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SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday November 1st All Saints Day

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
9.30am Family Service at St Andrew's
11am Family Service at St Peter's

Remembrance Sunday November 8th

8am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
9.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
No Service at St Peter's
If you are able, we encourage you to attend the community act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Campfield Road, at 10.45am

Wednesday November 11th Remembrance Day

10am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
10.55am Gather at the War Memorial in St Andrew's Churchyard for prayers and the two-minute silence

Sunday November 15th

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
9.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
11am Morning Prayer at St Peter's
3.30pm **Messy Church** at St Peter's – **please note this change**

Sunday November 22nd

8am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
9.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
11am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday November 29th

(Off the Streets speaking at the morning services)
8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
9.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
11am Morning Prayer at St Peter's
6pm Service of Light at St Andrew's

*This information is correct at going to press.
We will do our best to get cover for Communion services as often as we can.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Tuesdays 10.30am
Pram Service at St Peter's
A short service of songs and a Bible Story for pre-school children. This happens during our Tea, Toast and Toddlers morning (9.00-11.00am)

Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion in St Andrew's Church Hall
A 40-minute service from the Book of Common Prayer, followed by refreshments in the church hall.

Be Still
Is on Thursdays at 1pm at St Andrew's.
A quiet 20-minute service with Bible reading, prayers, music and silence.

Prayer Ministry
Each Sunday following the 11am service at St Peter's there is an opportunity to come forward for prayer.
It could be prayer for yourself, someone on your heart, a situation or anything that is concerning you.
Please be assured that all that is said is confidential and will be kept within the group unless it is a safe guarding issue.
Ruth and I will be sitting at the front of the church each week after the service.
Carol Rawson

MONTHLY SERVICES

Thursday afternoon service November 5th and December 3rd 2.30pm at St Peter's.
A 30- minute service with familiar hymns, Bible readings and prayers, followed by refreshments.

Messy Church at St Peter's Sunday November 15th 3.30pm at St Peter's
Craft, Bible story and singing for all the family.

Family Communion December 15th at 6pm in St Andrew's.

Services in Care Homes
Autumn Cottage, November 23rd and December 21st at 6.15pm.

Kathryn Court, November 19th and December 17th at 2pm.

DAILY MORNING & EVENING PRAYER

Sandra will lead Morning Prayer at St Andrew's every Monday and Thursday at 8.15am. She may also lead Morning and Evening Prayer on other occasions.

You are very welcome to join her. Please contact Sandra in advance to check arrangements if you would like to attend.

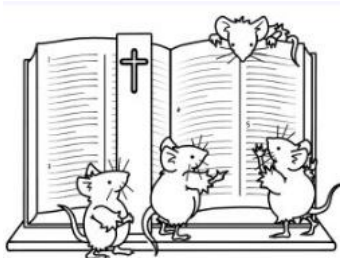
BIBLE STUDY

Mondays 2-3.30pm in St Peter's

Tuesday Evenings to be confirmed.

These informal meetings are open to all and include Bible reading, discussion and prayer.

For more information, please contact Carol or Sandra on 01702-294043



TEA, TOAST AND TODDLERS

Tuesdays, 9-11am at St Peter's

Group for pre-school children, babies and their carers.

Refreshments, lots of toys to play with.

10.30am Singing, Bible story and a prayer. All welcome.

Please contact Mary for more information 07948 098959

SINGING FOR THE SOUL

Monday nights 8pm at St Peter's**.** A community choir, all welcome. Contact Sandra for more information 01702 294043 sandrabaines@hotmail.co.uk



CHURCH FUN CLUB

After-school club for primary school children. The children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Games, Bible stories and singing.

We meet most Tuesdays in term-time**: November 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, December 1st and 8th.**

3.30-4.30pm

in St Andrew's Church Hall.

YOUTH GROUP

After school group for young people at senior school. Meets fortnightly in term time:

Tuesdays November 3rd, 17th and December 1st.

5pm - 6pm in St Andrew's Hall

This group is for all young people at Senior School.

TUESDAYS AT TWO

Mostly for retired people, for companionship and chat.

St Andrew's Hall, back room, 2-4pm every Tuesday.

Please contact Geoff for more information 01702 296249





Nov 8th Remembrance Sunday
Nov 11th Remembrance Day
Nov 28th Christmas Fair at St Peter's
Nov 29th Advent Sunday Service of Light at St Andrew's
Dec 6th Nativity Services – 9.30am at St Andrew's & 11am at St Peter's
Dec 12th Memorial Service at St Andrew's
Dec 13th Messy Christmas at St Peter's
Dec 20th Carol Services including Christingle
Dec 24th 4pm Crib Service at St Peter's
Dec 24th 11.30pm Midnight Service at St Andrew's
*We are still getting organised with our services for the coming months so check next month's magazine for updates.

BIRTHDAYS
Name:
Address:
Birthday:
I give permission for you to hold my details for the purpose of adding my name to the list here in the magazine and sending me a card from the church.
Signed……
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Please hand this to Den

FROM THE REGISTERS

Confirmation

October 25th

Carol Clarke

Baptisms

September 27th

Robert, Mabel and Rupert Simpson

Tracey Davies,

Oxby, Katie and Frederick Groves

Funerals

October 14th

Carol Barker

Birthdays This Month

23rd Michael Bayliss
23rd Gwynneth Bromley
24th Robert Walliker
26th Debra Donoghue



BIBLE READING NOTES

Daily Bread Bible reading notes provide the reader with a passage from the Bible to read, a prayer and a thought for the day following on from the daily reading. They are a very popular way of helping us to read and understand more about our faith. It also gives encouragement and teaching.

Would you like to receive a free copy each quarter of the year? Speak to myself or Louise. I'm at St Andrew's most Wednesday mornings or St Peter's on a Sunday.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Carol Rawson

STAMPS

Many thanks for all the wonderful stamps you have been giving to Jane for the Animal rescue centres. We collect them all year round. Please bring to either church. Thank you!

Jane Gray

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Do you have any interesting news, articles, photos or information that you would like to be included in the magazine?

If you have, please email them to Steve Thomas by the 18th of the month at *southshoeburyparish@outlook.com*

Head your email, *"Parish Magazine".*

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DONATIONS FOR THE FOODBANK AND HARP

We continue to collect items for the Food Bank and HARP. Please only leave non-perishable items, tins, packets, toiletries etc.

We can't guarantee to pass on the items before they go stale! Items may be left in the box at St Peter's

LETTER FROM DEN

Hello Friends

We have said a sad goodbye to Rev'd Louise. Many of you will have known her for the 16 years she was here. I only knew her for the time I have been in Shoeburyness, about 8 years. She was an incredible person with a knack of knowing who needed her wisdom and when they needed it. We shall all miss her incredibly.

Her shoes will be problematic to fill to say the least. We all need time grieve our loss. It will be a difficult time as we go through this time together. We are all learning to deal with things without her. Be it organising rotas, paying bills or taking services, we are realising just how much work Louise did. Many of us are trying to come to terms with exactly what needs to be done to keep the church moving along the steady calm way we have become used to.

We are learning very quickly all that needs to be done to continue. We have a variety of clergy coming in to help take communions. We have Tilly, Rachel and myself to take morning prayer services. I feel honoured and grateful to have Sandra Baines by my side at this time. Or if I'm honest, she is taking up the bulk of the slack. We also have Ivan who has been a great help to us. There are many names I could mention here. Louise listed 47 people who perform various tasks to keep the church functioning. I know between us we will all get through this. I'm sure the odd mistake will be made here and there but I know there will be forgiveness.

I say in advance a great thank you to all of you for your help and patience. We will settle into an acceptable way of continuing. This is not the first time this parish has had a vacancy. You all came through it before and I'm sure we can all do it again.

God bless us all

Denise Askew
Church Warden

A Message From Louise

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you so much for the kind words, cards, gifts, cakes and very generous cheque which you presented me with at the Harvest Supper/Farewell 'Do' on October 3rd. I've been really overwhelmed by your kindness and want you to know how very grateful I am.

Lizzy and I are settling into our lovely new home. It's rather smaller that the Rectory but gradually we are finding spaces for everything. We're a short walk from the River Chelmer and have already seen red kites, buzzards and all sorts of wonderful birds. Not much else to report as I've just been doing lots of unpacking and sorting!



We have an ASDA just up the road so it's not so different from Shoebury...

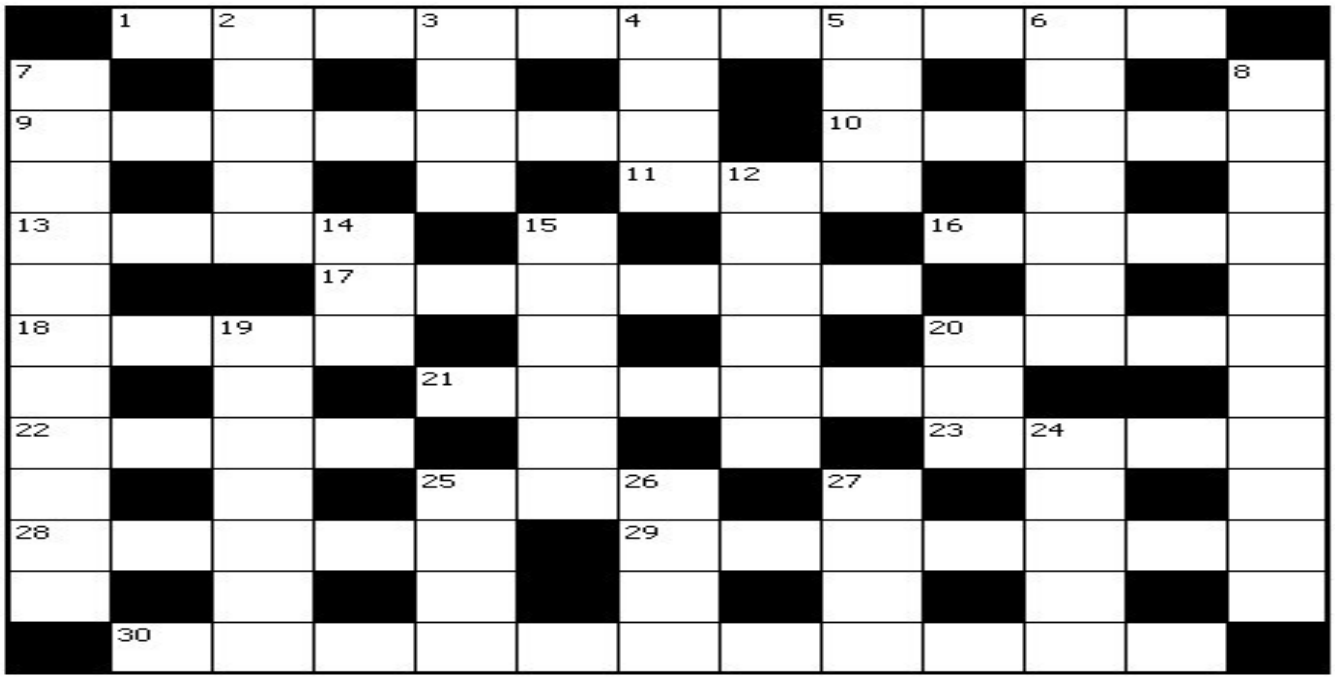
I'm writing this on 14th October so thank you in advance to all who attended my licensing on 17th October. I'm sure that will be very different from our usual worship in St Andrew's and St Peter's. Pray for me as I get the hang of it all and I will keep you in my prayers.

Thank you again for your kindness.

God bless you,

Louise.x

NOVEMBER'S CROSSWORD – ANSWERS ON PAGE 27



Across

1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _, Lord of all _, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy'(11,3)
9 Moses question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?" (Exodus 2:13) (7)
10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline _ (2,3)
11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)
13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _God rather than men!'(Acts 5:29) (4)
20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)
21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
25 Tree (3)
28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you'(Job 33:7) (5)
29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

2 'O Jerusalem _ how _I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)
3 Way out (4)
4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
5 Done (anag.) (4)
6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
7 Concerning the study of God (11)
8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
14 Frozen (3)
15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
20 See 1 Across
24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
25 Time (anag.) (4)
26 Lists choice of meals (4)
27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord'(Romans 6:23) (4)

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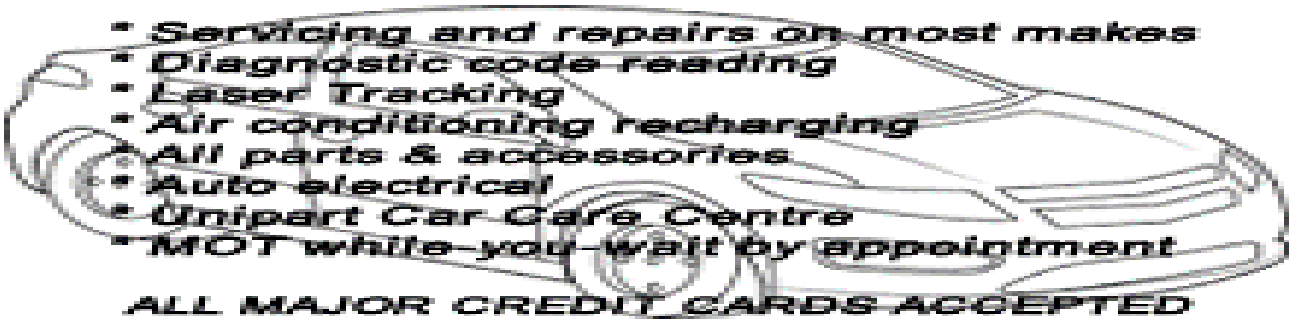
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Giving by Standing Order. You could do this weekly, monthly or quarterly. This form of regular giving is especially helpful if you are unable to attend church regularly. And it saves us having to count it up and pay it in at the bank!
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https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/givers/howtogive

LEGACIES We have been hugely blessed by those who have remembered us in their Wills. If you are reviewing your Will, please consider leaving a percentage or sum towards the life of the church. The legal name for the parish is 'The Ecclesiastical Parish of South Shoebury'.

Thank you all so much for your generosity.

Bonfires, enemies and the Gospel
“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Matthew 5:44

Every November, there are bonfires and fireworks. We remember Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, when a group of men tried to blow up Parliament, to kill the king and other leaders. The plot failed, Guy and his friends were caught, and the Fifth of November became a yearly celebration.

It is easy to think of the plotters just as villains. But they were also men with deep religious convictions, convinced that they were doing God’s will. It all arose from the fierce arguments of their time, when Catholics and Protestants saw each other not just as people who disagreed, but as enemies.

That feels uncomfortably familiar.

Today we have our own versions of ‘us and them’: political tribes, religious divisions and broken communities. Social media makes it too easy to reduce people we disagree with to caricatures and so we feel justified in despising them.

And then we hear Jesus. In the Sermon on the Mount He says something shocking: **“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”** He doesn’t say that principles and truth don’t matter. But he does teach that no disagreement gives us permission to stop treating our neighbours with care, however wrong we think they are. Following Jesus isn’t just about having the right answers. It’s about becoming like Him. When He met hatred, betrayal and violence, He didn’t tell His friends to fight back. He prayed for the very people who nailed Him to the cross.

So, as we watch this month’s fireworks, let’s be careful not to add fuel to the flames. The Christian question is not, “Who is on our side?” but rather, “How do we treat those who are not?”

Jesus came to bring God’s enemies back to Him, and to teach His followers to choose reconciliation instead of revenge. Happy Bonfire Night!

Ivan King

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Visit Santa in his Grotto!

ALL WELCOME

LOVING GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOURS IN SOUTH SHOEBURY

Changes,

so many changes
in a world fragmenting and frightening,
where hatred and prejudice destroy
and shock even the unshockable.

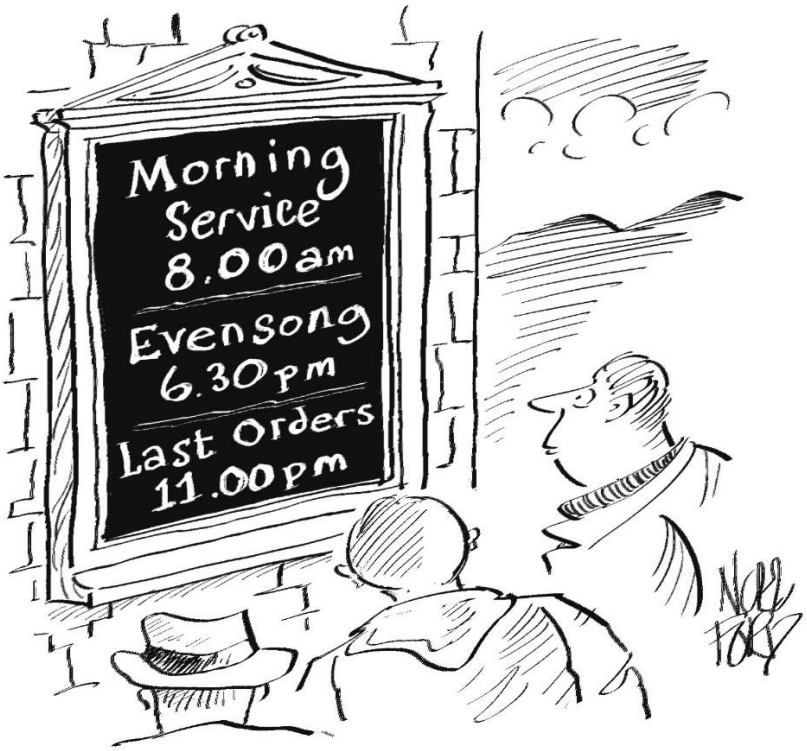
Only the Word of God is constant;
living, active
and powerful in proclamation.
Still able to accomplish
everything God desires.

The Word of God;
everlasting lamp for our feet
and a light for our path
that darkness can never dim.

The Word of God;
unchanging, unchangeable,
revealing and revealed
in Jesus, who has overcome the world.

Take heart!

By Daphne Kitching.



The vicar's alternative to traditional after-service coffee was having a dramatic effect on male church attendance

ECO Tips

Each month we are publishing helpful ECO tips from the ROCHA UK calendar, here's November's entry…..

NOVEMBER

As winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence). Why not gather your housemates, friends and family to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work for you all - you'll go further together!



Harvest Donations to HARP



Thanks to the generosity of both churches of South Shoebury Parish we managed to donate over 26 shopping bags of groceries to HARP. They collected the donations which included all the pumpkins that had been used for decoration. Well done all of you for your donations. And well done to those of you who decorated the churches for the Harvest. They looked wonderful!

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8th November – Remembrance Sunday

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.



Louise's Licensing at Chelmsford Cathedral

Louise's licensing service took place at Chelmsford Cathedral on October 17th. Here are some photos from the day.





Spotted on East Beach

If you are out walking on East Beach keep an eye out for this Information Post. It was washed up on the beach after travelling 64 miles down the River Thames from the Kneller Gardens Tree Trail in Richmond upon Thames. It's been erected on the beach between the slipway and the café.



The inscription reads:

"Pissard's Plum… This row of Cherry Plums has been grown for its highly coloured purple leaves and early short-lived flowers attractive to bees and other insects. Unlike Prunus cerasifera "Nigra" which has pink flowers. The edible fruit is the ancestor of the domestic plum. The species was introduced to Europe in the 1880's by Monsieur Pissard, gardener to the Shah of Persia"



God in the Arts - ‘He gave us eyes to see them’: Wall painting of Pompeii

Art often celebrates the wonder of our world – the seasons, the elements, animals and fish, flowers and fruit. They manifest the glory of God the creator. Irenaeus, the 2nd century theologian, went further and wrote that ‘the glory of God is a living person.’ He was echoing Psalm 8: ‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them…you have crowned them and put all things under their feet.’ Yes, the universe teaches of God the creator, but in becoming one of us, the Son of God has put human beings above all Creation.



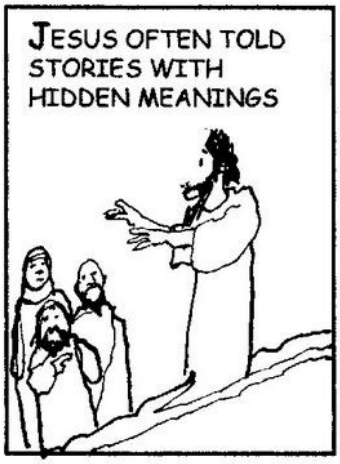
The nobility of that vision is captured in this 1st century wall painting from Pompeii showing Neo and his wife. They lived at a time when St Paul was preaching and the gospels were being written. We don’t know if those events made an impact on their lives. But we do know that St Paul was executed around AD67, and just twelve years later this couple were victims of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Their almond-shaped eyes are like windows into their souls. We sense the beauty, but also the fragility. They tell us that life is a gift to be cherished precisely because it is so easily taken from us. Neo’s intense eyes look at us, while his wife looks beyond into the distance. She has the eyes of hopes and dreams that were cruelly shattered by the volcano.

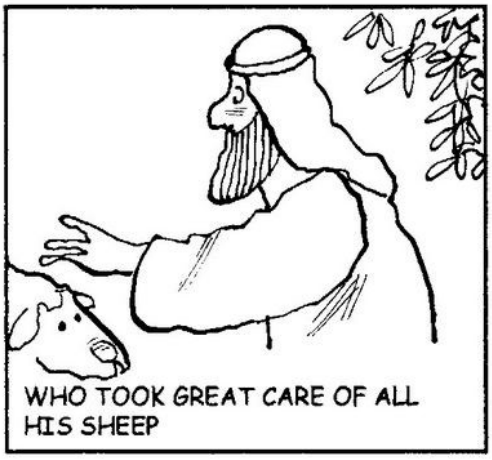
Living men and women, like this couple, are tokens of the wonder of creation, but they also tell us of the transience of that very gift of life. ‘Where can we place our hope?’ we ask ourselves. The feasts of All Saints and All Souls tell us that at the end of life here is a door opening into a greater glory and a brighter light. There is wonder and beauty in life here, and with the eyes of faith we can look beyond to glimpse the wonder of eternity.

The tale of the Lost Sheep



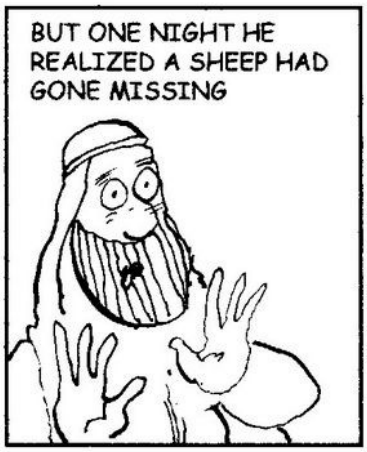




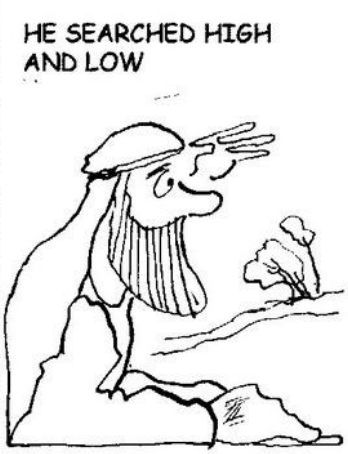


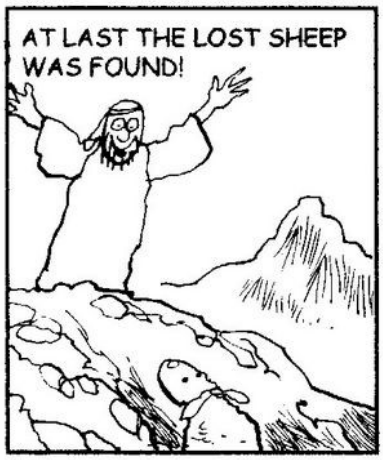


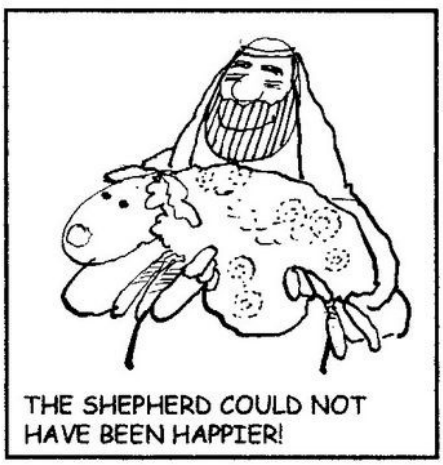


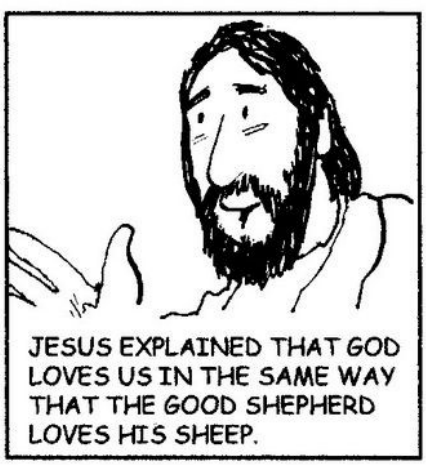












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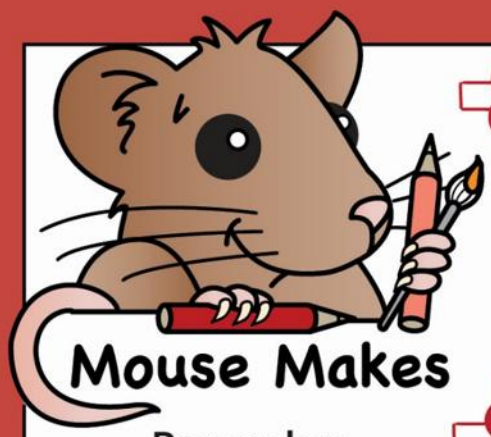
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Remembrance Sunday is the day we remember the sacrifice of those who gave their lives so that we could live in peace, it mirrors what Christ did for us when he gave his life so that we could live in peace with God.

Remember
the words Jesus said:
"It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Colossians 3:25

Jesus said:
"No one can have greater love than to give his life for his friends."
John 15:13

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