill, Nailsworth, Stroud GL6 0LS."



Lastly, my apologies that due to last minute editing, my contact details did not appear on the back cover of the October magazine. Thank you for the efforts people have used to get in touch with me!

Anne Choi Fordham



Colleen Gryspeert  
with her dog, Dill

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- 4) 12; 5) cornea; 6) 7%
- 7) lower jawbone; 8) 23; 9) insulin;
- 10) rapid eye movement (REM); 11) femur (thigh bone); 12) vitamin A;
- 13) wrist; 14) left side; 15) melanin

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