

KCM NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to this November Newsletter. As the clocks go back (you did remember, didn't you?!), the evenings draw in and a gathering gloom seems to surround the nation, how as Christians can we face the coming season with the hope and joy that should characterise our faith? There is, of course, no simple answer to that question. Well, there is – that simple answer is **faith** – but that will need a lot of unpacking. How do we live as a people of faith in a culture that has abandoned it? Thank God (quite literally) we are not left to struggle with this alone. On one level the whole of the Bible is the story of how successive generations have sought to do the same, though times of prosperity and power and through times of war, famine, exile and plague.

Today is **Bible Sunday**. Of course, we hear and reflect on the scriptures every Sunday and many of us will read them every day at home, but today we stop to think WHY? What is it about these ancient texts that make them so vital for modern living? I'd suggest that this **story** spanning the generations is one of them. The Bible may look like a motley collection of ancient writings, and it is incredibly varied in so many ways, but there is a single golden thread that runs through all its pages that tells of what theologians have called "salvation history", the story of a creator God who relentlessly pursues His beloved people in order to save them, to bring them to the fulness of life which God intends for them. In reading and learning just how God has acted in the past and how God's people have responded is the key to our faithful living today.... to our living with joy and hope even at such a perilous time. That we do so is of vital importance not just for us but for all.



Let's put this sign up outside our churches. Let's wear it on our sleeves and declare it to the world:

Everyone is welcome. Here is a place and here is a people where you will be safe, where you will be loved, where you will be accepted. This is where you will find hope for the world and a new vision for a new humanity. Enter here and be changed. Not into somebody else, but into the beautiful person you are meant to be. Then join with us in changing the world.

Most Revd Stephen Cottrell
Archbishop of York
18th October 2020

I wonder if we can. I wonder if we dare. God bless,

Bill Stuart-White

Weekly offerings:

As you're aware, we're currently unable, for safety reasons, to pass the offertory plate around for our weekly Sunday collection. However, the need for your contributions is perhaps greater than ever as our income has been dramatically reduced through the pandemic.



We're so grateful to those of you who give through the Parish Giving Scheme and that remains the most helpful and effective means of helping to fund the Church's ministry. If you don't do this at the moment, but would like to know more, have a word with Bill, or with Pip.

However, we recognise that this isn't right or convenient for everyone and there are two ways that you may give regular or one-off gifts.

Either: Collection plate

Since we may not now pass the plate around, it will be left near the entrance at the beginning of each service and you are asked to place your gift there. The plate will be brought up and blessed during the service at the Peace.

Or: Contactless card-reader

The contactless card-reader is now fully up and running and is very simple to use with a card or phone. Have a go. It's fun!

However you give....huge thanks! Your generous and regular giving makes all the difference.



Our support for the **Christian Aid Autumn Appeal continues and will remain open until the end of October**. Gifts may be given via the **Christian Aid e-offering** page at:

[https://e-offering.christianaid.org.uk/e-](https://e-offering.christianaid.org.uk/e-offering/eyJlb2ZmZXJpbmciOilyOTA1OCIsICJjaGFubmVsljoic3RhHVzIn0%3D)

[offering/eyJlb2ZmZXJpbmciOilyOTA1OCIsICJjaGFubmVsljoic3RhHVzIn0%3D](https://e-offering.christianaid.org.uk/e-offering/eyJlb2ZmZXJpbmciOilyOTA1OCIsICJjaGFubmVsljoic3RhHVzIn0%3D)

or there are special **Envelopes** available in church for those who would prefer to give in this way.

Further information about Christian Aid and the autumn appeal can be found at

www.caid.org.uk/neighbours.

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER: please note there is NO 11am service on 8th November. Evensong will be at 6pm on 8th November and 29th November (First Sunday in Advent)

Today's organ music, played by Michael Hoeg:

11.00am Toccata (*Georgi Mushel*)

6.00pm Festival Voluntary (*Flor Peeters*)

Shoe Box Appeal Once again KCM is supporting the Shoe Box Appeal. Information about this, boxes and donation envelopes are at the rear of the church. Canon Bill will be blessing the boxes and money donations during the 11am service on 1st November. Please give generously to this very worthy appeal. For more information contact Jill (07943 586246)

The boxes go to Truro on Tuesday 10th November so if some are not ready they can still be included.