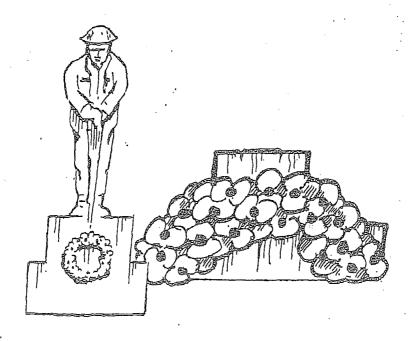
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Rt. Rev'd Donald Allister, Bishop of Peterborough writes

Life and Death, Life and Peace

Remembering and commemorating the dead is important pastorally as well as historically.

Remembering the saints, and our fellowship with them across the world and down the ages, is important for our context and perspective, for challenge and encouragement.

Remembering the martyrs is important, not just because "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church" (as Tertullian wrote 1800 years ago), but because martyrdom for one's faith is still part of the world church's experience today, and indeed it is or should be part of the expectation of the church in this world.

Remembering the war dead is also important, even though as Abraham Lincoln stated so brilliantly in his *Gettysburg Address* it is their sacrifice rather than our words which matter:

The world will little note nor long remember what we say here but it can never forget what they did here.

(I wish that British schools taught their pupils this short but stunning speech as American ones do, and Lincoln's equally powerful *Second Inaugural Address*: examples of deeply Christian and disarmingly eloquent leadership. But I fear I am whistling in the wind.)

As we continue to keep the centenary of the First World War, as we are conscious of wars and civil wars in various parts of the world, as our armed forces are committed in various places and conflicts, it is so right that we remember and commemorate and rejoice in the end of war, the declaration of peace. War may be necessary from time to time (though I personally am less than convinced that our interventions in the Middle East over the last hundred years have all been right or wise). But war can only be justified if the intended outcome is a just, lasting, and genuine peace.

This November please rejoice with me in our fellowship with all the saints, please remember with me those who have died and those who mourn, please give thanks for those willing to die for their Lord, and please work and pray for peace.

Greetings in Christ,

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In Search of Lord Byron

Mad, bad and dangerous to know; an adventurer, womaniser, romantic, rake and debaucher! Just the sort of man to attract the attentions of the Friends of All Saints! We speak, of course, of Lord Byron, a man whose poetic talents have tended to overshadow his more outrageous reputation.

We set off from Oakham to find out a little more of the man by way of visiting his burial place in St Mary Magdalane in Hucknall and his erstwhile family seat at Newstead Abbey. We arrived in Hucknall in time for a welcome coffee, served in the church by the Friends of St Mary's, followed by a most interesting talk by Richard Jackson, a knowledgeable adviser on the Byron family. The church has beautiful Kempe stained glass windows, and delightful tiled pictures on the walls. Lord Byron is interred here in the family vault, which also contains the bodies of his mother and his daughter Ada Lovelace. Byron died in Greece, fighting to free that country from the Ottoman Turks. Although he was recognised as an outstanding poet of his time. Byron was refused burial in Westminster Abbey and was brought back to England, to the family vaults in Hucknall. En route the cortege passed through Oakham, where his body was to lay in state in the Crown Inn overnight on July 14th 1824, before continuing its journey. Ada never knew her father, though she held him in high regard. She herself was an acclaimed mathematician who worked with Charles Babbage in the development of the earliest forms of computers.

On then to Newstead Abbey in time for lunch – delicious home-made soups and sandwiches, followed by very more-ish fruit cake - served in a beautiful rotunda kitchen. The Abbey was in fact a Priory, which was partly destroyed in Henry III's dissolution of the monasteries. One gable wall of the original church remains. The stones removed were subsequently used to extend the house, which we were shown around by Jason and David, two highly knowledgeable guides who kept us very amused with their droll, straight-faced asides! By the time that Lord Byron inherited the Abbey it had become a shadow of

its former self. Stately galleries become 'shooting' galleries and fine art was sold to fund his riotous lifestyle. In 1816 he sold the family seat to a friend, Col. Wildman. Since then the house has had many owners all of whom seem to have lost fortunes in trying to maintain it. It was finally given to Nottingham City Council in the early 20th century, and is now a monument and museum dedicated to Lord Byron.

There was still a little time at the end of the tour to visit the walled gardens. A few flowers remained, guarded by four fantastic life-size gardeners, sculpted from chicken wire! What splendid figures they cut.

A final point of interest. Outside St Mary's church in Hucknall stands a granite memorial with a plaque dedicated to the establishment of the 504 Squadron of the Royal Auxilliary Air Force. Two days before our visit the town of Oakham, had conferred Freedom of Entry to this Squadron following a service in All Saints.

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Do you know Four Minutes and Thirty Three Seconds – the completely silent piece of music composed by John Cage? Imagine 25 ladies (and 3 men) silent as we meditated on the Virgin Mary. Canon Rachel Watts gave a thought provoking talk, referring to the Scriptures, and we considered "an Alabaster Mary or a Mary of Character?" This challenged our preconceptions about Mary and provided food for thought. (Then the OrganTuners moved in and the silence was broken.)

A sumptuous feast awaited us, prepared by Uppingham M.U. members. A really worthwhile morning, appreciated by all.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 13th November, at 2.15 p.m. We look forward to Denise Taylor talking about Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. Do join us. All welcome.

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Braunston News

Rev Audrey

It is often said that "good things come in little packages" Certainly this has been true of Audrey's short but dynamic and joyous time with us at Braunston. Audrey could give master classes in how to make an impact and we thank her for the legacy she has left us.

Never one to shirk a calling Audrey has gone to the challenge of life as a Prison Chaplain in York. She has been a superb and thought provoking Priest in church and a fun loving participant in all our parish activities.

We said our local goodbye with a beautiful pictorial reminder of the many times Audrey's compelling personality made its mark, together with a cheque, in our morning service on Oct 19th and a good representation of our congregation joined the leaving service at Langham. in the afternoon. This Audrey treated as a joyous leaving party and both the numbers there and the outpouring of love and respect said it all. Good bye Audrey and God bless.

New Bongo Year: Braunston Bongo is our village lottery drawn every month in one of the village pubs. It supports the LOROS Hospice in Leicester and All Saints. The first £250 raised each year goes to Loros and the balance goes towards helping to maintain and develop our church and grounds. Prizes every month are £25. £10. £5. Prize winners are announced each month in Braunston News, the last announcement for this year will appear in the News in December.

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BROOKE NEWS

After a beautiful, warm and sunny autumn day with the trees all ablaze in their autumn colours numerous parishioners, friends, clergy, bell ringers and choristers all arrived at St Peter for a traditional harvest festival thanksgiving service. They arrived to the sound of the bells led by Richard Beadman and his team ringing a Quarter Peal to celebrate a special birthday of Ian McKelvey.

Stepping inside the porch they were met by the first of the striking flower displays adorning the porch and windows sills inside the church, all expertly done by our local ladies. The arrangements included some beautiful dahlias grown and generously donated by Roland Meadows of Braunston, so thank you to him and our artistic flower arrangers.

We were lucky enough to have the services of several people for the evening and which made our last Harvest Festival with Audrey all the more special. The service was led by the Rev Audrey Atkinson, the amusing but thought provoking sermon was given by the Rev Brian Nicholls, Alan and Gail Rudge led the Intercessions, Kevin Slingsby played the organ and led the Laudamus choir in the singing of the Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis and the joyful anthem 'Thou visitest the earth and blessest it.' The readers were local farmer Robert Eayres and local vet William Bevin.

At the end of the service on behalf of the PCC Terry Greer made a surprise presentation to Audrey as this was her penultimate service with us at Brooke. We shall miss her terribly especially her ever cheery and bright personality on those cold, early communion mornings but wish her well in her next post and just hope she gets out of 'prison' eventually and pays us a visit.

The collection from this service will as usual be given to Water Aid. After the service everyone gathered together in the chapel to enjoy the drinks and nibbles kindly provided by the efficient Brooke hospitality team with Terry and Gill's grandchildren Maddie and Hannah proving a great help at handing round all the goodies. Despite being tinged with sadness at Audrey's leaving the verdict was that it had been a memorable Harvest Festival service this year, so thank you to all who helped in any way to make it so.

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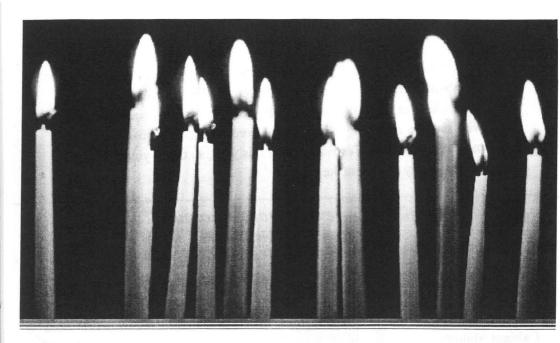


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However loathe to bid her GOD-SPEED we must pray, right hopefully, that Audrey's laudable aspirations for her ministry within the population of Full Sutton Prison, near York, will find their enriching fulfilment. May it gladden Audrey's heart sufficiently and – in the same beat! – bring to many another's heart each/all of these three, renowned joys – faith and hope and love!

November includes *St. Edmund's* own significant season, his *Feast Day* on November 20th and our *Patronal Festival* which will be celebrated [in advance] on the Third Sunday in the month – November 16th, at 9.15 a.m. However difficult our annual assignment to do justice to EDMUND, saintly KING & heroic MARTYR, we shall be thrilled to try yet again!

And then cometh December, during which the PCC has arranged this year's annual *Carol Service*—complete with customary accourtements like Mince Pie and Mulled Wine—to bring Egleton together, in festive spirit, on Wednesday, December 17th, at Six 0'clock. "Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice"!

But first, to remember, remember the Fifth ...! As for myself, I gladly recall an important season within my distant Student days. I was required to read lots about the Church in the era of ENGLAND UNDER THE STUARTS. My main source of help came from an eloquent and wise historian G.M. Trevelyan; his profound profile of *Guy Fawkes* and fellow *GUNPOWER Plot-ters* in 1605 have never since been lost to mind!.... Remember, remember the Fifth of November – about which Trevelyan eloquently testified ..

"those plotters were pure from self interest and love of power; it is hard to detect any stain on their character except the one monstrous illusion that murder is right; that put all their virtues at the devil's service! Courage cold as steel; self sacrifice untainted by jealousy or ambition; readiness when all was lost to endure all; these raise the Gunpowder Plot into a story of which the ungarnished facts might be read by those of every faith, not with shame or anger but with enlarged admiration and pity for the things which men can do."

Remember, remember? I've never been able [nor wanted] to forget this properly generous appraisal of Guy Fawkes and his bold, brave but mischievous contemporaries. As I read on, I learned from the admirable Trevelyan how Fawkes proved to be not only an infamous, eternal scapegoat but, far more so, the boldest and bravest, the most loyal – to his God and to his brethren – of all those dedicated [though demonised!] Plotters! An infamous hero, so to speak!

Neville Ashton

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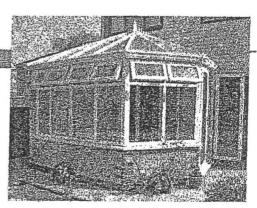
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HAMBLETON NEWS

On Sunday, 12th October at Hambleton's annual Harvest Festival Service, a fond farewell was said to *Rev Audrey Atkinson*. This was her last service at St Andrew's Church. The collection at the Service raised £252 for Water Aid and was followed by Supper and an auction at Hambleton Village Hall. The Supper was attended by approximately 65 people, made up of villagers and their families and friends. Food for the evening was kindly donated by members of the village and the evening raised £1350 for the Church Repair Fund.

Rev Audrey Atkinson was presented with a farewell gift from the village and was wished luck and happiness in her new role as Anglican Chaplain of HMP Prison at Full Sutton, York.

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LANGHAM NEWS

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Last month she organised a Pet Service that was well attended by dogs, an adorable Shetland pony and guinea pigs.

Our church choir has been working for the Royal School of Church Music pale blue band. At Audrey's last service, six of them will be awarded the medals. This is no mean achievement and has meant months of practices and homework. We are grateful to Kevin for his support. Three members of the choir joined in the Diocesan Choirs Festival at Peterborough Cathedral. New members are always welcome, even with only a once a month commitment., Only qualification needed is an enjoyment of singing. O1572 770234

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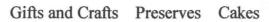
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Reg.	Date		
Mon.	t.t.o	2.00pm	Pram and Toddler Service All Saints Oakham
		7.30pm	Carer's Choir
			Family Centre C of E School Burley Road
Tues		10,00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
		1.45pm	Rejuvenating Choir
			The Barn Restaurant Oakham
Wed		11.00am	Visionary Vocals
			The Admiral Hornblower Oakham
		12 00	Service of Healing: Trinity Chapel (1st Wed. only)
		1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert. All Saints Oakham.
	}	7.00pm	The Barn Owl Singers
			The Barn Restaurant Oakham
Thur	t.t.o.	10.00am	Tiny Tots. All Saints Oakham
		12.15pm	CTO Prayer Meeting Trinity Chapel All Saints
Fri		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Sat	1 st		All Saints Day
Sun	2 nd		All Souls Day
Thur	6 th	7.30pm	Deanery Synod meets at Uppingham
Sun	9 th		Remembrance Sunday
Wed	12 th	7.30pm	All Saints Braunston PCC meets.
Thurs	13 th	10.00am	Open House 10 Cricket Lawns
		2-15pm	Oakham and Braunston MU All Saints Church Hall
			Denise Taylor: "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf"
Fri	15 th		Last day for copy for the December issue.
Sun	16 th		Second Sunday before Advent
		9.15am	St Edmunds Egleton Patronal Festival
		3.00pm	Tea Party: All Saints Oakham
Thur	20th		St Edmund
Sat	22nd	9.30am	All Saints Oakham Autumn Sale.
			All Saints Church: Something for everyone.
Sun	23 rd	4.00pm	Christ The King: Braunston Church @4
			Bring and Share Royal Banquet Village Hall
Fri	28 th	3.30pm	St Peter and St Paul Langham
	46		Christmas Tree and Crib Festival Opening Day
Sat	29 th	10.00am	Langham Christmas Tree and Crib Festival

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Sat	29 th	11.00pm	All Saints Braunston Advent Fayre
			Braunston Village Hall. All the fun and food of the season.
Sun	30 th		Advent Sunday and St Andrew.
		10.00am	Langham Tree and Crib Closing Day.
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Thur	4th	10.00am	Coffee Morning Rose Cottage Brooke

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Team Service Patterns and Times

Church	Week	8am	¹ 9:00am ² 9:15am	¹ 10:30am ² 11:00am	4:00pm	6:00pm
Oakham	1,2,4	HC(T)	7.13411	¹ HC		ES
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Langham	1					WWR
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	2,4				C@4	
Braunston	1,3			² HC		
	2			² MA		
	4				C@4	
Brooke	1,3					ES
	2	HC(B)				
	4	HC				
Hambleton	2,4		² HC(T)			
Egleton	1,3		² HC(T)			
Whissendine	1,3,4			² HC		
	2	HC(B)		² FS		
Teigh	1		¹ MA			
	2		¹ HC(B)**			
	3					ES
	4		¹ HC(B)			
Ashwell	1					ES
	3		¹ HC(B)**			
-				² FS		
	4			² HC		
Market	1,4 2 3		¹ HC			
Overton	2					ES
	3		¹FS			

HC – Holy Communion (Common Worship Contemporary Language) HC(T) – Holy Communion (Common Worship Traditional Language)

HC(B) – Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

FS/FSB – Family Service/Family Service with Baptism (not Communion)

C@4 – Church@4 (For all ages, with activities, simple worship & food) MA/ES – Matins/Evensong

WWR – Word, Worship & Response (Contemporary worship)

Fifth Sundays – usually Team Communion at one of the Churches (see the weekly pewsheet or website for details – www.oakhamteam.org.uk)

^{*} FSB even months / FC odd months with Baptism at 12:15pm

^{**} at Teigh in neven months / at Ashwell in odd months