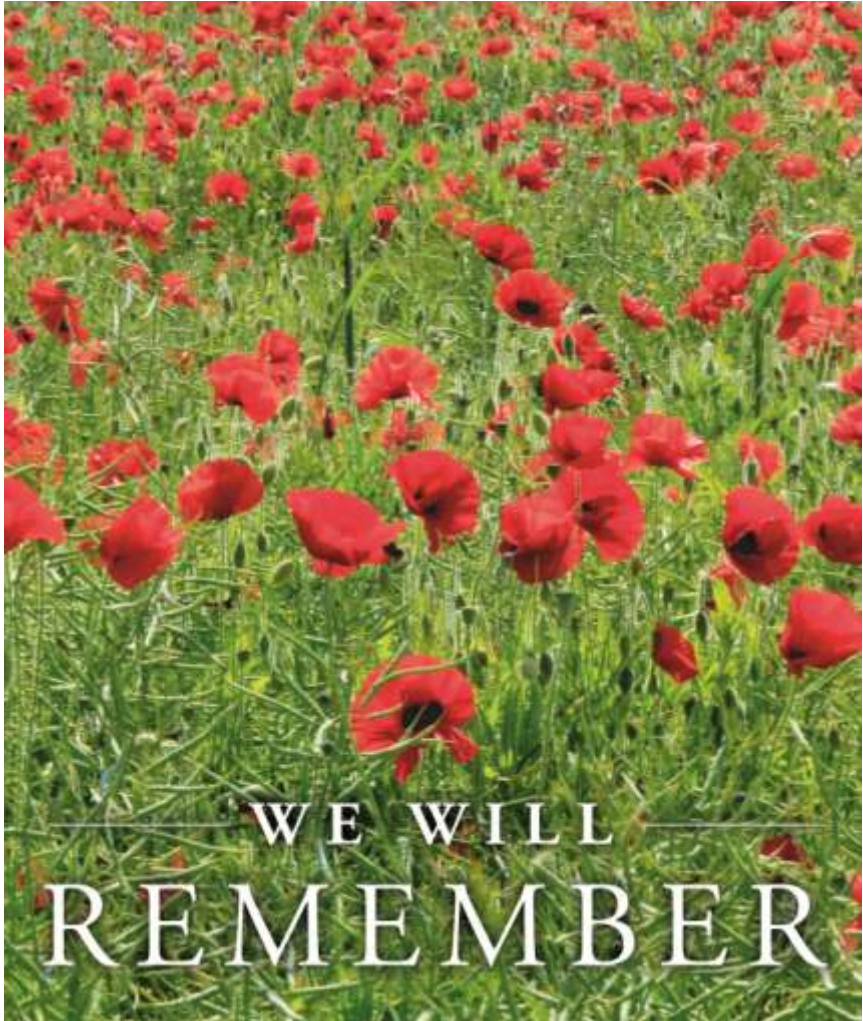


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## A message from Revd. Julia Chard

A well-known fact is that music of all types can lift the soul, and is good for our well being.

I do not profess to have any musical talent, apart from happily shaking a tambourine, beating a drum to a rhythm, **'tinging'** a triangle, and singing along to a tune - admittedly **with far from a chorister's voice!** I have to say though that my voice was quite acceptable at the Singing for the Brain group that I attended with my mum some years ago, and those ditties still ring in my mind! If we use Christian words, music can sound like a heavenly symphony, where every sound enhances the overall effect.



A quote from the late Desmond Tutu- describes this perfectly. *There is a chap at the back carrying a triangle. Now and again **the conductor will point at him, and he will play a 'ting'.** That might sound insignificant but something irreplaceable would be **lost to the total beauty of the symphony if that 'ting' did not happen.** We may feel that we have a small position in Christianity, but everyone of us matters - matters to God, and to the plan he has here on earth. Never forget you are special!*

Yes, we are all special – even if at times we become downhearted or feel distant or insignificant. Thinking of the last night at the Proms, it is important that the **'ting' is there in the symphony.** Without that one sound the magic would fall flat and the music lose its impact.

Music chosen at funerals is another example of how important the final symphony of a person's life is and how it seeks to celebrate their worthy presence whilst on earth. **Popular choices are Frank Sinatra singing 'My Way'** and meaningful hymns *Amazing Grace, Love Divine or Lord of all hopefulness.* **Other choices are Sarah Brightman singing 'Time to say goodbye.'** *'Simply the best'* sung by Tina Turner and the



melodious voice of Elvis recalling special memories of time gone by. Finally, there's Celine Dion and *'my heart goes on'* (even though it reminds me of Titanic and a sinking ship). So, the list goes on attempting to describe a vibrant personality or a humbler quiet soul.

I recall, at recent funeral of someone who was quiet yet had a good sense of humour, listening to a different expression of melody - a comedy recording from Laurel and Hardy entitled *'Another fine mess you got me into.'* This was chosen by the deceased as a loving description of words often spoken in a humorous way. It was a **'ting'** moment among others in the funeral which concluded with *'Bring me sunshine'* sung by Morecombe and Wise!



These songs and many more give a **'ting'** to the memory of a loved one, some who may not have reached the pinnacle of their ambitions or potential but they have importance in the family, and are an example of a full life in preparation for eternity. Because we need to celebrate difference, funerals should include that **'ting'** and no piece should be dismissed as irreverent and quickly swept away as though it does not matter any longer.

Music can be enchanting and uplifting, can touch our senses and bring us closer to God - even on those dark days.... So, "*always look on the bright side of life*" as Eddie Idle sang!

Never forget you are special.

In Christ, Julia

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Check page 17 for details of special services & events  
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Recorded services are available on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
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10th Nov Remembrance (Local Arrangements)

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24th Nov Mr S Holliday



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## SALEM PAGE

At the end of my last short note, caused by my absent minded forgetting of the October deadline, I said I would hope to be writing more, especially about the cause of Christian unity, which is dear to my heart.



**It's not just about local inter-denominational co-operation,** important as that is, as well exemplified as it is in Churches **Together4Fromeside.** **It's also about learning from other** Christians who may worship in different ways to those we do normally, who may follow different forms of private prayer and devotion and with whom we can share thought about Christian discipleship and activity in the wider community.

Recently, I have developed a good friendship with a strict Baptist who lives only a few houses away from me. Recently, he invited me in for a chat, the first time that anyone in my immediate neighbourhood has done so. My other more immediate neighbours are scrupulously polite and one across the road even gives me advice on practical matters about which I am vague but Rob is the first person who has really befriended me and I am very grateful as I am no natural recluse and do not like being on my own.



We now meet and have a cup of tea together most Monday afternoons. Rob is a man who loves the Lord, knows his scriptures extremely well and contributes a lot to his church, not least in the terms of the social work which it does in nearby

Easton. We explore things together and, knowing my past as a teacher of History, he often asks me to explain the historical background to so many of the problems that face this country and the wider world today. I enjoy that, feeling glad that though no longer would I have the energy to teach full time or even significant amounts part time, I can share knowledge and insights.



Our Lord gives us two related commands, first, to love one another as he first loved us - the sure sign, he says, that we are his true followers - and also to be one, as He is one with the Father. We need to remember that, however, different in style of worship and ways we run our churches, we are still, by his express wish to be united in union with Him and the Father.

In the middle of last month when I missed the deadline, I was at a meeting in Edinburgh with various Anglicans and Lutherans, including several from the continent and America. It was a very interesting meeting at which I, and a Roman Catholic priest also present, learnt a lot about the others, not just about Lutheran worship, but also about the Scottish Episcopal Church, which is Anglican but in some ways different from the C of E. It was interesting and I enjoyed both the worship and the fellowship greatly.

Love to you all from all of us at Salem,  
David.



## A prayer for November

Dear Lord,

November can be a dreary month. Even the first syllable is negative and reminds us of all the things we are missing; the long light days, summer breaks, blossom and fresh green leaves.

As we walk through the dark days, help us to remember that You brought light into this dark world. You sent Jesus, who is that light in person, the positive who overcame all negatives by His death on the cross.

November leads us closer to the time of celebration of His coming. Lord, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for November!

**In Jesus' name. Amen.**



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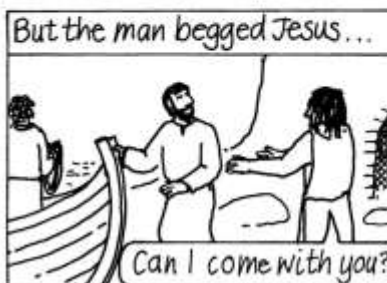
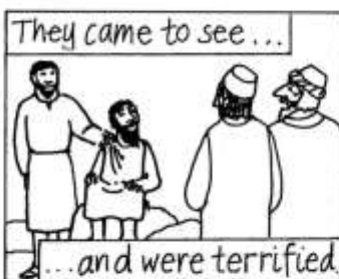
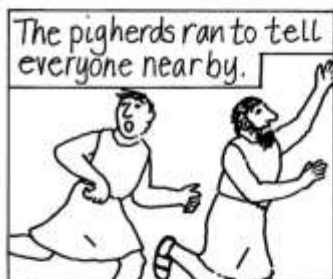
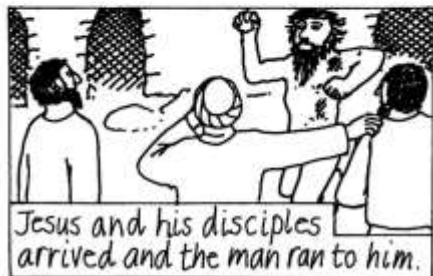


# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mk 5:1-17, Lk 8:26-39, Mt 8:28-34

In Gerasa was a man filled with demons. He tore off any clothes or chains put on him, and he lived in the graveyard.



## Keeping warm – cheaply



The nights are drawing in and the temperature is dropping. Many people will be concerned about keeping warm this winter and the associated costs. The withdrawal of the automatic winter fuel allowance for pensioners has highlighted this problem for older people in particular. However, there are things that can help and here are some ideas:

Firstly, although the automatic winter fuel allowance has been stopped, there are many people who still qualify for it if they are on benefits of some form. Apparently, there are getting on **for a million people in this category who don't currently claim**. If you think you might be eligible, please look on the government website <https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment/eligibility> or **phone 0800 731 0160 for guidance**. Your local citizen's advice bureau should be able to help too.



There are plenty of things you can do at home to reduce those energy bills too and they cost nothing:



- Turn down the thermostat by a degree or so
- Turn off the heating in unused rooms and shut the doors
- Turn down or turn off the heating overnight
- Close the blinds or curtains
- **Turn off the heating when you're out**
- **Make sure the doors and windows don't let in draughts**



- Make sure you only put the amount of water you need in the kettle – boiling a kettle-full of water for a cup of tea is very wasteful
- Reduce the amount of hot water you use – **don't stay in the shower too long, don't run the hot water continuously when you are washing up**

Modern LED lights are much more efficient than the traditional filament bulbs, but it is nevertheless helpful to turn them off when you **don't need them**. It also saves energy not to leave the TV and other electronic devices on standby. It is surprising how much energy these things use when they are left on all the time.



And how about sharing a cup of tea or coffee with a friend, taking it in turns to act as host so you only have to heat one house at a time? As well as saving money, the company is good for the spirits and will help you keep warm psychologically.

Chris Greef



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## War and Peace



John Lennon wrote: *'Imagine there's no countries, It isn't hard to do, Nothing to kill or die for, And no religion too. Imagine all the people living life in peace.'* But on Remembrance Sunday, we should reflect on war past and present, and consider the *real* way to peace.

*The way of war: 'What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill.'* (James 4:1-2). James reminds us that war has its basis in our own hearts, with the selfish desires that exploit, bully and kill others to get our own way. Sadly, when nations allow these inner selfish attitudes to determine their policy the result is war. Only God can establish true peace.

*The way of peace:* Isaiah, 2,700 years before John Lennon, also imagined a future of peace without any war: *'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.'* (Isaiah 2:4).

Only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can bring true peace to our lives and world. Jesus did not experience the horror of battle, but He did die an horrific death at the hand of the Romans. He gave His life sacrificially, as **He took God's anger at our sin on Himself and went on to conquer death in His resurrection.** He did this out of love for us, and calls us to love others in the same way: *'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.'* (John 15:13).



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# CROSSWORD

## Across

**1** He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)

**4** 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)

**7** 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)

**8** See 19 Across

**9** It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)

**13** Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)

**16** 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)

**17** Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)

**19 and 8** ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)

**24** Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)

**25** Comes between Luke and Acts (4)

**26** Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)

**27** 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

## Down

**1** Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)

**2** The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had avision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)

**3** He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)

**4** 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — '(John 3:3) (5)

**5** Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)

**6** 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)

**10** Ruses (anag.) (5)

**11** Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)

**12** Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)

**13** This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)

**14** 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)

**15** One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)

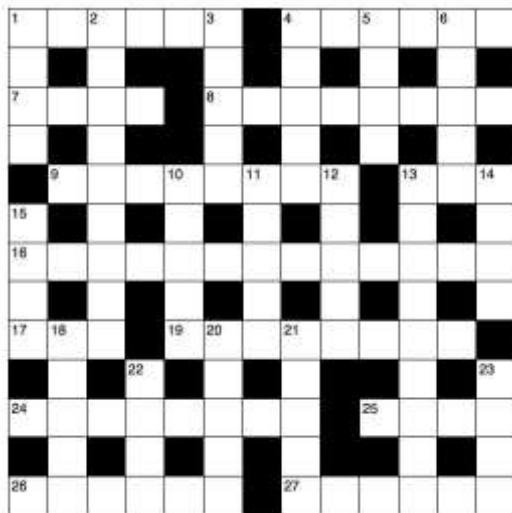
**18** Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)

**20** Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)

**21** Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)

**22** Bats (anag.) (4)

**23** 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)



Answers on page 27

# SALEM DIARY

November brings its fair share of “Remembering” days.. The first of these is November 1st—All Saints Day. This is not celebrated in the Methodist Church as much as in the Anglican church, but it is good to remember all faithful Christians that we have known.

The service of Remembrance at Salem will be on Sunday November 10th and will be led by the church stewards.

Our regular events are:-



The Coffee morning  
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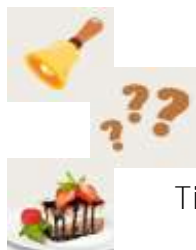


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fellowship together



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see page 11



Sunday 10th November  
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Editor: The following article by Rachel Smith is adapted from her feature at <https://licc.org.uk/resources/richard-osman-and-the-appeal-of-cosy-crime-blog/>

## What does ‘cosy crime’ have to show us?

Richard Osman, game-show-host-turned-best-selling novelist, writes books in the genre called ‘cosy crime’.

In these stories, a murder has been committed and a sleuth sets out to discover **whodunnit**. But this isn’t gritty noir. There’s usually a pleasant rural setting and an amateur detective, and the bloodless murder is rarely dwelt upon. Most importantly, there’s a satisfying conclusion in which the mystery is solved, and justice is served. Osman even speaks about the ‘humour and warmth’ in his writing – terms not commonly associated with crime.

In a world full of violence, where headlines and TV series alike feature unfathomable crimes, perhaps it’s little wonder we’re drawn to their cosier counterparts. Osman’s stories, and those like them, offer us a version of reality in which order defeats chaos, mysteries can be solved, crimes are met with punishments, and justice triumphs.

It is, of course, God’s ultimate justice that motivates our desire for stories that provide resolution. We all long for the perfect combination of comfort and vengeance – and this can only come from the God who hates wrongdoing and loves justice (Isaiah 61:8).



Osman’s heroes are a group of pensioners living in an upmarket retirement village. So cosy crimes show us that even the least of us can be part of putting things right.



Few of us will become sleuths, but we can all embed ourselves in our local communities and, through attentiveness, prayer, and discernment, recognise areas of injustice. Indeed, we are both the **agents and the beneficiaries of God’s plan to bring good news, freedom, restoration, & joy to our world (Isaiah 61:1–6).**

So, this Christmas-tide, can you slow down and pay attention long enough to see **what’s really bothering that friend, colleague, or neighbour?** When you read the news headlines, will you pray for justice and mercy to triumph? Or perhaps humour and warmth could change the tone of a conversation this week. In each of these situations, you’re living as a sign of God’s kingdom – a kingdom that is far from cosy, but that meets the deepest cravings of our crime-consumed culture.



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### For Children

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Twixtmas Family Crafts - Sunday 29th December, 10am or 1pm

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### WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,  
O Lord, that I would  
walk in your \_\_\_\_\_."

*Psalms 86:11*

"For we walk by

\_\_\_\_\_   
 not by sight."  
*2 Corinthians 5:7*

"Walk by the

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:  
"I am the light  
of the world.  
If you

\_\_\_\_\_   
 me you won't  
have to **walk**  
in darkness  
because  
you have  
the light  
that leads  
to life."

*John 8:12*

"Walk in

\_\_\_\_\_   
 as Christ loved  
us and gave  
himself up for us."  
*Ephesians 5:2*

"Walk in

\_\_\_\_\_   
 a manner  
worthy of the  
Lord, fully pleasing  
to him, bearing

\_\_\_\_\_   
 in every good work  
and increasing in  
the knowledge  
of God"  
*John 8:12*

\_\_\_\_\_   
 is everyone who  
fears the Lord,  
who **walks** in  
his ways."  
*Psalms 128:1*



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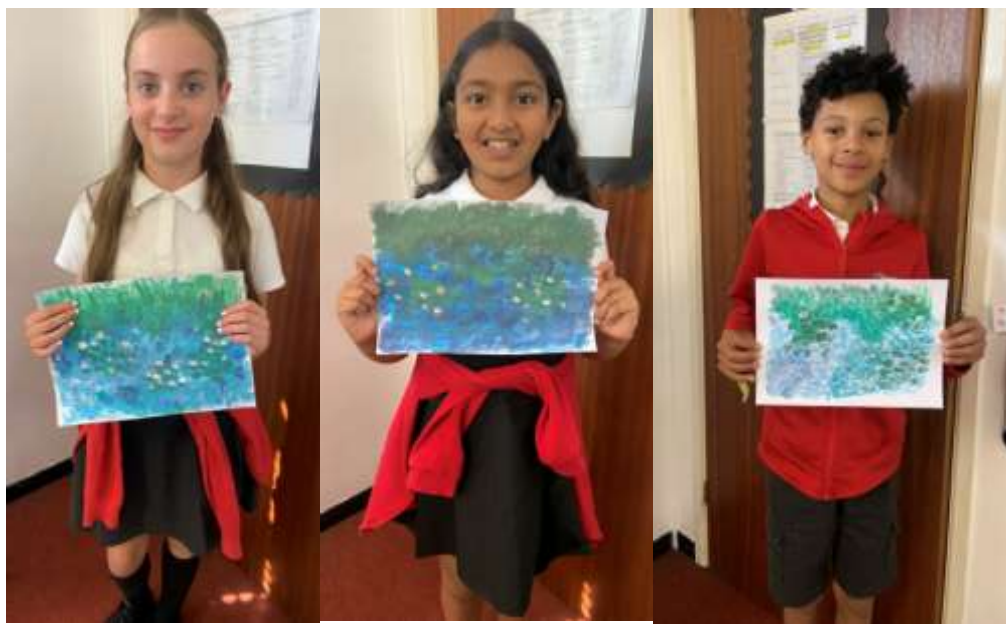
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Year 6 have made a fabulous start back to their final year at primary school. We **have been reading the story 'The Last Alchemist' in English and will be writing** our first story next week. In Maths, we have been securing the four operations and getting to grips with the tricky arithmetic that Year 6 brings.

We have already completed some fabulous artwork – recreating the Water Lilies painting by Claude Monet. We used different brush techniques and colour mixing to paint our impressions. We learnt that impressionism was about interpretation and not about creating a perfect image of what we see. Here are some of our amazing, finished pieces.





Being in Year 6 comes with many responsibilities including looking after a buddy in Reception. The children have now been paired with their buddy and have met them on a several occasions. Some of the Year 6 responsibilities include reading stories, listening to them read, playing and socialising with them during buddy play and supporting them at lunchtimes. We have loved playing with them so far and helping them settle into the routines of school life. Over the course of the school year, the relationship between Year 6 and their little buddies will grow – it really is very special.



#### CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.  
 DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.



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