

# CHRIST CHURCH

*in* NOVEMBER

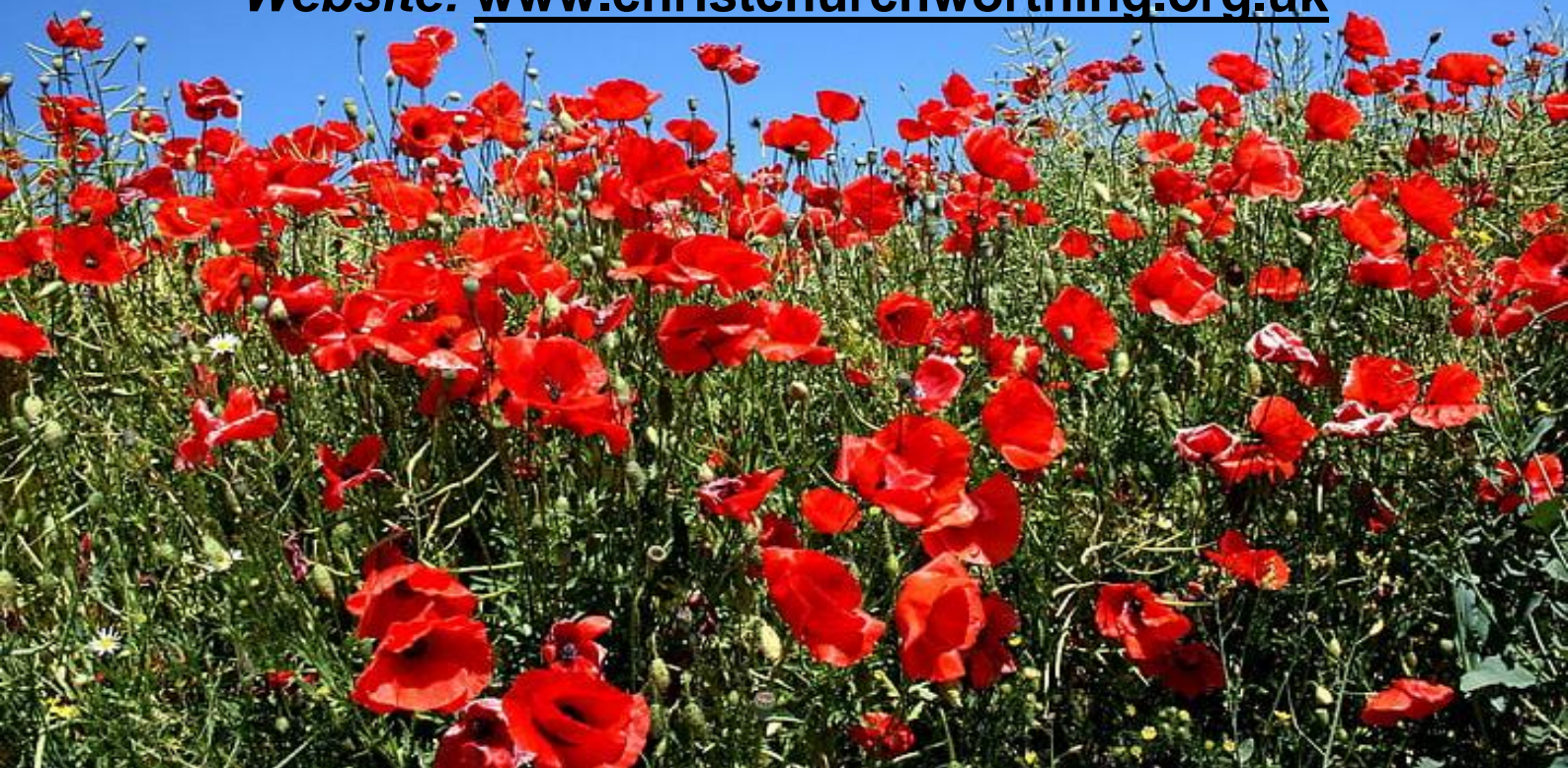


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# **Worship in November at Christ Church**

**7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion**

with Revd Maurice Slattery

**6pm BCP Evensong with Revd Roger Walker**

**11<sup>th</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**

with Revd Roger Walker

**14<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Remembrance Sunday**

**Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen**

**21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion**

with Revd Maurice Slattery

**6pm BCP Evensong with Revd George Butterworth**

**25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Thursday BCP HC**

with Revd Roger Walker

**28<sup>th</sup> 10.30am A Celebration of Life Morning Prayer**

with Revd Canon Muriel Pargeter

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**Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30 – 12 noon**

**Thursday 2.30 – 4pm**





## *The Inquisitive Child*

*Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?*

*Selling poppies in town today*

*The poppies, child are flowers of love*

*For the men who marched away.*

*But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?*

*Why not a beautiful rose?*

*Because, my child, men fought and died*

*In the fields where the poppies grow.*

*But why are the poppies so red Mummy?*

*Why are the poppies so red?*

*Red is the colour of blood, my child*

*The blood our soldiers shed*

*The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy*

*Why does it have to be black?*

*Black, my child is the colour of grief*

*For the men who never came back.*

*But why, Mummy, are you crying so?*

*Your tears are giving you pain.*

*My tears are my fears for you, my child*

*For the world is FORGETTING AGAIN*

# Poet's Corner

## Stigma



Mental health is so complex  
And can carry with it, shame.

It will affect young or old

No one is to blame.

They did not choose their illness

That causes them such strife.

To be understood is all they ask

To live a happy normal life.

Loved ones all around them,

Need your understanding too.

Your love and compassion

Will help see them through

So when you don't understand

Give them love from yourself.

To free them from the stigma

That surrounds mental health.

We must talk about it freely

Bring it out into the open air.

So all of those affected

Will know how much we care.



**Connie Apps**

## Daily Bread.

Each mortal day voices are heard,  
'Give us our daily bread',  
Much more that it should be preferred,  
To hear a cry instead,  
'Let hungry mouths be fed'.



Forgotten, oft, the world in want,  
Seen, not as in our keep,  
Unless surfeit it's greed confront,  
Entrapped in hunger deep,  
Famished faces weep.

If paternoster does mean aught

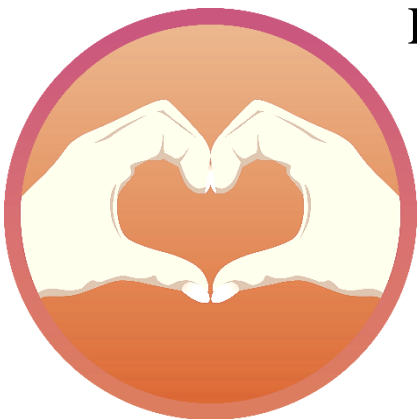
As part of Christian creed,  
Then let compassion in our thought  
For those in dire need  
Translate to wholesome feed.

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## Be Kind.

No more dissent or mindless moans,  
Put fits of pique aside;  
Enough of senseless silly groans  
That widen all divides-  
Let kindness be your guide!



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# WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

*Christopher Ward, until recently a regular member of Christ Church has kindly sent us this piece...*

A few weeks ago, the Edmonton Area Licensed Lay Ministers and Readers gathered at St Mary's, Finchley, for their annual Study Day. Unlike the clergy, who meet regularly in their Deanery Chapter, Lay Ministers gather only two or three times a year at most, so such events also have a valuable part to play in maintaining personal contacts and sharing experiences. This one was particularly special as it was the first opportunity for us to gather in person since the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

Our afternoon session was led by the Archdeacon of Hampstead. He had decided that activity was the best antidote to any post-lunch torpor, clearly knowing that we would all have enjoyed the excellent barbecue lunch expertly prepared by the Rector's wife. So we each had to write on post-it notes, and place on boards, brief responses to three questions: what do you rejoice in; what is the impact of your ministry; and what challenges do you face. Then we had to return to each of the three boards and place a marker on the answer that in each case most inspired us personally. And on each board, it transpired that there was indeed one particular response that stood out as having struck a chord with a significantly greater number of those present than any other.

It was the most popular response to the first question – what do you rejoice in – that really set me thinking. It was very brief, just four words, “I was worth calling.” That theme of ‘calling’ has been a feature of some of our readings recently.

When we celebrated St Matthew, we heard the description of his calling, and its denigration by those who could see no role for a tax collector for a hated occupying power in doing the work of God. But Jesus clearly saw Matthew as worth calling to be one of His disciples, and Matthew was sufficiently inspired by Jesus' invitation to immediately rise and follow Him. And when we celebrated St Michael and All Angels, we heard of the calling of the disciple Nathaniel.

As I have reflected on that response, I have realised that its relevance goes much wider than lay ministers. The reality is that, in our Christian lives, we are all 'called' in many ways. The earliest such call for many is, of course, their baptism, but it does not end there. Whether it is in the lives we lead or work or witness we do in or for the Church, there is a calling involved.

But there is also another very important concept embodied in those four simple words: that the calling is valued, valued by God. Personally, I find it immensely humbling that God considers each one of us worthy of being called into His service, whatever that may involve. And I cannot but be inspired by the knowledge that He has reached out to me and values my efforts, just as Jesus reached out to Matthew.

So, it does not surprise me that the words, "I was worth calling" had such a resonance that day: we should all be inspired in our faith and our life by the thought that we were considered worth calling by God.

Christopher Ward  
Reader



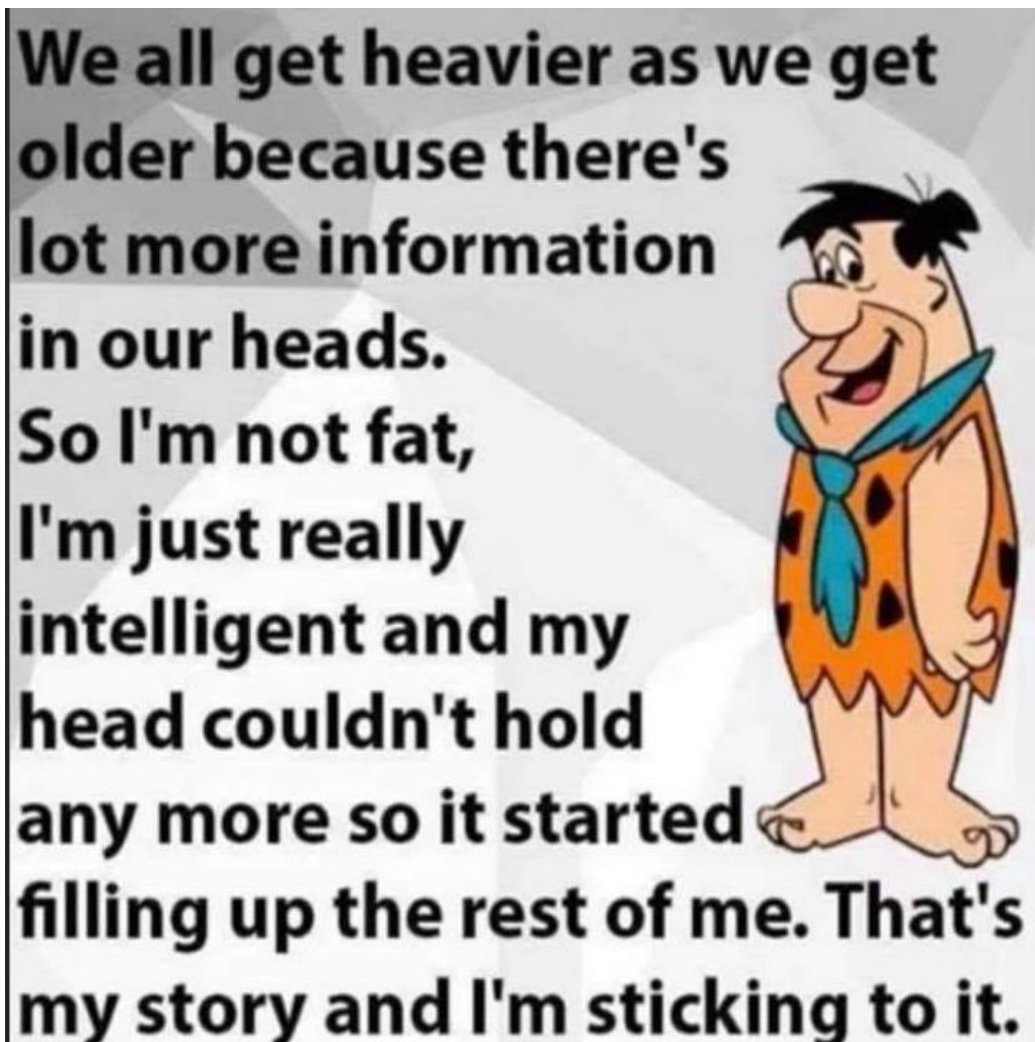
# Remember.....

***Old keys can't unlock new doors***

***The hands of the Almighty can often be found on the end  
of one's own arms!***

***Our souls are a work in progress between ourselves and  
the Almighty***

***Don't wait for things to get better.  
Life will always be complicated.  
Learn to be happy right now,  
otherwise, you'll run out of time***





## AFTERS

"Barely the day started and it's already six in the evening.

Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday.

.. and the month is already over... and the year is almost over... and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed.

.. and we realise that we lost our parents, friends... and we realise it's too late to go back.

So... Let us try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time.

Let's keep looking for activities that we like.

Let's put some colour in our grey.

Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.

And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left.

Let's try to eliminate the afters...

I'm doing it after. I'll say after.

I'll think about it after.

We leave everything for later like "after" is ours,  
because what we don't understand, is that:

Afterwards, the coffee gets cold. afterwards,  
priorities change. Afterwards, the charm is broken.

Afterwards, health passes. Afterwards, the kids  
grow up. Afterwards parents get old.

Afterwards, promises are forgotten.

Afterwards, the day becomes the night.

Afterwards, life ends. and then it's often too late.

So...

Let's leave nothing for later. Because still waiting to  
see later, we can lose the best moments, the best  
experiences, best friends, the best family.

The day is today. The moment is now.

We are no longer at the age where we can afford to  
postpone what needs to be done right away."

It looks like an eternity,

but it's a short trip,

Enjoy life and always be kind.

## **“Finding God in All Things.”**

Most people love surprises!

There are some, though, who cannot stand surprises and yet, these are the ones who are usually caught off their guard; they are often taken very much by surprise, sometimes only becoming aware of the surprise when it has by-passed them.

It is very interesting to reflect upon our own preferences in respect of the unexpected; to ponder those things that we do not mind getting unexpectedly and also those things we would much rather not come our way.

Dare we ask ourselves the question,

“Why the one and not the other?”

What about the originator of either or both?

Living life at a high level of expectancy necessarily entails an equally high level of risk. Yet, this happens to be the challenge that confronts everyone, especially those of some form of religious faith, every day of his/her life.

There is something immensely exciting about living life at a high level of expectancy; looking out for surprises as or when they might come our way; when and where, but not necessarily ‘How?’.



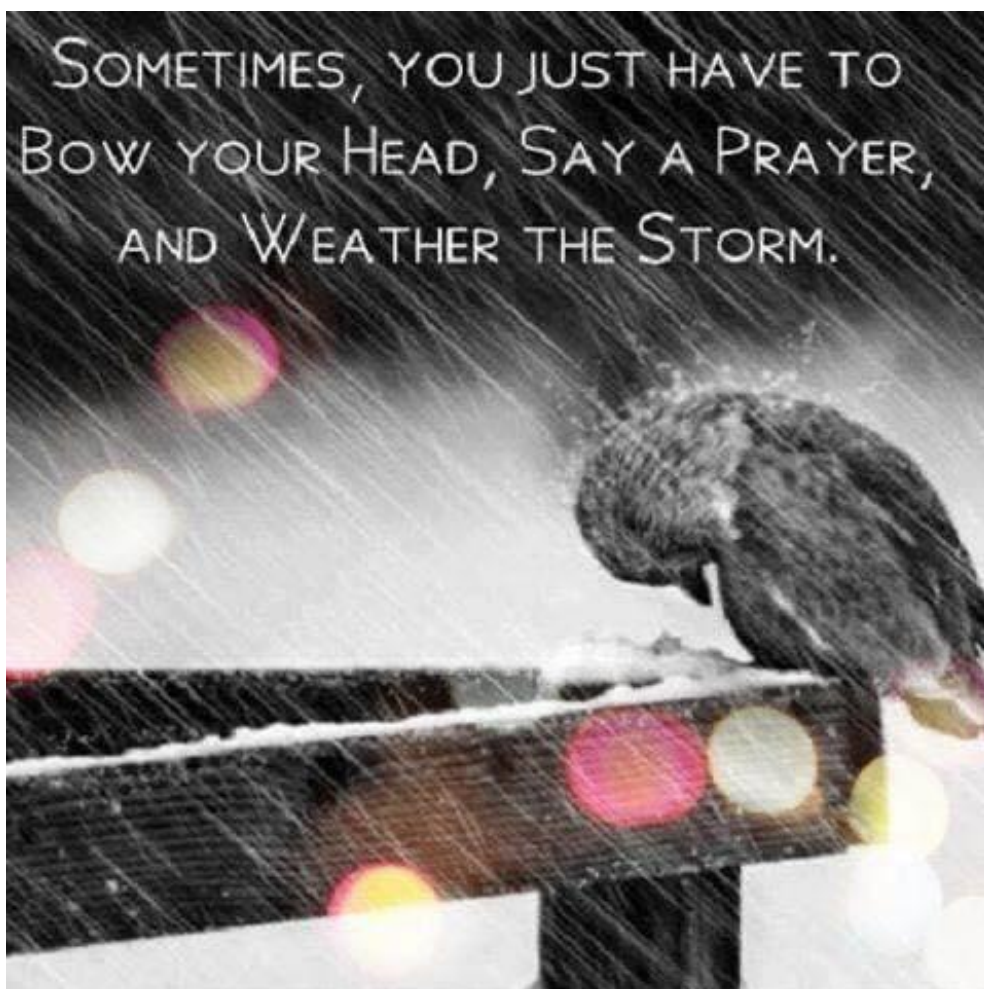
It is not enough, though, to live life at high levels of expectancy; the powers of perception or discernment need to be sharpened or honed. One needs to be able to “see”, to “hear”, to “feel” and, generally, to be more acutely aware of the nudgings/promptings of God’s Spirit that moves constantly and unobtrusively in and through Creation – all that lives and breathes; recovering, restoring, reshaping, remoulding and devising new challenges for His people – challenges and opportunities which can help and enable them to be transformed or to grow into the sort of beings they are intended to be.

This is clearly not as easy as it may sound. That is probably why Jesus, and later St Paul, offers a tiny but most important piece of counsel – if not an admonition – “Be on the alert!” Watch out for the nudgings and the promptings; be sensitive to what comes through to you in your own feelings, thoughts and, indeed, in your own experiences.

It is good to live our lives filled with expectancy. Every Christian, nay, every human being should live her or his life with a profound sense of anticipation and alertness. Is such an attitude not at the heart of ‘Faith’ and ‘Hope’?

For Christians, the Season of Advent which begins Sunday, 28th November, could be a time to reflect on *"Where they are on "Life's journey"* and *"Where they are heading"*. In other words, do some sign-watching in their lives. Although such 'sign-watching' should be an on-going procedure throughout life, this is a good time to start...or re-start. Become more keenly aware of what is happening within...and outside themselves.

Hope you are 'in' for many surprises... mostly pleasant ones.... All of them creative!  
(*Elliott Allison.*)



## *Having a Laugh!!*

A duck was standing by a busy roadside, waiting for a break in traffic as cars went roaring by.

A chicken walks up and says, "Don't do it, mate. You'll never hear the end of it."

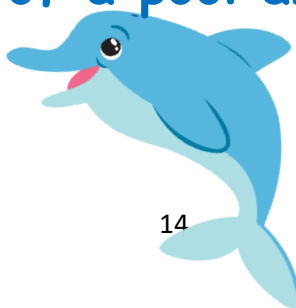
A bunch of books fell on my head this morning. I've only got my shelf to blame.

I bought a thesaurus today, and when I got home, I found out all the pages were blank.  
I literally have no words to describe how annoyed I am.....

Why is Peter Pan always flying? He Neverlands.  
I love this joke because it never grows old.

I caught my son chewing on electrical cords. So I had to ground him. He's doing better currently and conducting himself properly.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity they can train people to stand on the edge of a pool and throw them fish?!







# CHRIST CHURCH WORTHING

## Services and Events...



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 12.30pm – 1.30pm**  
Richard Bowen Classical Guitarist

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 10.30am to 12 noon**  
Christmas Mini market

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Sunday 10.30am**  
a 'Celebration of Life' Service of Morning Prayer

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**  
Annual Christmas Tree Festival

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**  
Candlelight Service of 9 Lessons and Carols

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 11.30am - Film Show**  
Followed by 'Soup and a scone' [with jam and cream!]

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March & 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
**12 noon – 1.30pm**  
Lent Lunches – Soup, a roll and fruit

**Tuesday 31st May 2022 12.30pm – 1.30pm**  
Yoko Ono Concert Pianist

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022**  
Paul Gregory Classical guitarist/Cellist

**Sea Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen  
Donations for Mission to Seafarers





# Christmas Mini Market

Saturday  
20th November  
10.30am to 12 noon.

Come along to our  
Christmas Mini market!



Raffle



Crafts

Live Christmas music

Bottle Stall



Christmas stall, including Christmas  
gifts and non-perishable food

