

Contact

NOVEMBER 2024



Dear Friends,

This year marked the 80th anniversaries of many significant battles and turning points of the Second World War.

The D-Day landings of 6th June – the largest seaborne invasion in history – marked the beginning of the liberation of western Europe. Elsewhere throughout the world, exceptionally hard-fought battles were also turning the tide of the war. The Battle of Monte Cassino was the bloodiest of the Italian Campaign and in India, outnumbered British and Indian forces endured weeks of siege and brutal fighting at the Battles of Kohima and Imphal.

The Royal British Legion, who are the country's largest Armed Forces charity, has marked the service and sacrifice of the armed forces in these and other battles with local events organised by its branches throughout the year.

Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We remember the Armed Forces and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.

Remembrance Sunday unites people across faiths, cultures, and backgrounds and it is a time when churches of all denominations seek to remember those who have lost their lives, and they pray for peace.

With wars continuing across the world, it is a time to reflect that wars and conflict are nothing new but at the core of Remembrance is a shared determination to work for peace and the relief of suffering. We must also remember that Jesus was the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), who urged us to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9) and pray for our enemies (Matthew 5:44).

This year, our annual service of remembrance on Sunday 10th November will be led by Elisabeth Sweeney-Smith, who is the current President of the Congregational Federation. The service will be followed by a church meeting and bacon butties will be on sale beforehand, with all proceeds being donated to the Royal British Legion. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

*Remembrance Sunday: A moment to think, reflect and pray for the future of humanity.
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today'*

With all good wishes - Liz

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024 - SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER - 11AM TO 2PM

The Fair is fast approaching and we are still collecting the following items: -
tombola prizes, candles, teddies, wines & spirits, toiletries, raffle prizes, chocolate for the chocolate tombola & any festive items for the Christmas stall.

If anyone can bake a cake for the café or any produce for the homebake stall it would also be appreciated.

Any donations can be left at the back of church or given to Gill or Cath.

The lists to provide contributions for the café and the hamper are now available. If you are happy to provide any items, please contact Cath.

Prize draw envelopes are also now available for only £1 each. Please see Mary to collect your envelopes and please encourage your friends and family to participate.

If anyone else is free to help out on the day or to deliver any posters or flyers around the local area, please speak to Gill or Cath as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

DIARY – November 2024

Sunday 3rd November	10.30am	Café Church
Monday 4th November	7pm	Deacons Meeting
Sunday 10th November	10.30am	Remembrance service led by Elisabeth Sweeney – Smith Bacon Butties on sale Church Meeting
Wednesday 13th November	12 noon	Scoffs
Sunday 17th November	10.30am	Family service led by Lisa Ewart Cake Sale
Sunday 24th November	10.30am	Family service featuring No Strings Puppet Ministry
Sunday 1st December	10.30am	Advent Sunday service led by Frank Wroe Lunch

Regular Activities

Sunday

Toddler Sundays 10am – 11.30am

Monday

Exercise Group 2pm

Wednesday

Scoffs 12 noon (2nd Wednesday)

Thursday

Rainbows Toddler Group 9.30am

Friday

Badminton 6pm

Offertories

29th September - £76.80

6th October - £93.41

13th October – No service

20th October - £46.15

27th October - £76.16

Standing orders - £757.00

Total £1,049.52

Other Income

Lunch - £35.36

Cake Sale - £33.00

Room Hire - £60.00

Toddlers Donation - £100.00

Flower Rota

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3rd November - Nan

10th November - Gill

17th November - Jean

HARVEST APPEAL 2024

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest appeal this year. Your donations of toys for Our Community Wardrobe Oldham's Christmas Appeal were very much appreciated

JUMBLE SALE

Huge thanks to Joan, Allan and everyone who helped out at the jumble sale. We raised a total of £297.80 for church funds and Derian House Hospice benefitted from all the remaining jumble

SCOFFS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday 11th December at 12.30pm. The cost is £10 for a two-course Christmas lunch followed by entertainment from Westwood Band.

To reserve your place, please see Sue and please note that the full cost must be paid by 13th November.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

Christmas cakes are still available to order costing between £7 - £20 depending on weight.

If you would like to order a cake, please contact Ingrid on 0161 626 0854 as soon as possible.

Cakes are available with or without icing. Please state your preference when ordering.

CAFÉ CHURCH

Please join us on Sunday 3rd November for an informal and relaxed café style service which will include light refreshments. The café church service will be held at the usual time of 10.30am and we will meet in the church hall. Everyone is very welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

CHURCH MEETING

The next church meeting is after the Remembrance Service on *Sunday 10th November*. Everyone is welcome to stay and attend the meeting.

CAKE SALE

The next cake sale is following the service on *Sunday 17th November*. Any donations of cake would be gratefully received.

NO STRINGS PUPPET MINISTRY

We would love you to join us at 10.30am on Sunday 24th November when we will once again welcome the No Strings Puppet Ministry from Altrincham Methodist Church to lead our worship.

Everyone is invited to come along and support this very memorable family service!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - 2ND NOVEMBER

Unfortunately, the Family Fun Night on behalf of Our Community Wardrobe Oldham has been postponed until next year

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