

## Thought for November 2023

By Revd. Claire Claxton

“Blessed are the peacemakers .....” Matthew 5:9.

Peace seems to be such an elusive concept. I almost added the words ‘in todays world’ but I don’t think things have changed throughout the history of humanity. As our senses are bombarded with details of the most recent conflict between nations, whilst also remembering that other conflicts continue to cause untold suffering, I wonder if, like me, you despair that peace will ever be a reality?

I recently saw the picture below which was painted by Anja Rozen, a 13-year-old girl in Slovenia. Her work was chosen from 600,000 entries by children



around the world to create a piece of art to show what peace looks like. She is the winner of the international Plakat Miru competition. She wrote, “My drawing represents the land that binds us and unites us. Humans are woven together. If someone gives up, others fall. We are all connected to our planet and to each other, but, unfortunately, we are little aware of it. We are woven together. Other people weave alongside me my own story; and I weave theirs.”

I love that image of being woven together. We may feel helpless in the face of global

suffering but we can all be peacemakers in our own communities; amongst our families, friends and work colleagues.

In November, when we commemorate Remembrance Sunday, we never glorify war but we certainly honour those who gave their lives for peace.

### A prayer for peace

Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow;and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to thepeace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Church Flowers in November

*November 5th : Suzie*

*November 12th: Remembrance*

*Sunday : Katie*

*November 19th : Katie*

*November 26th: Brenda*

## Greeters

*November 5th: Suzie*

*November 12th: Nancy*

*November 19th: Debbie*

*November 26th: Brenda*

## November

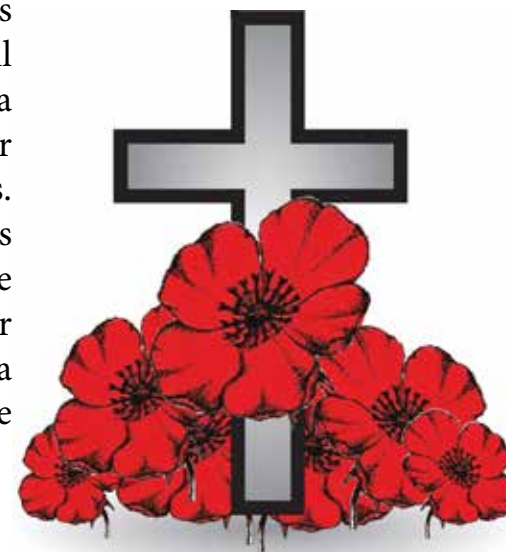
This can be a difficult month, the weather can be dreary, the days are short and we humans like the plants, would like to rest and keep warm. However we still need to work as usual, get up on dark mornings and go forward bravely.

How much more courageous must the people in the present war zones be, struggling with fear and loss and knowing that their lives are forever changed.

This month we remember the group of men from the Forest who lost their lives in the two world wars and others whose names do not appear on the memorial. I also think of the families who stayed at home living in dread of the news. Then there are the ones who stayed behind and died of illness and starvation.

Although it is hard not to be depressed by the recent news the fact that we acknowledge these events is an encouragement.

We see the poppy wreaths at the Lychgate and all around the church, a wonderful splash of colour on cold miserable days. There is also a mysterious image joining us in the pews, an unknown soldier representing so many. It is a fitting reminder of courage in these dark times.



## Barometers

Do you have a barometer in your home? Perhaps a little old one which has always hung on the wall and which we like to give an occasional tap to see which way the arrow is going. This type works on air pressure, measured by a spring in the device which reacts to the pressure in the house and surroundings.



The gauge reads from extremes, generally high pressure denotes fair settled weather whereas low pressure means rain and storms. A sudden drop on the gauge is a cause for alarm especially for sailors.



A more attractive and interesting barometer is the Galileo type. This is a barometer made of a sealed glass cylinder containing a clear liquid and several glass coloured bulbs of varying density. The individual floats rise or fall in proportion to their respective density and the density of the surrounding liquid as the temperature changes. It is named after Galileo Galilei because he discovered the principle on which this barometer is based—that the density of a liquid changes in proportion to its temperature. This is not a very accurate reading but more pleasant to look at and can be read from a short distance.

## Forest Floral Wednesday 15th November

Forest Floral invite you to their Garden Club on Wednesday 15th November at 7 pm in the Douzaine Room, Rue des Landes. The speaker is Malcolm Cleal who will tell us about the life and times of a very public gardener. There will also be opportunities to put gardening queries to Malcolm. The entrance charge of £5 also includes refreshments.



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### *Kids today!*

*BRITTANY (age 4) had an earache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mother explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: 'How does it know it's me?'*

*JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' Concerned, James asked: 'What happened to the flea?'*

*STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mom good night. 'I love you so much that when you die, I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window.'*



## November Dates and News

### Knit and Natter

**Wednesday 1st November 2-4pm.**

Join us in church for a time of tea and chat and bring any knitting or sewing you like to do. Or you can just come for the company!

### Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 8th November** Our next coffee morning will take place from 10.30am to 12 noon in church.

### Solace

**Thursdays November 2nd (12pm at Longfrie for lunch).**

**16th & 30th usual meetings.**

St Martin's Community Centre from 10.30-noon.

Solace is a support group for bereaved friends.

**Sunday 5th November 4 p.m. All Souls Service,** followed by refreshments.

A special service of thanksgiving and remembrance at the Forest Parish Church. This is the Sunday following All Souls Day when, traditionally, we commemorate those who have died. There will be a prayer of remembrance and if you would like the name of someone included you can write their name on a list which will be by the door or let Revd. Claire know.

### Soup Kitchen at St. Martin's Community Centre

Every Thursday from 19th October to 21st December from 12 - 2pm. Free soup, bread, tea and coffee. Anyone and everyone is welcome. There will be 2 soups to choose from each week. For further information or to offer to make soup please contact Sara Dorey on tel. 235845.

## Welcome to Forest Parish Church Services in November 2023

### Sunday 5th November

11am Family Communion

Reader: tba

Prayers: Viv Rees

### Sunday 5th November 4 p.m.

All Souls Service

followed by refreshments



### Remembrance Sunday 12th November

10.50am at Lychgate Parish Communion

Reader: Richard Heaume      Wisdom 6 v12-16

1 Thessalonians 4 v13-18

Prayers: Keith Bienvenu

### Sunday 19th November

11am Parish Communion

Reader: Nancy Smith      Zephaniah 1 v7,12-18

1 Thessalonians 5 v1-11

Prayers: Nancy Smith

### Sunday 26th November 11am Parish Communion

Reader: Steve Le Poidevin

Ezekiel 34 v11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1v15 -23

Prayers: Peter Gallienne

**Sunday 3rd December 11am** Family Christingle service and Opening of the Christmas Tree Festival