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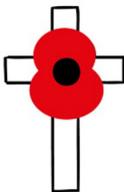
Sunday 9 November

10am

Service of Remembrance

3.30pm

Memorial Service



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND THE KING

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DECEMBER MAGAZINE

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*The November Magazine
will be available
from Sunday 26th October*

FR. MICHAEL'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

November is a time of remembrance, reflection, and anticipation as we look towards Advent and the coming season of hope.

November is a month in which we pause to remember those who have gone before us. Our All Souls' Eucharist, which will be on Monday 3rd November at 7 pm, allows us to honour the memory of loved ones and to give thanks for the legacy of faith handed down through the generations. We will also have our annual memorial service on Sunday 9th November at 3.30 pm. This remembrance encourages us to pray for one another, and to strengthen our bonds as a parish community.

Another significant moment this month is St. Edmund's Day, which we will celebrate on 16th November with a Sung Eucharist at 3 pm, followed by afternoon tea (There will be no 10 am Eucharist that day). St. Edmund, King and Martyr, is remembered for his steadfast faith and courage in the face of adversity. His story reminds us of the power of faithfulness and the cost of discipleship. As we mark his day, may we be inspired by his example to stand firm in our own faith, whatever challenges may come.

I am sure you will by now have heard of the truly historic moment for the Church of England that Bishop Sarah our Diocesan Bishop was selected to be the first female Archbishop of Canterbury. This landmark event is not only significant for our church, but also for the wider Anglican Communion and society at large. Bishop Sarah's appointment is a testament to the progress we have made towards greater inclusion and equality within the church. Her leadership promises to bring fresh insight, compassion, and wisdom. We hold her in our prayers as she embarks on this new journey, trusting that her ministry will inspire us all.

On Monday 1st November the Parochial Church Council will be meeting away from the Parish to look together at our future plans for mission. Fr. Robert Chapman, Vicar of St. Martin's, Ruislip, will be facilitating the day which will hopefully result in us producing a Mission Action Plan (MAP). A MAP is a process of strategic planning which will allow us to reflect on the opportunities and resources available and helps to direct our activities and decision-making over the coming years. The heart of MAP is a *process* by which we come to understand our mission and put it into effect, rather than the *product* of a document. It is important that we have a MAP that is up to date and relevant to our current position. Thank you to all who completed the Parish Survey recently, which will be very helpful in the process of producing a MAP. Please do keep all of this and the PCC in your prayers.

With every blessing for the month ahead,

Fr. Michael

CALENDAR AND PRINCIPAL SERVICE READINGS NOVEMBER 2025

Principal Service - Sung Eucharist at 10.00 am every Sunday,
except on Sunday 16th November

- 2 SUN ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**
Daniel 7.1-3,15-18, Ephesians 1.11-end, Luke 6.20-31
12.15 pm Bring and Buy Sale
- 3 Mon All Souls' Day** - Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
7.00 pm Requiem Said Eucharist
- 9 SUN 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT; REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
Job 19.23-27a, 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-end, Luke 20.27-38
3.30 pm Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Romans 8.31-39, John 14.1-3
- 11 Tues 2.30 pm Women's Guild
- 16 SUN 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
Malachi 4.1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13, Luke 21.5-19
NOTE - There is NO 10 am Service today
ST. EDMUND THE KING PATRONAL FESTIVAL
3.00 pm Sung Eucharist, followed by Afternoon Tea
Proverbs 20.28, 21.1-4,7, Romans 8.35-end, John 12.24-26
- 23 SUN SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT; CHRIST THE KING**
Jeremiah 23.1-6, Colossians 1.11-20, Luke 23.33-43
- 29 Sat 11.30 am CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
- 30 SUN 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Isaiah 2.1-5, Romans 13.11-end, Matthew 24.36-44

OTHER DIARY DATES

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| Sunday 21 st December | 6.30 pm | Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols |
| Tuesday 24 th December | | Christmas Eve |
| | 4.00 pm | Blessing of the Crib |
| | 11.00 pm | Midnight Mass |
| Wednesday 25 th December | | Christmas Day |
| | 10.00 am | Eucharist |
| Tuesday 31 st December | 5.30 pm | New Year's Eve Devotion & Benediction |
| Sunday 5 th January | | The Epiphany |
| Saturday 11 th - Saturday 18 th January | | St. Edmund's Pantomime
"Hickory Dickory Dock" |

SUNDAY SCHOOL



at St Edmund's Church

**For more information
call Carol 07827 159 586**



**BRING - AND - BUY
SALE**

**1st SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH**

11.15am IN THE HALL

Part of our Eco Church Project

St. EDMUND'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting will be
at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 11th November
for a Talk by Sarah Parnaby
On her Favourite Saints
followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

St. EDMUND'S YOUTH GROUP

Meets usually every 2 weeks
on Wednesdays during term time;
7.30 - 9 pm, in the Hall. Open to all aged 10-16.

Contact Steve Castle on 020 8868 0482 for information.

See www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk/youthgroup
for details and dates



St. EDMUND THE KING PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday 16th November

3.00 pm Sung Eucharist
followed by
Afternoon Tea, in the Hall

A SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

3.30 pm Sunday 9th November

This Service, in Church on Remembrance Sunday
is an opportunity to remember our loved ones,
especially those who have died recently.

The service will be followed by refreshments

EVERYONE IS WARMLY WELCOMED

PRAYERS FOR REMEMBRANCE

Remembrance Sunday will be especially poignant this year, as Russia's war on Ukraine and conflict in the Middle East continue to cast long shadows over Europe. But Remembrance is also a time to remember those whom we have loved and lost. So, these prayers may help direct your thoughts as you think back ...

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts of those in authority and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew and whose memories we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

O God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion upon the anguish of the world and, by thy healing power, make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Father, you know our hearts and share our sorrows. We are hurt by our parting from those whom we loved: when we are angry at the loss we have sustained, when we long for words of comfort, yet find them hard to hear, turn our grief to truer living, our affliction to firmer hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

Whilst on the formal meeting side of things summer was fairly quiet in regards to the PCC, however, as you'd expect, the Council members and other volunteers were busy behind the scenes getting everything ready for Autumn when usual service resumes.

We are fortunate at St. Edmund's with the number of sub-committees who carry out invaluable work around the church to support the PCC and wider church; cleaning, gardening, general maintenance, bin gathering and putting out, recycling sorting, refreshment making, sides-people, regular administration and record keeping.

As a PCC we've had a busy start to Autumn with the interviewing and selecting of a Quinquennial Inspector, working on the necessary steps for our ongoing Scout Hut project, in addition to the usual business of finance, ensuring safeguarding training is current, utility contracts offer the best value and general maintenance.

Who or what is a Quinquennial Inspector (QI) I hear you ask? Well, put simply, it's someone who carries out an inspection of church buildings to support the PCC in making sure they are kept in good repair. As you would expect there is a protocol set out for this:

Every five years, church buildings must be inspected by a suitably experienced and qualified professional, appointed after consultation with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) to support the PCC to make sure the building is kept in good repair. The QI inspects the building and provides a report including a prioritised list of works and repairs. The DAC maintains a register of Inspectors currently working in the diocese, which helps. The PCC selects and then interviews candidates.

Members of the Standing Committee interviewed candidates and completed a report which was given during an extraordinary PCC meeting where one candidate was recommended to the DAC for appointment. The DAC have now accepted this appointment and we have our new QI! Next, we will have the inspection itself. The PCC will need to gather all the necessary and relevant reports including gas boiler servicing records, electrical inspection certificates, fire extinguisher maintenance records, lightning conductor inspection records, the Church Log Book and Inventory and other reports to provide to the QI to assist them with the inspection.

As you can imagine all of this takes time and therefore this is a to be continued report where I hope to bring you the next phase of the process as the PCC travels along this journey.

Amanda Roberts, PCC Secretary

2nd NORTHWOOD (ST. EDMUND'S) SCOUT GROUP

Marjorie Pimm

SQUIRREL SCOUTS. Following the successful trial of our Squirrel Scouts' Challenge, it is hoped that a Squirrel Drey will be opened in November, meeting in the Church Hall on Tuesdays 5pm - 5.45pm. This group is aimed at children from 4-6 years old, helping them to gain skills for life with outdoor activities, fun, games and badges and opportunities to visit local campsites.

SCOUTS attended the District camp at Lees Wood at the beginning of October, which was much enjoyed by all participants. After a full day learning new scouting skills, the team undertook a 6km night hike. There were also activities and competitions in which they excelled. Zachary is to be congratulated on becoming the top air rifle shooter in the District. In addition, they won the sedan chair race, for which their teamwork was highly commended.

As always, a big thank you to our leaders who worked hard over the weekend, setting up, cooking, instructing and helping to make this camp such a success.

CUB SCOUTS started the Autumn Term with an exciting night hike around Pinner Hill Golf course, scampering among the trees attired in glowing yellow and silver hi-vis jackets and head torches, giving a few shocks to local dog walkers. They have also had a day of adventure at Paccar Activity Centre, enjoying the various challenges.

BEAVER SCOUTS continue to flourish and have welcomed new leader, Katie.

With the ever-increasing numbers wishing to join our Group, we are looking for adults to volunteer as leaders and helpers particularly in the Squirrels (4-6 years) and Beaver (6-8 years) sections.

If you would like more information, please contact the 2nd Northwood Group Lead Volunteer Amanda Roberts at amanda.roberts@renscouts.org.uk



Ruislip Eastcote and Northwood Scout District

RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE



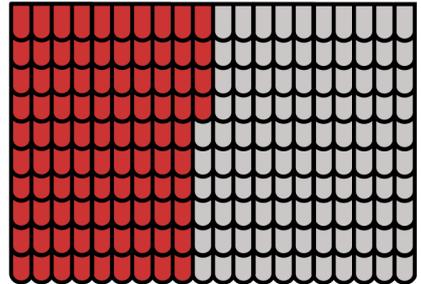
During October we received the good news that the London Diocesan Advisory Committee has approved our PCC's recommendation to appoint a new Quinquennial Inspector. This means we can proceed with our Faculty application (ecclesiastical planning permission) and, after this is granted, apply for planning permission from the London Borough of Hillingdon. Our fundraising efforts have also been continuing apace with a splendid quiz evening hosted by Arrow Players, the net proceeds from which are going to Raise the Roof. The success of this, combined with further personal donations,

means we are able to colour in another tile on our virtual roof and, as you can see below, we have now raised £94,000. Thank you to everyone who organised and participated in the quiz and to those who, although unable to attend, made donations in support of the event. Our next major fundraising event is the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 29th November; please do put this date in your diary.

Personal Donations: An Appeal

We will only be able to reach our target through a combination of prayer, collective fundraising events, grants and personal donations.

If, after prayerful thought and consideration, you feel able to make a personal donation towards the Hall and Lady Chapel roof replacement, it would be greatly appreciated.



£94,000 raised £106,000 to raise

Donations may be made in several ways:

- by bank transfer to our account with CAF Bank (preferred method, as we receive the whole amount with no fees taken):
 - account name: PCC of St. Edmund The King, Northwood Hills
 - sort code: 40-52-40
 - account number: 00017222
 - optional reference "Raise the Roof"
- by online donation via credit or debit card or PayPal by clicking the "Donate here" button on our website: www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk
- by cheque, made payable to PCC of St. Edmund The King (with "Raise the Roof" written on the reverse, please). Cheques may be sent to The Treasurer, St. Edmund's Church, 2 Pinner Road, Northwood. HA6 1QS.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

With my best wishes, Steve Castle

Greetings to you all in St. Edmund's own month!

Firstly, Marjorie Pimm reports on our recent Harrow Concert Band performance.

“The Hills were alive to the sound of the Harrow Concert Band on Saturday 27th September, when we were treated to ‘A Night at the Proms’. The first half consisted of pieces by Leonard Bernstein, Leo Delibes’ Flower Duet from *Lakme*, ‘Coldplay in Symphony’ arranged by Bert Apperment, and two pieces by Leroy Anderson including the humorous Sandpaper Ballet, where the percussionists had their day, rubbing together sandpaper blocks in 3 grades – coarse, medium and fine - to imitate the sound of old Vaudeville soft shoe dance. This was highly effective and could be clearly heard from the back of the church.

After the interval came the Last Night lollipops – they were all there, including Henry Wood’s Fantasia on British Sea Songs, ‘Amazing Grace’, ‘Jerusalem’, ‘Rule Britannia’, and the evening coming to a climax with ‘Land of Hope and Glory’ from Elgar’s Pomp and Circumstance March No.1, which the audience belted out with great gusto amidst much enthusiastic flag waving.

This was a most enjoyable evening of light entertainment, suitable for all the family. Our grateful thanks go to the players of the Harrow Concert Band and especially their leader, Grant Bentley. They will be back on Saturday 13th December.”

Our Harvest Thanksgiving took place on Sunday 5th October - an All-Age Service. The church was beautifully decorated with floral displays in autumnal shades, a corn-sheaf loaf, fresh produce including a pumpkin, and a collection of grocery gifts for Watford New Hope Trust. There was a good-sized congregation present.

Mark had chosen harvest-themed music for the prelude and postlude: the former was the merry ‘Haymakers’ Dance’, and the latter the bright, rippling ‘Tocatta for Harvest’. Our hymns, both old and new, reminded us to give thanks for the earth and the harvest - and the choir sang the much-loved anthem by Maurice Greene, ‘Thou visitest the earth and blessest it’, from Psalm 65.

The theme of Fr. Michael’s sermon was bread, that vital part of the world’s diet - and how Jesus is the true bread of life, that sustains us. To illustrate the feeding of the five thousand mentioned in our Gospel reading, he passed round pieces of bread to the congregation. In the same passage Jesus reminds His disciples how their ancestors were fed manna in the wilderness. To symbolise this, Fr. Michael distributed some delicious honey bread he had made himself! Then he sent the cubs and scouts to search for other kinds of bread, hidden around the church; they found kinds from several different countries, including pitta, naan bread, ciabatta and Greek flatbread. We were encouraged to reflect on the providence of God regarding our physical needs, but also how only Jesus can satisfy our spiritual hunger.

In our prayers, to the song 'What a Wonderful World', we viewed some beautiful images of nature, places and people, and gave thanks for all God's gifts.

Afterwards we had a splendid lunch, with a variety of dishes prepared by the congregation. It was a cheerful and friendly occasion, and we are grateful to Glenda Greenfield and her team for their efforts in serving us all, not to mention their speedy and efficient clearing-up. Many thanks!

Saturday 11th October was an eventful day. In the morning, there was a meeting for 'Ladies in Faith Together' (LIFT) at London School of Theology, where the speaker was Sue Stamper-Iveson, who was an artist, storyteller and an executive coach, a Lay Minister and a former employment lawyer! Her subject was 'Way-finding in Uncertain Times' - a pertinent theme for today.

After a refreshing breakfast and time of worship, Sue read us a Japanese version of the Psalm 23, which started: 'The Lord is my pace-setter'. It helped us to visualise Jesus beside us on our journey of Life. Then she gave us a handout containing seven steps to help us on our journey, each supported by Bible verses. The steps were: 'Give thanks' (for God's presence in our lives); 'Choose to follow' (taking small steps at a time); Remember the Guide (Jesus the Good Shepherd): 'Use the Light' (God's Word in the Bible); 'Pray'; 'Be aware' (noticing God's presence in our everyday lives) and 'Walking with Jesus' - putting our hand in His.

The talk was illustrated by some of Sue's beautiful paintings and photos of places where she'd walked in Scotland. There were a couple of activities for us: drawing a path of our lives and plotting where our first encounters with God happened; and each of us were given part of an OS map, on which we had to plan a route of our choice and see where our 'steps' took us. (I ended up in a swamp!) We were reminded that if we trusted God, He would lead us home - and we could receive help on the way by talking to fellow-Christians. It was a useful and sociable day. Come and join us next time!

That afternoon our choir headed for St. John's, Stanmore for the Deanery Choirs' Festival. Seven choirs were represented, three of which contained children. The theme was 'Heirs to the Kingdom'. The music and readings joyfully told of the glorious nature of the Kingdom of God and the amazing truth that we too are its heirs, because of Jesus' victory over death. The choirs began with 'Rejoice, the Lord is King' by Malcolm Archer - a wonderfully exuberant piece—and then John Barnard's equally lively Psalm 47 ('God is the King') after the first Reading. We also sang Psalm 45 (*I will exalt thee O God*) to a traditional English chant by Thomas Hanforth.

After a reading from St. John's Gospel ('...if I be lifted up I will draw all men to me') we sang Stainer's poignant version of 'God so loved the world'. Our Area Dean, Matthew Stone, gave an inspiring address, demonstrating how music can reflect the beauty of the Kingdom of Heaven, along with kind deeds and right behaviour. Our next choral piece, the moving 'Greater Love' by John Ireland, spoke of the love which was shown by Jesus in dying for us, and how this has made us heirs to His Kingdom, if we place ourselves in His service.

The choir's final rendering was 'But thanks be to God' from Handel's 'Messiah' - a strenuous sing, but we gave it all we had left! It was an uplifting service; thanks are due to all who took part and put it together, including Mark, our own Director of Music, who prepared us for performance.

Unfortunately, I couldn't make the concert at St. Edmund's that evening, but Steve Castle writes:

'On Saturday 11th October Trinity Orchestra gave us a wonderful evening of music. The evening began with a short talk about the music given by the Conductor, Adrian Brown, who has conducted many famous orchestras around the world. The musical menu included Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave), Elgar's Sea Pictures and Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique. The performances were first class and I can't recommend them highly enough. Their next concert is on Saturday 15th November at 7.30pm (talk at 7pm) and will include Sibelius' Symphony No. 1, Wagner's Flying Dutchman Overture, Walton's Orb & Sceptre and Elgar's Wand of Youth Suite No. 2. Tickets are £15 adults, £12 concessions, £5 students and under 18s go free.'

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday 14th October, when Carol Diggins gave an illustrated talk on the past history of the house where her son Mark now lives. Her research started when a family photograph, most likely Edwardian, was found in the attic. This set Carol on a mission to find out who had lived in the house. One of the obstacles was that the name of the road had changed!

Once this was realised, they had to make sure they had the correct house, as the houses had names, not numbers, on the register. (Her grandchildren helped with this!) It turned out that it had a Scottish name, as did the first owner, who had sold gas-lamps and fittings - and the lady of the house had worked for a heraldic artist!

By 1921 the house belonged to a Mr. R. J. (name supplied). Carol managed to find out quite a lot about his family: his father, from Sussex, was a grocer and ironmonger, and was married twice: he had nine children altogether. Carol found other documents referring to the financial position of his second wife, after he died, aged 38.

R., born 1879, was brought up in Sussex, and after a boarding-school education, worked in London at two well-known department stores. Newspaper cuttings reveal that he was commended for his performances as a singer and amateur actor! On the 1911 census, R's stated employment was a 'Manufacturer's Agent dealing in lace'.

R. met L. H., a seamstress in an Oxford Street shop, and married her in 1912. They had two daughters and kept a general servant. They were still living at the house in 1923, but at some point, R. moved to Chesham Bois, where he died aged 59 in 1938.

It is very likely that the photograph that started the research, was of their family. It's so fascinating how Carol's determination led her to learn so much out about these people, through 'Ancestry', newspaper archives, old maps, census forms, etc. It was a most interesting talk - thank you, Carol - and was followed by the usual splendid tea. Many thanks to all!

On Saturday 18th October, we enjoyed the Quiz Evening organised by Arrow Players to swell the Raise the Roof fund. It was a very enjoyable - and challenging - evening, with a variety of different types of question. The food was lovely as well, with different versions of 'ploughman's' and some delicious desserts, especially the lemon meringue roulade! Three of the teams came first, including ours, but a tie-break based on guessing how many chocolates were in a box made the Vicar's team come first as it did last year! Many thanks to Arrow Players for organising this event, and especially to Glenda Greenfield and her team in the kitchen and to Mike Warrick for hosting the quiz itself, Laura Warrick for keeping the score and Glenda (again) for compiling the questions. And the evening made the princely sum of £750! Many congratulations!

On Sunday 19th October we held our Dedication Festival (the Birthday of our Church) which was followed by drinks and nibbles to celebrate Connie Ambrose's 90th birthday (on 22nd October). Another reason for big congratulations!

November is always a busy month at St. Edmund's. On Sunday 2nd we shall be celebrating All Saints' Day with an All-Age service, and on Monday 3rd we shall keep All Souls' Day with a said Requiem Mass at 7pm. Sunday 9th is Remembrance Sunday, and there is also a Memorial Service at 3.30pm, especially for those who have lost loved-ones this year. On Tuesday 11th at 2.30pm at Women's Guild, I shall be giving a talk entitled 'My Favourite Saints', and on Saturday 15th at 7.30pm you can hear Trinity Orchestra (see the details on page 21). Then on Sunday 16th at 3pm we are holding our Patronal Festival Eucharist, followed by Afternoon Tea. Saturday 29th is, of course, the Christmas Bazaar, and then we're into Advent!

HARVEST GIFTS

On Thursday 9th October I took the food items that had been donated by the congregation of St. Edmund's at Harvest time to New Hope in Watford. They were extremely grateful for our contributions as it enables the charity to support the homeless people who seek their aid.

Carol Diggins





ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH
Pinner Road, Northwood Hills, HA6 1QS



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER

11.30 am - 2 pm Admission Free

TOYS

GIFTS

VISIT Fr. CHRISTMAS' GROTTO



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All Profits to St. Edmund's



"Raise the Roof" Project





ST. EDMUND'S FLOWER GUILD

Would you like to be part of the team that
prepares flower arrangements
for the Church?

We are looking for volunteers
to join the team

No immediate experience is required -
learning on the job is all part of the fun.

If you would like to find out more,
please talk to Glenda Greenfield -
07850 581 551.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

Mike Godden

All Saints' Day celebrates those in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living.
(from Common Worship)

1. For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy Name, O Jesu, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
All are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!
5. *For the Apostles' glorious company,
Who bearing forth the Cross o'er land and sea,
Shook all the mighty world, we sing to Thee: Alleluia, Alleluia!*
6. *For the Evangelists, by whose blest word,
Like fourfold streams, the garden of the Lord,
Is fair and fruitful, be Thy Name adored. Alleluia, Alleluia!*
7. *For Martyrs, who with rapture kindled eye,
Saw the bright crown descending from the sky,
And seeing, grasped it, Thee we glorify. Alleluia, Alleluia!*
8. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!
9. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!
10. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia, Alleluia!
11. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verses 5, 6 and 7 are not included in the New English Hymnal, and are rarely used, except when a long procession takes place. Verses 8, 9 and 10 are also often omitted.

The text of the hymn was written in 1864 by Rev. William Walsham How (1823-1897). He was born at Shrewsbury educated at Shrewsbury School, Wadham College, Oxford and University College, Durham. He was ordained in 1846 and served as Curate at St. George's, Kidderminster, and at Holy Cross, Shrewsbury, from 1848, then as Rector of Whittington, near Oswestry, from 1851, and in 1879 he was appointed Rector of St. Andrew's Undershaft, London. In 1879 he was consecrated Suffragan Bishop for East London, under the title of the Bishop of Bedford, and in 1888 he became the first Bishop of Wakefield. How was known for his work among the destitute in the London slums and among the factory workers in West Yorkshire. He wrote a number of theological works about controversies surrounding the Oxford Movement and attempted to reconcile biblical creation with the theory of evolution. While Rector at Whittington, How wrote some sixty hymns, including "It is a Thing Most Wonderful".

The tune usually used for the hymn is "Sine Nomine", composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and published in *The English Hymnal* in 1906. "Sine Nomine" is literally translated as "without name" - Vaughan Williams is said to have been following a Renaissance tradition of naming tunes "Sine Nomine" if they were completely new, rather than being arrangements of pre-existing tunes.

Through his composing, conducting, collecting, editing, and teaching, Ralph Vaughan Williams (born at Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, died 1958) became the chief figure in the realm of English music and church music in the first half of the twentieth century. His education included instruction at the Royal College of Music in London and Trinity College, Cambridge, as well as additional studies in Berlin and Paris. During World War I he served in the army medical corps in France. A major influence in his life was the English folk song. A collector of folk songs, he composed numerous arrangements of them, a number of which are used as hymn tunes. Most important to the history of hymnody, he was music editor of the most influential British hymnal during the first half of the 20th century, *The English Hymnal* (1906), and of *Songs of Praise* (1925, 1931) and the *Oxford Book of Carols* (1928).





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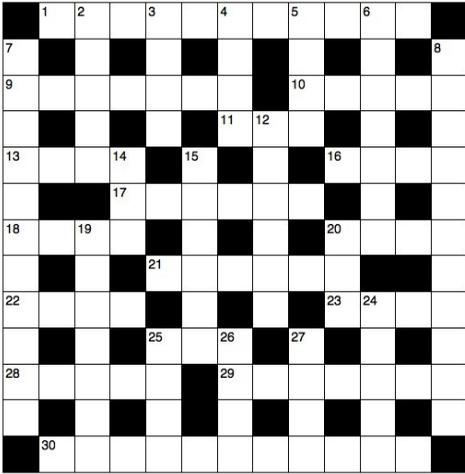
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NOVEMBER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. The sixth disciple (*Matthew 10.3*) (11)
9. 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — —'
(*Matthew 6.13*) (4,3)
10. Love intensely (*Song of Songs 1.4*) (5)
11. From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (*1 Kings 18.46*) (3)
13. One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (*Judges 7.25*) (4)
16. Metallic element (4)
17. At line (anag.) (6)
18. 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree'
(*Galatians 3.13*) (4)
20. Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (*Judges 15.14*) (4)
21. He succeeded Moses
(*Deuteronomy 34.9*) (6)
22. 'When he saw him, he took — on him'
(*Luke 10.33*) (4)
23. 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction'
(*Matthew 7.13*) (4)
25. 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (*2 Corinthians 4.4*) (3)

28. Fear or terror (*Psalms 31.22*) (5)
29. 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf'
(*1 Corinthians 10.17*) (7)
30. Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch
(*2 Kings 19.37*) (11)

DOWN

2. 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made —'
(*1 Corinthians 15.22*) (5)
3. 'After supper he — the cup'
(*1 Corinthians 11.25*) (4)
4. The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (*Acts 16.9*) (4)
5. He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (*Genesis 38.9*) (4)
6. I veto me (anag.) (7)
7. Fourth king of Judah (*1 Kings 15.24*) (11)
8. Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (*Genesis 14.18*) (11)
12. 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles'
(*Acts 13.47*) (1,5)
14. Implore (*1 Samuel 15.25*) (3)
15. 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the —, something sweet'
(*Judges 14.14*) (6)
19. 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding'
(*Proverbs 30.2*) (3,4)
20. 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under —, but under grace'
(*Romans 6.14*) (3)
24. Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
25. The last word in the Bible
(*Revelation 22.21*) (4)
26. Heroic tale (4)
27. 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you —'
(*John 8.32*) (4)

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