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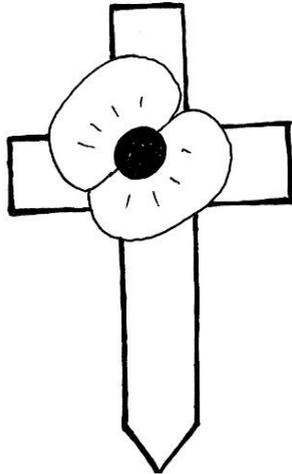
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Service details for November

7th November

Stewards Roderick Lay, Hazel Brewer, Ian Lay, Zoe Tur-Ribas
 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Rev Judith Lincoln S
 6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Joy Langford

14th November Remembrance Sunday

Stewards Ian Lay, Iris Bown, Rosie Woodland, Ann Lay
 10.00 a.m. Morning Worship – Stuart Crossley **
 10.50 a.m. Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
 6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Judith Lincoln

21st November

Stewards Linda & William Walmsley, Jenny Marsay, Ann Holloway
 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Alison Whitmore
 6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Helen Bell

28th November 1st Sunday in Advent/United Service for the Homeless

10.30 a.m. Morning worship led by the Congregational Church **
 6.00 p.m. Taizé Prayer with songs and silence

**Please note change to plan

*For those who leave never to return.
 For those who return but are never the same.*



WE REMEMBER

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
7 th November	<i>David Woodward</i>		
14 th November	<i>Margaret Silverwood</i>	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	<i>Janet Forrester Ann Lay Gill Gibbins</i>
21 st November	<i>David Woodward</i>	<i>Margaret Silverwood</i>	
28 th November	<i>Michael Hockaday</i>	<i>The Gostelow Family</i>	<i>Rosie Barrs Ann Holloway Kate Scott</i>

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

“Remember, remember...” A catchphrase for November? We have All Saints’ and All Souls’ Days, Bonfire Night, Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. Fireworks are fun, as long as we’re sensible, and considerate to both our human neighbours, and our own and others’ pets. It’s right that we remember people whom we’ve loved, who have died, because of how they have shaped us. It’s also appropriate that we remember the sacrifice of those who have given their lives in conflict. At this time, those closest to Sir David Amess MP will be remembering him as someone they loved- and his paying the ultimate price for serving others.

There’s also a saying, “Those who don’t know history, are doomed to repeat it!” Now not everybody enjoys school History. I had a wonderful, slightly zany teacher who also introduced me to Taizé and Amnesty International- and not everybody’s that fortunate. But one thing I learned was how some bits of human nature don’t change much. There’s the tendency to fight others for what we want and don’t have. There’s the tendency to let differences divide us. Sadly, Christians haven’t always set a good example in either department.

Jesus came to show us a way of generosity, a Kingdom in which differences can be strengths. I pray that this November, we will indeed remember those we have loved and lost, carry on “singing their song” while adding our harmonies (or whatever image helps us). May we remember those who have died in conflict, and let their courage inspire us. But may we also remember the lessons of history, let go of all that keeps the cycle of violence going, and work with God to build a kinder, more peaceful world.

With love in Christ,

Judith

PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or had a family bereavement, please contact our Minister, Rev Judith Lincoln, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, on 07979 607099.

REQUEST ON FINANCES

For the last two years during Covid the church has managed to provide limited access to worship on Sunday mornings. In fact there was a period when the church was not able to be open at all. Over those two years, because we have not been able to organise any money-raising events, the only income has been the contributions made through either the Standing Order scheme that many of you belong to, or the weekly envelopes. We thank those people who give by standing order. Without that guaranteed income our finances would have suffered more than they have.

To put it bluntly, because of the loss of income we have ended this year with a £4,500 deficit and our reserves are quickly diminishing.

Most of our income is used up with the assessment that we are required to forward to the circuit. Our assessment at the moment is £20,850 for the financial year 20/21. This often increases, so next financial year 21/22, we are being asked to give £21,300, that's £5,325.00 per quarter.

We have started to make plans to raise money through a number of events over the next twelve months starting with the Recital on Friday 19th November when Renata is performing once again. We hope that is going to be the start of successful events which will hopefully bring us some needed income.

However, a positive and supportive way in which we can make ends meet is to increase our weekly/monthly giving. I urge you to give this some serious thought. One way is to increase your standing order if you contribute that way or, if you use the envelope system, increase the amount you put in and make sure that if you are not able to attend a service you still use the envelope and offer it the next time you attend a service.

We are approaching the winter months and we want to be able to heat the church for our acts of worship as well as the other occasions when we will be meeting on the premises. This, I am afraid, is the stark reality of the situation that we find ourselves in at the moment. Hopefully this time next year, if we are willing and able, we will have come through this period and be in a much better position.

Please pray about this and consider how you can help.

Thank you.

Ian Lay (Senior Steward)

HOMELESSNESS DONATIONS AND SERVICE

Sunday 28th November 10.30

As you may remember, each year we have a joint service and collect for a homeless charity. The service is at our church, led by the Congregationalists. This year we will be supporting **The Falcon Centre** in Loughborough, who assist people in various ways including a daily drop-in centre, community support, crisis accommodation, supported living etc...

DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED – Men's clothes (small and medium), non-perishable foods including tins. They also have an amazon wish list and you can also donate direct to them. Please see more on their website – www.falconsupportservices.org.uk .

If you are able to provide any items, please bring them to the service if you can. If you have a donation but are unable to come to the service, please see one of the stewards.

The Sunday service collection will also be in aid of The Falcon Centre.

STARFISH MALAWI

Thank you to all of you who brought gifts of money to the Harvest Thanksgiving in support of Starfish Malawi. We have raised £280 plus £70 from the Gift Aid scheme which gives us a total of £350. This money will help support the many projects that they are involved in. If you want to know more about those projects or about Starfish Malawi then go to their website. starfishmalawi.com

Again thank you,

Ian Lay

HOME FELLOWSHIP

We were hoping to start our Home Fellowship group this autumn. I know that many of you have missed meeting together and 'chewing' over God's word and what it means to us in the 21st Century as well as the fellowship we have with each other. With Covid seemingly hanging on and the fact that we are still encouraged to wear masks and keep our social distance, we have decided to leave the decision concerning the start until into the New Year. I am sure that you understand the dilemma we have over this but it is better to be on the safe side than take any risks.

Ian Lay

WORLD MISSIONS

If you have a World Missions box please will you let me have it in the next few weeks. If you cannot get to church give me a ring and I will collect it. Thank you. *Iris*

MUSIC CAFÉ Thursday, 11th & Thursday 25th November from 2 – 4 p.m.

COBS & CAROLS

“A time of seasonal fellowship”

SATURDAY DECEMBER 18TH 12.30 – 2.30

Turkey cobs served from 12.30 – 1.15. Carol singing & Christmas music 1.30 – 2.30

Tickets £5

Numbers are limited so get your ticket as soon as possible
from Ian Barrs or Linda Walmsley

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

We are holding a raffle for a Christmas hamper. This will be drawn at the Cobs & Carols afternoon. Your gifts towards the hamper will be most welcome **before November 28th** and, in the meantime, to avoid duplicating items, please will you write your intended donation on the list in the porch, or see Ann Lay.

SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2022 - 7.00 pm - DERBY CATHEDRAL

Dear all,

I am writing to let you know about a special memorial concert for Malcolm that will take place next year.

The concert, organised by family and former friends and colleagues, will be performed by musicians who worked closely with Malcolm throughout his long and distinguished career.

Celebrating his life and his significant contribution, the concert will include both choral and instrumental music that was close to Malcolm's heart.

Further details and ticket information will be sent out in the New Year but for now, please hold this date - I would love you to be there.

Warmest wishes,
Rebecca

PLEASE SEND ITEMS FOR THE DECEMBER NOTICES TO LINDA & WILLIAM WALMSLEY BY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST