

Newsletter

New Jerusalem Church

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THE FAITH OF THE NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH

There is one God in whom is the Divine Trinity.
He is the Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ.
A saving faith is to believe in Him.
Evil actions are not to be done because they are
of the hells and from the hells.
Good actions are to be done because they are
of God and from God.
These are to be done by a man as if from himself,
but it ought to be believed that they are done
from the Lord working in man and by him.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH: -
We believe that all religion has relation to
life and the life of religion is the doing of good.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

WORSHIP LEADERS

Sunday 1st November Family Holy Supper	Revd Brian Talbot
Remembrance Sunday 8th November (Please be in church for 10.55AM)	Carolyn Kennion
Sunday 15th November	Revd David Gaffney
Sunday 22nd November	Revd Brian Talbot
Sunday 29th November (First Sunday of Advent)	Alison Presland

Flowers: Provided by Maryam

Sunday	**Deacons**	**Refreshments**
1st November	Ray & Sam	Pauline & Roy
8th November	John	Parisa & Marsi
15th November	Roy	John & Jean
22nd November	Myra #	Alison & Lesley
29th November	Sohrab	#

 # - Volunteer needed

WHAT'S ON

Whist: Monday afternoons 1.30PM. Everyone welcome!

Church Council: Sunday 15th November 12.30PM

Circle Dancing: Thursday 19th November 2.00PM

DECEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

WORSHIP LEADERS

Sunday 6th December	Revd Brian Talbot
Sunday 13th December (Toy Service)	Revd Brian Talbot
Sunday 20th December (Carol Service)	Church Members
Sunday 27th December	No Service

From Sacrifice to Peace: A November Reflection:

"Angels are happiest when they are helping others and bring them peace."

- **Emanuel Swedenborg, *Heaven and Hell***

Dear Friends,

As November arrives our nation pauses. The autumn leaves fall, the air turns cold, and we gather in silence to remember. For our New Church communities across the UK, Remembrance Sunday is an important time to honour those who gave everything for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Emanuel Swedenborg teaches that genuine love for our country is a form of charity. * When people stand up to protect others from harm, they act from a deep spiritual place of usefulness. The sacrifices made in conflict reflect the ultimate truth, that love is willing to lay down its life for our neighbour.

But our remembrance does not end with earthly passing. We take comfort in knowing that life is eternal.

**True Christian Religion Section: 414*

Those who have passed from this natural world live on vividly in the spiritual realm, safely held in the Lord's care.

This November, let our silence be a prayer. Let us remember the past with profound gratitude and let that gratitude inspire us to be active peacemakers today.

By living with kindness, understanding, and useful service in our local neighbourhoods, we help bring the peace of the New Jerusalem into a world that truly needs it.

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

– John 15:13

***Prayer*:** God of grace, as we stand together in memory of those who sacrificed so much, quiet our minds and open our hearts. Root us deeply in your love, so that we may become active peacemakers, carrying hope and healing into our communities and the wider world. Amen.

The Story of the Unknown Warrior

Andrew Richards tells the story of the First World War chaplain who first suggested a memorial to those fallen servicemen and women with no known grave.

As an Army chaplain on the Western Front, the Reverend David Railton supported soldiers in their darkest hours of need. He buried the fallen, wrote to families of the missing and killed, and helped the survivors.

Railton received the Military Cross for rescuing an officer and two men under heavy fire on the Somme.

After the war, he returned to work as a parish priest in Margate. It was his idea to create a memorial to the 'unknown soldier', dedicated to those killed in the war but whose body or grave couldn't be identified.

On Armistice Day 1920, the Unknown Warrior was laid to rest with full honours in Westminster Abbey. Railton's flag, used as an altar cloth and shroud throughout the war, covered the coffin and continues to hang in the abbey to this day.

Andrew Richards is a writer and former soldier. He retired from the British Army in 2002 after 23 years' service in the Household Cavalry.

National Army Museum

Church News

On Sunday 27th September, we celebrated the Revd Brian Talbot's retirement from full-time ministry. Following the service, Brian was presented with cards and gifts as a token of our appreciation. Members and friends kindly provided a wonderful selection of home-baked and donated cakes, which everyone enjoyed as we gathered to honour Brian's dedicated work and ministry at the church.

Wider Church News

Future Events:

- **Sat 14th November** – Voyage of Discovery - Wellspring House
- **Fri 20th November – Sun 22nd November** – Spiritually Social at Purley Chase
- **Mon 30th November –** Meet the Minister – Details available on the General Conference website: www.generalconference.org.uk
- **Sat 12th December Angels –** Discovering the gifts they bring – Wellspring House
- **Fri 18th December –** Meet the Minister

Answers to: The Great British October Nature Quiz

1. Rowan
2. The Rut
3. The Robin
4. Horse Chestnut
5. Hedgehog
6. A murmuration
7. John Keats
8. Nut-Crack Night
9. Chlorophyll
10. *Autumnwatch*
11. Fly Agaric
12. Grey Seal
13. *Planet*
14. Bats
15. Wild Mushrooms (or Fungi)
16. iNaturalist
17. *Planet Earth III*
18. Grey Squirrel
19. Turnip (or Swede)
20. Helicopter seeds (or "Helicopters)

November Quiz

This month's quiz is from Pauline's archives. The answers are all Lancashire or Greater Manchester place names.

1. There's a famous seaside place called
   (9)……
2. Albert's surname
   (10)……
3. Colourless meadow
   (10)……
4. Was the other half of Wise
   (9)……
5. Round currant cake
   (6)……
6. Another currant cake from further up the A6
   (7)……
7. Average weight when full of cake!
   (9)……
8. Barclay's, Lloyds & TSB
   (5)……
9. Where Black Puddings are made
   (4)……
10. Got rid of creases
    (7)……

11. Brief encounter station
    (9)…….
12. Swift forest
    (9)…….
13. Well preserved gammon
    (6)…….
14. Admiral, hero
    (6)…….
15. Sounds like it goes with ice-cream
    (5)…….
16. Cereal found near Pendle
    (6)…….
17. Sit here on a July or August day
    (10)……
18. Irishman's bacon
    (7)……..
19. Stanley's home
    (10)……
20. Paradise in a meadow
    (9)……..

Apologies, if you don't live locally. All the locals should score 20!
Answers next month.

November in the garden

Essential Jobs to Do

- **Clear fallen leaves:** Rake leaves off lawns and ponds to stop grass from rotting and keep water clean. Shred them to make leaf mould mulch.
- **Lift tender tubers:** Dig up dahlias, gladioli, and begonias after the first frost, then store them in a cool, dry place.
- **Protect fragile plants:** Move tender pots into a greenhouse, conservatory, or unheated porch before hard freezes hit.
- **Tidy borders selectively:** Cut back dead brown foliage, but leave seed heads like ornamental grasses for local wildlife.

What to plant

- **Spring bulbs:** November is the prime window to plant tulip bulbs, which reduces the risk of fungal diseases like tulip fire. You can also plant alliums and daffodils.
- **Bare-root hedging and trees:** Plant dormant deciduous trees, fruit bushes, and hedging while the soil is still relatively warm.
- **Hardy crops:** Put in autumn-planting garlic, winter-hardy peas, and broad beans

November weather and folklore

Popular November Weather Sayings

- **The Duck Ice Rule:** *"If there be ice in November that will bear a duck, there will be nothing thereafter but sleet and muck."* This suggests that an unusually early hard freeze in November actually leads to a milder, wetter remainder of winter.
- **The March Mirror:** *"As November, so the following March."* Folklore claims that the general weather pattern in late autumn mirrors the early spring conditions.
- **Thunder Previews:** *"Thunder in November indicates a fertile year to come,"* based on the idea that unseasonal thunder brings beneficial late-season moisture for the soil.

El Nino – 2026 Impacts on UK Weather

According to the Government Office for Science, the impacts of El Niño on the UK weather are less certain and cannot be confidently predicted. Since this may be the largest El Niño to date, it could result in unforeseen effects on UK weather. From October to December 2026, there is a slightly increased chance of the UK experiencing stronger westerlies (prevailing winds from the west) and low-pressure patterns which are associated with increased storminess and an increased risk of heavy rainfall and flooding.

November Folklore

As the year darkens, the skies are filled with fireworks. However, bonfire night aside, there are plenty more myths and traditions linked to November.

November 11th used to be a day of feasting for Martinmas, or St Martin's Day. It marked the time when the wheat had all been planted and animals had been killed. The goose was seen as a symbol of St Martin, and was eaten at the feasts (with duck or chicken used as a cheaper alternative). Fires were lit and children carried lanterns. Martinmas marks the first day of traditional winter in the agricultural calendar. Women would tend to move their work indoors while men would move to forest work.

After Martinmas comes the potential for an Indian Summer, which must apparently fall between 11th and 20th November. For a true Indian Summer, the warm days must follow a frost, and there must be no wind. However, a warm November is thought to predict a cold winter so be careful what you wish for…

Later in November, on the last Sunday of the month, comes 'Stir Up Sunday': the day to make Christmas puddings. Traditionally, everyone in the family stirred the pudding mix and made a wish. Silver charms were often included, with symbolism attached for the person who found the charm on their plate on Christmas day.

A thimble denoted luck while a ring denoted marriage. Some people included a coin instead, with the recipient thought to have a prosperous year ahead.

Preparing for December's festivities is a good way to lighten the load next month. If you're lucky, you may also find the last of the sloes to make sloe gin or vodka. As November darkens, feasting and cooking can brighten chilly days – and give you something to look forward to next month…

Key November Observances

- **All Saints' Day (November 1):** Celebrates all known and unknown Christian saints.
- **All Souls' Day (November 2):** A day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed.
- **Feast of Christ the King (Late November):** Celebrated on the final Sunday of the liturgical year (November 22, 2026) to honour the sovereignty of Christ.
- **Advent (Late November/Early December):** The Advent season of expectant waiting and preparation for Christmas begins four Sundays before Christmas (starting November 29 in 2026).
- **St. Andrew's Day (November 30):** Honours Andrew the Apostle.

All Saints' Day

An extract from a newsletter item written by The Revd John Elliot.

"An alternative and probably older name for All Saints' Day – that is the first of November – is 'All Hallows' and this explains why the day before is called 'All Hallows Eve' or 'Hallowe'en.' Nowadays, the last few hours of 31st October are given over to fire-work parties and 'trick or treat' fun; but how many taking part in these activities are aware of the fact that the following day is for many Christians a very special one? In France for example, All Saints' Day – La Toussaint – is a very public holiday.

Some people will be thinking of the saints as those who in the times since our Lord was in the world, have done great things for Him and their fellow human beings, such as the Apostles and other men and women then, as well as people in later centuries. Some may have in mind those who were put to death because they were followers of Jesus Christ. Other people's thoughts on All Saints' Day may be not only of those whose noble deeds are part of recorded history, but also of ordinary persons who, while they were in this world and care now in the next, have faithfully endeavoured to love and honour both Lord and neighbour. In France and other countries, it is customary to attend special services of worship on the day, and/or to go to place flowers on the graves of relatives and friends. These are usually pot chrysanthemums in russet and yellow autumnal shades.

Poetry Corner

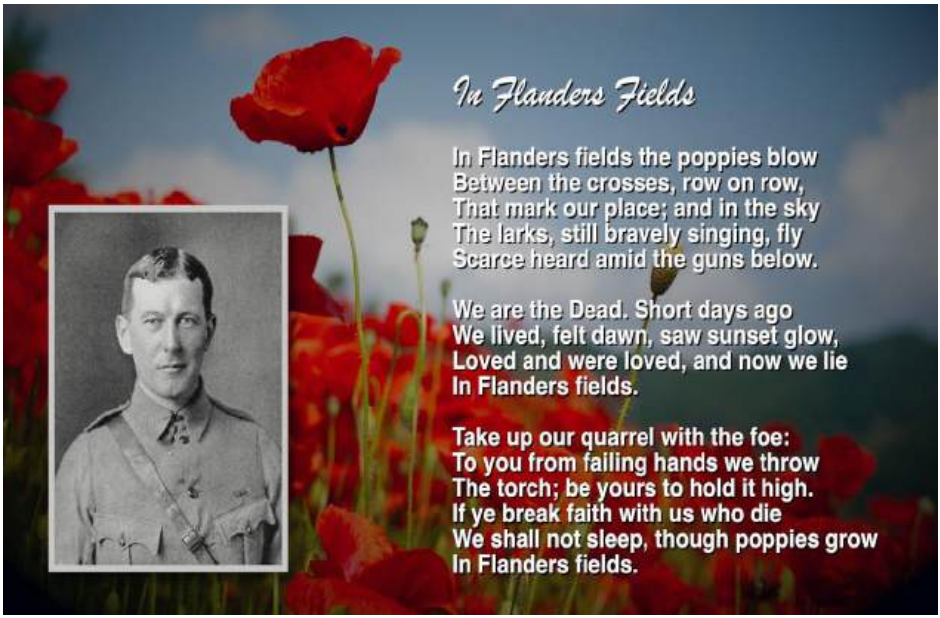
The Mist and All
By Dixie Wilson

I like the fall
The mist and all
I like the night owl's lonely call
And wailing sound
Of wind around

I like the gray
November day
And bare, dead boughs that coldly sway
Against my pane
I like the rain

I like to sit
And laugh at it
And tend my cozy fire a bit
I like the fall
The mist and all

John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" remains to this day one of the most memorable war poems ever written. It is a lasting legacy of the terrible battle in the Belgian Ypres territorial battlefield against Germany in the spring of 1915. The area was in the northwest region of Belgium which was known as Flanders.



These poems are in the public domain.



This photo, (taken in church), is a memorial to members of Kearsley NJ church who were killed in the first World War. Under the memorial are two framed lists of those people from Radcliffe New Church, who were also killed in the war.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

These are the famous lines from the Ode of Remembrance, taken from the fourth stanza of the poem "For the Fallen" by the English poet Laurence Binyon.