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Dear Friends,

As we approach November, I pray that you receive your paper version of this magazine ahead of the service below.' If not you should have seen details on our websites, on the 'From the Vicarage' emails and on our notice sheets.

Do you know that each year in the benefice we have a service where people gather to remember their loved ones who have died? I send named invitations to those whose funerals we have taken in the last 12 months in our churches and/or in the crematoriums. At some point we have all lost a loved one but sadly you will not receive an invitation to the service if your loss was more than a 12 months ago, or the funeral wasn't taken by myself. I would like to change that and personally invite you, your family and friends to come to the service of All Souls. The service this year will be at St Peter's Woolley on Thursday 2nd November at 7.00pm. During the service there are hymns, readings and prayers there is also an opportunity for everyone to light a candle in memory of the person they are holding in their heart. The names of loved ones are also read out in a special prayer. If you would like the name of your loved one (over 12 months) added to the prayer can I ask that you come at least 30 minutes before the service starts so we can take their name.

For those who have mobility concerns parking directly outside of the church is available. For all other parking I ask that you park around the village green which is no more than 5 minute's walk to the church.



We also remember each year in November those who have died in war. Acts of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorials in Chapelthorpe (Crigglestone cemetery) Woolley (on Church Lane) and in West Bretton (near the cricket ground). All Acts of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 12th November, please keep checking our parish websites for the exact times.

November or as I call Remember is a time to come together to give thanks for our loved ones and to feel the support of others who are going through the same journey. Remembering is not just for a particular month in the year, but it can be helpful to have specific times when communities come together to recall significant people and events. They have a meaning in the past, but also affect our present and future.

That is one reason why Christians gather Sunday by Sunday to share Holy Communion with one another, as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and celebrate what it means for us today. It's an act of the heart as much as of body and mind. And it's there for all who want to be a part of it.

Your friend and priest

Kevin



The poppies of Remembrance

In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.



The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year.

Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.

Holy Days

1st November

All Saints' Day – the feast day of all the redeemed

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,
And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
Who shall divide me from thy love?*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

*(Maurice Frost (ed.), *Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern* (London: Clowes, 1962), no. 274, verses 1,3,6.

Holy Days

3rd November

Richard Hooker – priest, apologist, teacher

Richard Hooker lived at a critical time for the Church of England. He became one of the most important English theologians of the 16th century.

He provided the Church of England with a theological method which combined the claims of revelation, reason, and tradition. Traditionally, he has been credited as the originator of the Anglican *via media* – the middle way between Protestantism and Catholicism.

Hooker was born near Exeter around 1554, educated at Corpus Christi College Oxford, and was then made fellow there in 1577, and deputy professor of Hebrew in 1579. In 1581 he was ordained, and later appointed as Rector of Drayton Beauchamp.

In 1585 Hooker was appointed Master of the Temple Church in London, but returned to rural ministry six years later, first at Boscombe in Wiltshire, and then at Bishopsbourne in Kent, where he died in 1600.

The 1580s and 1590s were a time of bitter theological disputes between the Church of England, after the 1559 Elizabethan Settlement of the C of E, and the growing Puritan party within the Church.

Hooker was implacably against Puritanism, and set about refuting it, and defending the Church of England in his magisterial eight-volume book *On the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*.

The book has been called "probably the first great work of philosophy and theology to be written in English." In it Hooker set out to demonstrate the superiority of episcopacy in the C of E, as opposed to bringing in the presbyterian system that the Puritans wanted.

Anglicanism, he said, was rooted in both Scripture and tradition, as suited a Church both Catholic and Reformed. And as human reason is a gift from God, he argued that this, too, was a vital element in interpreting both Scripture and tradition.

So, Richard Hooker was the first real apologist for Anglicanism. His contribution to Anglican thought was so huge that down the centuries he has won the backing of all wings of the Church: the evangelicals, Anglo-Catholics, and central churchmen.

The Rectory, St James the Least of All

On using Glebe land for allotments

My dear Nephew Darren

I hear you have joined the committee which wants to convert the waste land between the abandoned soap factory and canal in your parish into allotments – although I would have thought there were holier sorts of conversions you could have concentrated on. I am sure you will soon be caught up in arguments which make that little disagreement over an apple in the Garden of Eden seem quite trivial.

Some years ago, we similarly decided to let part of our Glebe land become allotments; the outcome was not wholly as may have been anticipated. Colonel Wainwright saw it as an opportunity of re-living his War years and was only just restrained from digging trenches around his plot; no doubt he would have offered to play football with neighbouring allotment holders on Christmas Day.

It caused some surprise when the Earl of Stowe applied for a plot, but it has become something of an attraction to see his daily procession, preceded by his gardener pushing the wheelbarrow, the under-gardener carrying the tools and following him, his butler with the newspaper, a deckchair, and a flask of coffee. He then settles down for a comfortable hour while occasionally supervising the work, once reports on the local hunt have been read.

Miss Simpson managed to unite everyone in communal outrage by using her plot to encourage fluffy bunnies, darling foxes, and sweet squirrels. She seemed to be particularly grateful to everyone else for providing fruit and vegetables for their happiness. Resolution was only achieved when she was convinced to grow potatoes, helping the Colonel in his War Effort. Fortunately, he did not ask her to arrive equipped with the regulation gas mask.

Our local architect seems to spend most of his time beautifying his garden shed, rather than growing produce. With its gothic arched windows, Norman tower and flying buttresses, I do wonder if he may have spent rather too much of his time renovating ancient churches. Neighbouring plot-holders look forward to the agricultural equivalent of the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

I am sure you will find you have committed yourself to many hours of unnecessary work. Just make sure you get a percentage of their produce for your Harvest Festival.

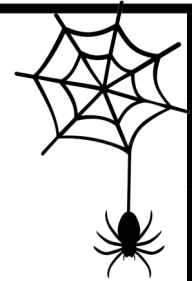
Your loving uncle, Eustace



Poetry Corner

Spiders

On a chill November morning
A spider's web, bedewed
With the moisture of the dawning
Will cheer our wint'ry mood.



'Tis one of nature's wonders
'Tis lovely to behold
Till a moth, unwary, blunders
Into its sticky fold.

The spider's role is savage
Its killing bite is sure.
Sweet nature then will ravage
'Tis red in tooth and claw.

Such goings-on we pardon,
We do not moan or grouse
If kept within the garden –
But not inside the house!

For webs across the doorway
Or underneath the bed
Are pretty much a sure way
To get *me* seeing red!

No house stays clean and tidy
When spiders are about,
Their webby messes spidery –
You cannot help but shout!

I wish, to our eight-legged friends
I could request, "Oh, please,
"Just go outside, don't be a pest!"
But I don't speak spider-ese.

By Nigel Beeton

All in the month of November

It was:

100 years ago: on 8th Nov 1923 that Christian Barnard, South African cardiac surgeon was born. He carried out the first successful human heart transplant in 1967. (Died 2001.)

Also 100 years ago, on 11th Nov 1923 that the eternal flame at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris was lit. It was the first modern-day eternal flame in Europe.

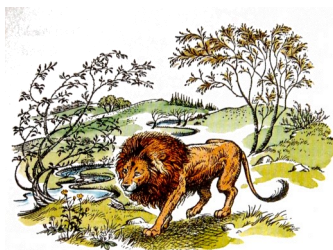
80 years ago, from 28th Nov to 1st Dec 1943 that the Tehran Conference in Iran was held. US President Franklin D Roosevelt, British Prime minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Leader Joseph Stalin met to discuss plans for a second front against Nazi Germany. This led to the D-Day assault on Normandy and the Allied invasion of occupied Europe, starting in June 1944.

75 years ago, on 4th Nov 1948 that American-born British poet and playwright T S Eliot won the 1948 Nobel Prize in Literature.

Also 75 years ago, on 14th Nov 1948 that Charles, King of England, was born.

60 years ago, on 22nd Nov 1963 that US President John F Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas by suspected gunman Lee Harvey Oswald.

Also 60 years ago, on 22nd Nov 1963 that CS Lewis, Irish-born British novelist, literary critic and academic, died. Best known for this book on Christian apologetics, and the Chronicles of Narnia.



Also 60 years ago, on 23rd Nov 1963 that the first episode of the science fiction television series Doctor Who was broadcast in the UK. It is the longest-running and most successful science fiction TV series in the world.

50 years ago, on 13th Nov 1973 that Britain declared a state of emergency as a strike by coal miners caused supplies to dwindle. A 3-Day Week was introduced to conserve supplies.

40 years ago, on 14th Nov 1983 that British Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine announced that the first American Cruise missiles had arrived at Greenham Common airbase.

30 years ago, on 1st Nov 1993 that the Maastricht Treaty came into effect, establishing the European Union. (EU).

20 years ago, on 22nd Nov 2003 that England won the Rugby World Cup for the first time.



15 years ago, on 14th – 15th Nov 2008 that the first G20 Summit was held in Washington DC. It was established as a result of the 2008 financial crisis.

Remembering the first heart transplant surgeon

100 years ago this month, on 8th November 1923, Christian Barnard, the South African cardiac surgeon, was born. He made history when he carried out the first successful human heart transplant in 1967.

Barnard qualified in medicine at the University of Cape Town in 1946. After practising for several years in Cape Town, he moved to the USA in 1955, where he worked at the University of Minnesota, partly with the open-heart surgery pioneer, Walt Lillehei.

Barnard returned to South Africa in 1958 as head of the Department of Experimental Surgery at the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town. It was here that he established a successful open-heart surgery programme.

In 1967 Barnard led the team that performed the world's first human-to-human heart transplant. The heart of Denise Darvall, an accident victim, was placed into the chest of 54-year-old Louis Washkansky, who then regained full consciousness and could even talk easily. Sadly, he died 18 days later of pneumonia, probably caused by the anti-rejection drugs which had suppressed his immune system.

In all, four of Barnard's first 10 patients survived for more than a year, with two of them living on for 13 and 23 more years respectively.

Barnard retired as head of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery in Cape Town in 1983. He was only 61, but rheumatoid arthritis in his hands ended his surgical career. During his remaining years, Barnard established the Christian Barnard Foundation, helping underprivileged children worldwide. He died in 2001, aged 78.



C S Lewis – remembering the creator of the Chronicles of Narnia



It was 60 years ago this month, on 22nd November, that the famous writer C S Lewis died. This Irish-born British academic, novelist and literary critic is best known for his novels on *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and his books on Christian apologetics.

Clive Staples Lewis was born in Belfast November 1898. He arrived in Oxford in 1917 as a student and stayed on as a fellow and tutor at Magdalen College for 29 years. In 1954 he moved to Cambridge University's Magdalene College, until his death in 1963.

C S Lewis's books include *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *the Space Trilogy*, *Mere Christianity*, *Miracles*, and *the Problem of Pain*.

Lewis was a close friend of JRR Tolkien, who also taught at Oxford. They were both active in the informal Oxford literary group known as The Inklings. Lewis had been baptised in the Church of Ireland, but then had abandoned his faith as a young man. He was converted to Christianity and became an Anglican at the age of 32, influenced by Tolkien and others. Lewis' faith had a profound effect on his work and writings, and his wartime radio broadcasts on Christianity made him famous.

In all, Lewis wrote more than 30 books, which have sold millions of copies. His *Chronicles of Narnia* was televised and filmed, and his Christian apologetical writings are still widely used today.

In 1956 Lewis married American writer, Joy Davidman, who died of cancer four years later, aged only 45. Lewis died on 22nd November 1963 from kidney failure.

In 2013, on the 50th anniversary of his death, Lewis was honoured with a memorial in Poets' Corner, in Westminster Abbey.

ST JAMES CHURCH

Social Committee



Saturday November 25th	Bingo Evening
Saturday December 2nd	Christmas Fair 1pm - 3.30pm
Saturday January 27th	Table top sale 1pm - 3pm
Saturday February 24th	Coffee morning with flower arranging demonstration 10.30 - 12 noon

Further details in December magazine

*All St James' Church social activities are detailed on
the notice boards, both inside and outside of church.*



Prize Bingo Evening at St James'

**Saturday November 25th
7pm**

Please come along to support our bingo evening...
Jonathon and Susan Shaw will be our hosts again.

Refreshments are also available

CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday 2nd December
1pm - 3.30pm**

St James' Church

**Come along and get into
the real festive spirit.**

**Many traditional stalls, including Raffle, Lucky bags,
Lucky Dip, Christmas gifts and decorations, children's
games, toys and SANTA!
Refreshments and lots more.**

**Santa arrives at 1.45pm.
Come and visit Father Christmas in
his grotto (£3 per child)
Each child will receive a gift**

We look forward to seeing you there!

All proceeds to St James' Church

Menu

Light Lunch

Thursday

November

30th

Light Lunch At St James

12 noon to 2pm.

Last orders 1.15pm

*Come along and share some
great homemade cooking!*

Menu

Home made soup, warm roll and butter

Main course TBC

Dessert and tea/coffee

£6.00

*The next Light Lunch will be on
March 21st*

HALL GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE



Versus Arthritis

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 10-00am
in Hall Green Community centre
1A Painthorpe lane.
Hall Green, Wakefield, WF43JU.

Why not come along and make new friends or
meet up with old ones.

Thursday 2nd November

Talk by a member of
Cancer Research on the
Origins of the charity.

Thursday 7th December

Christmas Lunch
to be arranged





CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets at 6pm on the first Tuesday of the month except in August and the 2nd Tuesday in January in The Village Institute, High Street, Crigglestone, WF4 3EB. Anyone wishing to bring any issue to the attention of the Parish Council can do so during the 15 minutes public participation session held at the beginning of the monthly council meeting.

The vacancy for a parish councillor is still open. Could you be interested? If you would like to know more, then please contact the Clerk on 07419 585 227.

Community Hero Award 2023 – Do you know of anyone that deserves to be nominated? The parish council annual newsletter will be circulating to homes in November. See the back page for the nomination form.

If residents of the parish know of any footpaths or roads in the parish that need attention, then please send the details to clerk@crigglestonepc.org or telephone 07419 585 227 (leave a message if there is no one available to answer the phone) and we shall pass this on to WMDC, alternatively contact your District Cllrs and give them the same information.

On the theme of footpaths, the Parish Council’s Planning and Rights of Way Committee are undertaking to record which of the parish’s public footpaths/bridleways/access paths and the like are properly registered with WMDC. This is a big undertaking and will take a considerable amount of time, but it is worth it for the future benefit of the parish residents.

6TH JUNE 2024 D-DAY 80th Anniversary. Details of how we will be marking the event will follow in due course.



Christmas Tree at the Nelson. To allay any concerns, the tree that has been damaged due to the electrical substation groundworks will be replaced.



Keep yourselves safe, be aware and report anything suspicious, unusual or concerning dial 101

In an Emergency always dial 999

Safe Scheme (additional policing for our Parish)

The Safe Scheme report from PC Firth (Safe Scheme Co-ordinator) for the preceding months can be viewed on the Parish Council website at <https://www.crigglestonepc.org/police-safe-scheme/>



‘101 live chat’ Contact the Police via the internet - Type in the link

www.westyorkshire.police.uk/101livechat This gives direct access to the Police without waiting on the phone, you can type in the details which can be distributed speedily to the appropriate Neighbourhood Police Team.

The more notifications 101 receives, the higher the incident figures show for that particular concern. This enables the Police to delegate officers to attend/make further enquiries.



**Crigglestone Village Institute
Charity Registered No. 510193
36 HIGH STREET, CRIGGLESTONE, WF4 3EB
Tel: Clerk to the Trustees 07384 977 412**

**Need a venue for your party, gathering,
coffee morning or class?
Then look no further and contact
THE VILLAGE INSTITUTE.**

A venue that has undergone a noticeable upgrade and which will meet your needs when holding your children's parties, coffee mornings/ afternoon teas, regular user group sessions or as a small training venue. Kitchen facilities, baby changing and ample parking to the rear of the building with disabled access are available.

Party/one off bookings: Contact the Caretaker Mrs Gordon on 01924 257350 between 6pm -9pm Monday to Friday. Please note a £10 deposit and completed booking form is required to secure the booking. Visit the website for the hiring policy and booking form.

Regular bookings: Contact Claire Cooper - Clerk to the Village Institute Trustees email: vicc@crigglestonepc.org [Tel: 07384 977 412](tel:07384977412). Please see the website <https://www.crigglestonepc.org/village-institute/> for the timetable of individual groups and their contact details.



SWVCM

South Wakefield Villages Community Markets



In conjunction with Crigglestone Parish Council and Crigglestone Village Institute the next seasonal market will take place on **Sunday 29th November 2023, 2pm until 7pm.**

With a mix of traditional market stalls (fruit & veg, bakery, preserves, flowers & plants) artisan crafts & gifts (wax melts, candles, crochet, jewellery, trinkets) and refreshments (tea, coffee & pop).

Hopefully the weather is suitable for some hot food, mulled wine and carol singing.

All proceeds from each market will be donated to local charities or good causes – November's beneficiaries are Springs Café Wakefield, Calder Grove Cricket Club Foodbank, The Village Institute.

Want to know more? contact via email swvcm@hotmail.com or check link on Crigglestone Parish Council Website or find us on Facebook 'South Wakefield Villages Community Markets'.

A message from Bishop John Flack

Bishop John thanks everyone for their support and friendship during the last three years since Julia died.

He is now moving into the Clergy Retirement Home in Scarborough.

From the 10th November his new address will be:

Bishop John Flack
Flat 15
Dulverton Hall
Esplanade
Scarborough
YO11 2AR

He will be pleased to see visitors there.



Our Favourite Hymns

Bishop John writes about

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Frances Ridley Havergal is the second of our female hymn writers in this series. Like Charlotte Elliot (see September issue) she was a vicar's daughter, though unlike Charlotte she only had a short life, dying at the age of 40 in 1879. she grew up as a committed Christian, leading a life typical of a Victorian single woman, dedicated to her faith and good works.

From her teenage years onward her output of hymns was considerable. She was a very able pianist and so she composed tunes for them as well. The words and music of her hymns were published in a book the year before her death under the title LOYAL RESPONSES.

By far the best-known of her hymns today is the splendid "Take my life and let it be". We sing it often at St James' and St Peter's. In this hymn Frances Havergal shows all her skills as a writer. It is written in rhyming couplets (two lines each rather than four)

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise
though modern hymn books always print it in four-line verses.

She wrote this hymn in 1874, when she had come to understand the Christian life as total submission to God's will, offering her whole life to Him in humble adoration. And so she writes:

TAKE my moments and my days: TAKE my hands and let them move:
TAKE my voice and let me sing: TAKE my silver and my gold:
TAKE my will and make it thine: TAKE my love, my Lord I pour:

Frances' early rather Protestant faith broadened out to include some Catholic insights as she learned the value of Confession and the Sacraments, though she remained a loyal Anglican to the end. She examined her conscience every day to see if there were any ways in



which she had offended God. She loved to be out of doors, finding God in the beauty of his creation. She walked for miles and miles, visiting friends always on foot. The New year was a special time for her; when she reconsecrated herself to God. She wrote several hymns to be sung on New Years Day including *Another Year is dawning* which is still sung today.

She was one of the first members of the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) and had a strong influence on the girls and young women who joined it. She promoted education for girls and women at a time when many important people thought it a waste of time. She liked sport and promoted women's participation in it. Whatever she did, it was all offered to God.

Frances Havergal gave her life completely to God and everyone she met, as her best hymn demonstrates. She worked herself so utterly that she died, exhausted, far too early. But her legacy lives on both in the church and in wider society.

I think of Frances Havergal whenever I see England's women footballers and cricketers take the field. She would be so pleased.

+John



Remembering the National Service – 60 years on



This year marks 60 years since the end of National Service. The Royal British Legion and the nation will be celebrating all that a generation of young men did for this country during those years, when conscription became just a part of growing up.

National Service drew in a staggering number of young men – more than two million of them were conscripted between the end of the Second World War and May 1963, when the last serviceman was demobbed.

Conscription had come about following the war, when there was a huge demand for military resources in Britain. Young service men were badly needed to retain the Empire, and to contribute to the occupation of Germany and Japan. Yet low birth rates in Britain in the 1930s meant there were fewer young men available for military service.

And so the 1947 National Service Act was brought in as a solution. It meant that young men aged 18 – 26 were required to serve in the Armed Forces for 18 months. They were sent to posts in the UK and to British garrisons around the world. Some fought on the front lines, and some worked as clerks. Some taught in the Education Corps, and some were on sentry duty.

For many of them, it would have been the first time they lived away from their family, let alone left the country. So the National Service made great demands on them – and left them with a wide range of experiences.

Sniffing out a wildfire

Have you ever been at home, and suddenly smelled something burning in the house? Most of us react to it immediately – fires spread quickly!

Well, now the National Trust has installed ‘electronic noses’ on a Yorkshire Moor to ‘sniff’ out wildfires. The electronic sensors will detect changes in the air at the very start of a wildfire, and immediately report its presence and exact location via a wireless network. This could prevent the wildfire spreading and causing havoc.

Currently most wildfires are only detected when people see flames and smell smoke – but by then the fire will have really taken hold – especially if it is in an obscure location.

Marsden Moor has been given the new sensors because there have been seven fires there already - this year alone. The fires have destroyed nearly two square miles of the moorland, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and is home to rare plants, wildlife, and carbon-rich peat.

This is the first time that detection devices have been used in Britain. If the scheme works, are electronic sensors the way forward for other conservation areas?



Happy Birthday, King Charles!



King Charles was born 75 years ago this month, on 14th November 1948, at Buckingham Palace in London. He was the longest-serving monarch-in-waiting in British history and did not ascend the throne until he was 73, following the death of his mother in September 2022.

Charles was crowned in the first coronation in seven decades, on 6th May 2023. His current title is King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

But King Charles has also become head of the Commonwealth, an association of 56 independent countries and 2.5 billion people. For 14 of these countries, as well as the UK, the King is head of state. These countries are known as the Commonwealth realms. They are Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, St Christopher and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.



IN THE NEWS!



What traits do we value in our children?

Recent research has found that 'independence' has overtaken 'obedience' in what we want from our children, but that having good manners is still seen as very important.

The Policy Institute at King's College London (KCL) found that parents value independence, good manners, hard work, determination, and perseverance in their children.

They also prioritise imagination, tolerance, and respect for others. But compared to earlier surveys, parents find it less important to teach a child to be unselfish.

Prof Bobby Duffy, director of the Policy Institute at KCL, said: "The qualities we'd like to see instilled in our children are important signals of what we value as a society - and the very clear message from these long-term trends is the increased importance of imagination and decline in how much we prize straightforward obedience.

"This doesn't mean we want a society of self-centred children, but there is a more general shift towards valuing self-expression, while still wanting our children to be positive and productive contributors to society."



Are you ready for the winter storms?

There are storms coming this winter. So says Ecclesiastical Insurance.

And so it has been giving advice on how to prevent damage to property during the coming storm season. Its recommendations include removing loose roof materials, repairing damaged guttering, and clearing blocked rainwater gullies.

According to the Association of British Insurers, last year's storms led to more than 170,000 claims, amounting to an estimated £500million for property damage.

Jeremy Trott, claims director at Ecclesiastical Insurance, said: "Unpredictable and extreme weather is becoming more prevalent in the UK, from heatwaves to flooding."



WORDSEARCH FOR NOVEMBER 2023

ST ANDREW



This month, on 30th November, Scotland remembers one of the very first disciples of Jesus. St Andrew is honoured, not for any mighty deeds of his own, but for his love of introducing people to Jesus. He went straight off and introduced his brother Peter to the Saviour, and followed that up by bringing Nathanael/Bartholomew to Jesus. 'Better Together' seems to have been his slogan, too! 'We have found the Messiah!', he told them, unable to keep the good news to himself.

Andrew's connection with Scotland dates back to the claimed translation of his remains from Patras in Achaia to Scotland in the eighth century. The church in Fife where these remains were buried became a place of pilgrimage during the tenth century. All of this may be no more than pious legend, but that St Andrew was highly regarded in Scotland and became its patron saint is beyond doubt.



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DISCIPLES
JESUS
ANDREW
HONOURED
PETER
NATHANAEL
BARTHOLOMEW

MESSIAH
SAVIOUR
PATRAS
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FIFE

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PLACE

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Citizens Advice.....0844 499 4138

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