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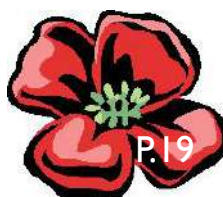
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Festivals & Feasts

2nd November

All Saints' Day

23rd November

Christ the King

30th November

Advent Sunday

A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Peace-loving God,
on this Remembrance Sunday,
Your church remembers
all who have fallen in war;
those who re-live war daily
through injury or broken spirit,
those left behind,
grieving for a loved one.
And as we remember,
we pray for those who seek peace:
for those who are good negotiators –
working with dedication and
persistence;
going the extra mile for peace.
We pray for peace.
But also...
help us to find new ways of addressing
aggression;
constructive ways of challenging harsh
regimes,
seeking justice as well as peace.

*Martin Hazell (from Opening Doors,
URC 2014 Prayer Handbook)*





**Part of Christ's family, welcoming
everyone, sharing God's love
and being a voice of hope**

From the Editor

They may have cut down 8 miles of rainforest in Brazil, as Thang tells us on p. 13, but here in Adel we are determined to fight for our green spaces. We are so lucky to have them and we need them. Last month in church we had a talk from a GP who has been working with a group called 'Greener Practice', identifying how interdependent we humans and our planet are on each other. If we look after our green spaces our health will benefit. We have a conservation area and we hope to keep it that way. Adrian Hide tells us on p.12 about taking part recently in a walk around that area, where there was much to learn. And if you missed the walk, you can still read about it by Googling Adel Conservation Area, where you will find a booklet containing details and photos. You could then walk around the area by yourself and do your health some good at the same time.

On a different note, I hope to see as many of you as possible at our Christmas Coffee Morning on 22nd November - see p. 8 for details. This is always the most sociable event of the year, even if the main point of interest is buying raffle tickets at the last moment in the hope that your ticket will be at the top of the pile! Trevor will be raffling two Christmas cakes and Beryl Thompson once again will prepare a Christmas hamper to be won in a raffle. And let's not forget the tasty cakes on offer. This event is not just for our church congregation. All are welcome and you pay what you want!

And finally, a note about our Christmas Concert. It is always very popular and we do not want to turn people away because the church is full. It has been decided, therefore, to limit attendance to those who have either booked online or bought a ticket in advance. This seems to be the best way to control numbers. Please see the advert on p.7.

Marjorie Cole

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RECTOR ALISON'S LETTER

Dear Friends

Last month marked 20 years since my mum died. I was surprised how raw the grief felt at times. I have also noticed in recent years how my mind plays tricks by inserting her in memories where she cannot have been present.

It is a little odd, but I think it shows how much she is a part of me and of how I see the world. In any particular experience I can imagine what she might have said, and how she would have appreciated the surroundings or the weather. I know she would have been able to name a flower, and how she loved to jump in a pile of crunchy autumn leaves with her grandchildren.

November is often a month of remembering the departed: All Saints' Day; our Memorial service; and Remembrance Sunday all take place within a fortnight. We remember because we miss people, but also because they are part of the people we have become.

'All Saints' refers to all those who shared and handed on our Christian faith in words and deeds. They always seem particularly close in our beautiful ancient church which was built and has been maintained by many saints over the centuries. Some are remembered fondly by church members, some recorded in our

history books, others are now known only to God.

At our Memorial service we recall with gratitude, as well as sadness, those close to us whom we loved and miss. It is a chance to hear them named and prayed for, but they are with us in all the ordinary and extraordinary things we do, because of the people they helped us to become. I am sure you, like me, have treasured memories of shared experiences and laughter.

Those we honour on Remembrance Sunday are, for most of us, just names. Sadly, wars continue, and people still give their lives in protection of their country; but there are very few living links to the world wars which are often the focus of this particular day.

They may no longer gather with us in person, but they too are with us each day. They are with us in the freedoms we have; in the laws and bodies that grew out of the desire not to let it happen again; in the links made with former allies, and enemies, in the wake of a terrible war.

The enemy those men and women fought in World War II was one that sought to divide people against their neighbours, uniting a nation only by finding minorities to blame for every issue. As I remember them this year, I

feel the weight of their expectation that we who reap the benefits of their sacrifice will not allow such divisions to rise again.

With the benefit of hindsight, we can see how hatred was cultivated by getting ordinary, struggling people to blame certain groups of people for all their ills, and not to look beyond this gross simplification until it was too late. We perhaps honour the fallen best by speaking out today against simple scapegoating of this or that group of people.

You are welcome at any or all of our services, but however you remember those who have gone before I hope it brings you comfort and inspiration. With love and prayers,

Alison



**Memorial Service
2nd November
6.30pm**

Our annual service of words and music, with the chance to remember loved ones by name and light a candle in their memory. The service will be followed by light refreshments in the Stables. Please put this date in your diary.
Everyone welcome.

Christmas Concert

**By
Leeds Guild of singers**

**Sunday 7th December
3pm in church**

This renowned chamber choir returns for an enchanting Christmas concert, entertaining you with a diverse selection of choral works featuring music by **Kerensa Briggs, Kenneth Leighton, Olivier Messiaen, Ola Gjeilo** and more. The concert will be followed by seasonal refreshments in the Stables.

Tickets are £15 for adults
(students and
under 18s free)

PLEASE NOTE

All places must be pre-booked. You will NOT be able to pay on the door.

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**P.S. Book your tickets early
to avoid disappointment**

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 22nd November

10.30am in the Old Stables



Stalls selling hand-made goods,
and greetings cards

Christmas cake raffle and hamper
draw

Cakes, seasonal treats, tea and
freshly prepared filter coffee

ALL WELCOME

Always a lovely festive atmosphere!

REV'D IAN REFLECTS

The God we don't believe in

"God, you're not only difficult to find but you're also a hard taskmaster."

A quote from my holiday reading; from *First Light*, a brilliant account by Geoffrey Wellum, a teenage Spitfire pilot, of the height of the Battle of Britain. The quote made me reflect on how people see or imagine God.

The young fighter pilot has an idea of God that we surely would not recognise, but which he learnt at school. We all have come to an understanding of who God is, which we'll have learnt from many influences, not least our own experience. Sadly, many people will have heard what our pilot heard. And this is important because we will all have friends who don't believe in God, yet have we asked them about the God they don't believe in? I would suggest that it's probably a version of God you don't believe in either.

*we find what
everyone needs*

What can we say about the God we believe in? God is love and he loves us and, far from being difficult, wants us to know him. We know him by seeing his full revelation of himself in

Jesus. And why do we want to know him? Because in him we find what everyone needs: love without limit, forgiveness and healing of the burdens we carry. And then, in that loved and healed state we want to share that love with all people. We are even bold enough to say that we love those who hate us and wish us harm.

So, here's something to try. Ask your non-believing friends to describe the God they don't believe in. It can be the start of a conversation.

Now, I am not so naive as to think that such conversation will be easy. Sometimes we can be nervous speaking about our faith because we don't have all the answers. Geoffrey questioned how God allowed that many of 'his children', as we are taught to believe, will be slaughtered before the war is over. There are no easy answers to these kinds of questions.

Yet we are so keen that others, including our fiends and neighbours, come to know that the God we believe in is the God they can trust and who can transform their lives. They can also enjoy being part of a loving community. An alternative to conversation is to ask them to "Come and see."

Ian Johnston

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IN BRIEF

“In the Persian Garden: Refuge and Reflection” by Prof. Joyce Hill.

There was a warm welcome in the Stables with tea/coffee and biscuits for the talk and very few spare seats.

Joyce talked to us about how the gardens were created in desert landscapes and are divided into four parts with paths and water channels as a place of reflection and refuge. She explained that the water came from the mountains which have snow in winter. There were excellent photos of gardens in different areas.

We were transported us to a different world, not quite paradise but almost. Jenny Jones gave the vote of thanks for what had been a very interesting and informative talk.

Beryl Thompson

More brain teasers

1. What's a 12 letter word that contains 6 alternate letter "A"s? You'll see it in a shop.
2. What do these words have in common: Chin, Biopsy, Almost, Ghost ?
3. Which 5 letter word can be placed either before or after each of the following to make a new word: Sun, Head, Search, House, Wave, Bulb?

4. Which is the odd one out and why: Shiver, softly, clover, stone, flies, trends ?

Answers on p.33

The 100 Club Draw (Sept)

1 Leanne Winfield	£80.00
2 I.F. Welsh	£40.00
3 Jill Holloway	£30.00

Also in November . . .

Rake, Cake & Chat
9.30am in the churchyard
Saturday 1st November
Last meeting of the year

Prayer Meetings **10am every Wednesday** **In church or at home**

Praying this month for:
Baptism Group, All who cover
services, especially Ian Johnston
Live-streaming team & Sidespeople

Bible Study
10 am in the Stables
Thursday 13th November
Thursday 27th November

LETTER FROM LILY

Hi Everyone!

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and have got your 'winter woollies' out of storage and into your wardrobes! I'm not too sure what they are, but apparently you need them. I've got a winter coat, which I hate by the way as it does nothing for my lovely curls!

I've been away to see my family in the south (wherever that is) and had a lovely time. They've only got one rabbit now, which I can cope with as it's friendly and likes to have a nose-nuzzle. The one that barked at me has disappeared, I'm sorry to say.

I went on some very strange trains. Every time I go south, we go on trains which creak, groan and blow steam and smoke everywhere, but the ones we went on didn't! They were very smooth and quiet but while we were out some human or other kept cancelling the one we wanted which meant a lot of hanging about on things they call stations. I went to church again – not to a service this time but for coffee and cake. I love cake and feel quite cross with my Mum when she only gives me a little bit and then tells me 'you've had enough.' How does she know? It's my tummy!

I've developed a predilection for coffee. My Mum was watching T.V.

and had her cup on the sofa between us so I took the opportunity to have a drink – it really is yummy, but I gather it isn't very good for me, so I don't suppose I'll get much of it! I know, *'you've had enough!'*

I'm learning as each day goes by that not everything is good for me – boring, isn't it? I suppose you all went through it when you were puppies and I suppose I will have to learn to cope with it as you have had to. I don't really understand – if stuff is there, why can't I have it/chew it/play with it/eat or drink it? My Mum could see I was getting rather trusfrated, I think it is called, and sat me down to explain.

Jesus has given us lots of messages from God about living our lives properly, thinking of others, respecting ourselves, our environment and our neighbours and doing as He instructs us. So, if we all follow these instructions, everyone will feel happier as we all look after each other and our environment with love and care and do as He wishes. We'll also be pleasing God at the same time – let's do it!

Woofs & lix,

Lily xxx

OUR CONSERVATION AREA

We walked it on Monday 15th September 2025

Having lived in Adel for 18 months, my wife and I were keen to uncover more of its hidden history. What better way than joining the recent Adel St John's Conservation Area Walk, led by the highly knowledgeable local historian Val Crompton, supported by Wendy Grisedale. With only 20 places available, we booked early to avoid disappointment!

Despite a gloomy forecast, everyone turned up in waterproofs and sturdy shoes, ready for adventure. A little drizzle gave way to moments of golden autumn sunshine as we set off. Our first stop was Adel Old Rectory, where Val shared its fascinating story. On to York Gate, followed by a stroll up Long Causeway to the Old Stile. After crossing Bedquilts, we admired Glebe Cottage and the Old Smithy, before heading down Church Lane to Old Adel School, the War Memorial Boulder at the Sports & Social Club, and the old Corpseway footpath.

We paused to take in the Mounting Block and weathered stones in Adel Churchyard, before completing our walk at Adel Church at 3.30pm, warmly greeted by church-sitters Catherine, Hilary, and her friendly dog. At every stop, Val brought the past to life with anecdotes, making

Adel's history vivid. The glimpses of sunlight through the trees added a peaceful, almost magical atmosphere.

The Adel St John's Conservation Area was first designated in 1974 and extended in 2009. Located to the east of Otley Road, nearby Roman, Saxon and Medieval occupations have each made their mark and given the area its distinct layout and appearance. Today, it acts as a gentle gateway to the countryside: green fields stretch north, while suburbs edge in from the west, east, and south, making its rural charm even more striking.

At the heart of the area is the 12th-century church, alongside its rectory, stables, farmhouse, and cottages—together forming the backbone of Adel's architectural and historic character. Its six-acre churchyard, dotted with traditional street lamps and York stone paving, adds to the serenity, inviting quiet reflection.

Recent consultations for the Leeds Local Plan raised questions about future development, but the adoption of the Adel Neighbourhood Plan in June reassures residents that any changes should respect the area's unique character making it appealing to visitors and locals alike.

Next year, why not join the walk and experience Adel's heritage yourself?

Adrian Hide

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Is COP30 a copout?



I'm going on my own feelings in this article. This month. Over the course of 12 days, over 50,000 people are set to attend this year's COP30 in Belém, Brazil. To help facilitate the influx of attendees, including world leaders, a new road was built. More than 8 miles of protected rainforest were cut down for this new highway into Belém. Not only this, but \$81 million is also being spent on expanding the local airport to increase its capacity. I think that is a lot of money that could be spent on conservation or community projects.

The Conference of the Parties, or COP, is the UN's platform for delegates and representatives of 198 parties to meet annually since 1995, to discuss and decide policies for tackling climate change. I believe it has had some positive impact, mainly in terms of exposure and informing us that our planet is in danger. As God has entrusted us to be stewards of our planet, we are harming it, destabilising the delicate balance, and the research the UN and other organisations are doing is highlighting the destructive

tendencies of humankind, not only to our planet, but also to each other.

Reading more into COP, it frustrates me that there is a lot of talk and not enough action, with many people patting themselves on the back and telling others how to live. Ten years ago, hype and fanfare surrounded the Paris Accord, with its aim of keeping global warming below 1.5 °C; however, only this summer, we fell short with temperatures increasing beyond this. So, back to the first paragraph, with all eyes on this month's meeting, why did they allow the deforestation of the Amazon for a new highway? Why are they spending money on an airport expansion? Isn't this hypocritical for the delegates now to lecture us on climate change?

Despite all this, I still believe that some good can be done. Although we don't need them to tell us how to live, we can make up our own minds and do what we can to look after our planet and our neighbours. We may hold different beliefs, but we all live under the same sky. Let's be kind to one another and pray with me that world leaders are not in it for themselves, and that some actual progress can be made.

Tang x

VIC'S CHURCH JOURNEY

My father, a Postman, and Mother, a shop assistant, were married in the Parish Church of St Mary's Willesden, Northwest London, which was founded by King Athelstan, the first King of England, in 938AD.

The story goes that when my Mother took me out in a pram one day she met the local Vicar, who had previously conducted their wedding, and asked whether an arrangement could be made for me to be christened. He told her he could do it straightaway and into the Church the three of us promptly proceeded.

So at three weeks old I was inducted into the Church of England. Quite an early start into my journey! In the following year war was declared and my Father volunteered to go into the Army. For a time Dad was posted to Pontefract and we came to Yorkshire to be near him, but we were soon back in London and the bombing. Not a good place to be at the time. When the opportunity came to move out we went to a family in South Wales. I recall that they too lived very close to their local Church that they attended religiously. I was taken to all the services and had them explained to me. When I was of school age we returned to London. I was encouraged to attend Sunday School even though there were air raids. My Mother's philosophy was that I was as safe there as at home! At around seven years old



St Mary's Church, Willesden

I was moved to the local CofE junior school where our Vicar would lead prayers. Once a week the whole school walked to the Parish Church.

After a few months I was recruited into the Church choir. I took to it straightaway. I loved the hymns, psalms and ceremony. It was Anglo-Catholic or high church. As choirboys we sang at weddings and funerals for a small 'fee'. The choir was affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music. We attended mass choir festivals at large churches and cathedrals. I remember on one occasion I was selected to lead the stalls choir in St Paul's Cathedral. Such an honour I will never forget. My Church was very proud of me at the time.

After attending a course in Canterbury Cathedral I was appointed Head Chorister. Around the same time I passed my 11 plus and went to the

local Grammar school. Quite a change from the Church school. There I got involved in various after school activities which, due to my background, included starting a Junior choir. We performed at a number of concerts during the year and won several competitions.

After taking classes I was confirmed by the then Bishop of Willesden Gerald Ellison who had been an oarsman in the University boat race and on retirement became an Umpire who famously had to halt a race due to one of the boats sinking. Strange what you remember! I was privileged to act as his server whenever he visited the Parish. When my voice broke I became more involved with serving at the altar, carrying the cross and being a thurifer swinging the thurible (incense burner.) That could be up to three services a day. Later I became a Sunday School teacher.

We started a youth club in the parish rooms. From there we ran whist drives and social evenings. I was completely immersed in all that went on. I left school after GCEs to follow a career in finance. I recall my sadness when my grandmother's funeral was held in the Church. That was prior to being called up for two year national service with the RAF to serve in the Far East for eighteen months. No churches on the edge of the jungle! On return to civilian life I carried on duties at the church and sang in the choir. On marriage I moved away from the area and infrequently

returned to the church I loved. In my early years in Leeds I only returned once which was a culture shock. All the pews had been replaced with chairs. The choir and organ had been moved to the back of the church and the altar moved down nearer the congregation. For me it was very upsetting to see the changes.

I ensured my two sons were both baptised and when older attended Sunday School at the local church in Alwoodley. The first time I entered our Church was when my eldest son was married, several years ago, when members of family and those from the London area were in attendance.

I was given hope

I'm sure we all have regrets and mine is that it has taken so long for me to join Adel Parish congregation. There have been many reasons for this to happen but again to quote my Mother and I believe this: 'you can be a good Christian without going into a building'. Since my dear Wife passed away I was persuaded, by good neighbours, to attend regular weekly services. This has given me hope, friendships and above all faith for the future. One thing I've learned in my journey is that there is good in everybody; however. it is sometimes difficult to find!

Vic Duncombe

ART IS FOR EVERYONE

Lucy is now running more and more painting and drawing classes, some of them in the Stables. I asked her to tell us something about how she came to be so involved.

I was fortunate to have a painter and art teacher as a mother, who always encouraged us to draw, and even let us have a go at painting in oils at an early age.

She had trained at Sidcup, Goldsmiths, The Royal College and later with Oskar Kokoshcka in Salzburg, and was keen to pass on hints and tips to us. With her being my mother, I was not always receptive to these gems and often felt over sensitive to her critical sting, as I saw it at the time. Luckily, at 98, she is still with us with marbles intact and keen to repeat many mantras which I now revere and treasure. I don't automatically think she is always right, however – none of us is!

I always practised some art throughout my nursing career and whilst bringing up my children. I studied sculpture under Patricia Lacey (née McAllister) in the early 90s and since retiring in 2015 I have studied colour mixing and portraiture under Andres Jaroslavsky in York and portraiture techniques with Luke Thompson in Leeds and Skipton.

I love studying faces, everyone is so



**Lucy's Mother, 2025,
painted by Lucy**

different and I am intrigued as to what the subtleties are that makes us all look different from one another.

Also, how a simple cast of shadow can portray the form as 3D on a sheet of paper. I love the challenge of getting a likeness of a person as quickly as I can by observing these things. I get such excitement from this kind of magic of vision that I want to pass this on to others so they too can enjoy the experience.

For the last few years I have run regular life drawing classes in Adel and Horsforth, and occasional half day sessions in portraiture in either graphite or charcoal for smaller groups. I provide all the materials

needed. Charcoal is particularly fun as it is so malleable and forgiving. It involves a process of application, moving and taking away in order to achieve what you want – I love it, and well worth the mess which really isn't that bad!

I also run painting and drawing workshops for larger art groups around Leeds. Painting faces, landscapes and more recently creating pictures or faces out of randomly applied charcoal on paper. This allows great freedom. There is no model or set scene, you just make a mess on the paper, see what you can see in that mess and work with that. I do this using charcoal powder, willow charcoal, compressed charcoal and chalk, also using a blending stump and a putty rubber to move or lift the charcoal.

I am looking into running short courses (3 weekly sessions each) in

clay modelling/ sculpture. Clay and tools will be provided but instead of casting or firing the finished sculpture I want to offer the students a resin model of their work from a 3D scan. I am currently experimenting with this possibility.

As a result of a recent request, I am looking into running some small still life group sessions using soft pastels or painting in oils. These would be for absolute beginners or those with some experience but wanting to learn more. And materials could be provided.

I hope that both these new courses will be running in 2026.

Lucy Best-Shaw

If you would like to learn more about Lucy's classes, do get in touch

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WORDS FROM JOYCE HILL

Leo the Great

In May this year, when the present Pope was elected, he took the name of Leo, referencing Pope Leo XIII (1873-1903), who was a notable social reformer at a time of great change. But there is another Pope Leo, from long ago, who is celebrated as a Doctor of the Church and who is regarded as a pivotal figure in papal history. This is Pope Leo the Great (Leo I), who was pope 440-461, one of only three popes to have the title of 'the Great', the other two being Gregory the Great (590-604) and Nicholas the Great (858-867). The year in which there is a new Pope Leo seems a good time to write about Leo I, and November is the right month: his feast-day is on the 10th. This earlier Leo, a native of Tuscany, was born at a time when Roman imperial power in the west was in decline, and it was also a time of intense theological debate about the nature of Christ incarnate: the Council of Nicaea in 325 had not put the question to rest! Leo, clearly a man of many interests and abilities, rose to all these challenges.

In secular affairs, Leo, then an Archdeacon, was involved in an embassy to settle a dispute with the leaders of the breakaway power in Gaul at the request of the Emperor Valentinian III, which shows that he

was already trusted by the imperial court. During his absence, Pope Sixtus II died, and Leo was unanimously elected in his place. As imperial power leached away from the West, Leo continued to be drawn into leadership roles in wider society. On one occasion he famously parlayed with Attila the Hun, who had invaded Italy, attacked some major cities, and was threatening Rome. Attila's withdrawal following the negotiations was seen as a triumph for Leo and it boosted his standing, although modern historians recognise that many complex factors influenced Attila's decision. Quite soon after, in 455, Rome was sacked by the Vandals. Leo, along with other clergy, had met with the Vandal leader to implore him not to enter the city, but although that plea failed, it does seem that Leo prevented the city from being burned and ensured that those sheltering in the three great basilicas of Saints Peter, Paul and John were spared. He also assisted in the rebuilding and repair of the city.

Leo's claim to the title 'Great' depends, however, on two main aspects of his career: his determined promotion of the orthodox understanding that Christ's nature was indivisibly and wholly both human and divine in the face of many contemporary heresies that took different positions; and his systematic

promotion of the papacy itself. He was one of the first bishops of Rome to claim primacy through succession from the Apostle Peter, and it was during his reign that the title of Pope, previously used for any bishop, came to be reserved for the Bishop of Rome. It was also during his papacy that the term 'Patriarch of the West' was first used, in a letter to Leo from the Emperor Theodosius II.

All Leo's writing are sermons and letters. They are not lengthy or profound, but they are clear, forceful and consistent in the way that they address the issues of the day. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1754 by Pope Benedict XIV. A later Benedict, Pope Benedict XVI, described his papacy as 'undoubtedly one of the most important in the Church's history'.

Service of Remembrance

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER



- **At 10am the service starts in church. You are all welcome to join us. We will remember them.**
- **At 11am we move outside, watch as wreaths are laid, pay tribute to our local heroes and listen to the last post.**

Come to one or, better still, come to both.

Everyone is welcome

PUZZLES

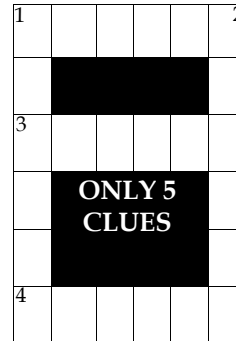
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CLUES

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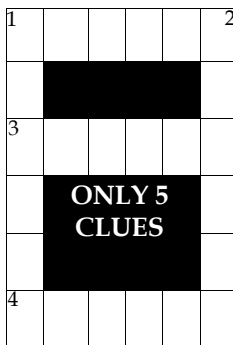
1. Battle protection
3. Capital of Canada
4. Tropical bird

Down

1. Smear (with oil)
2. US president 1981 - 89



CRYPTIC CLUES



Across

1. Unconscious energy in lapse, unfortunately
3. Slight earthquake in heart of Castries, revolutionary capital
4. Refuse to admit about a hundred in plane

Down

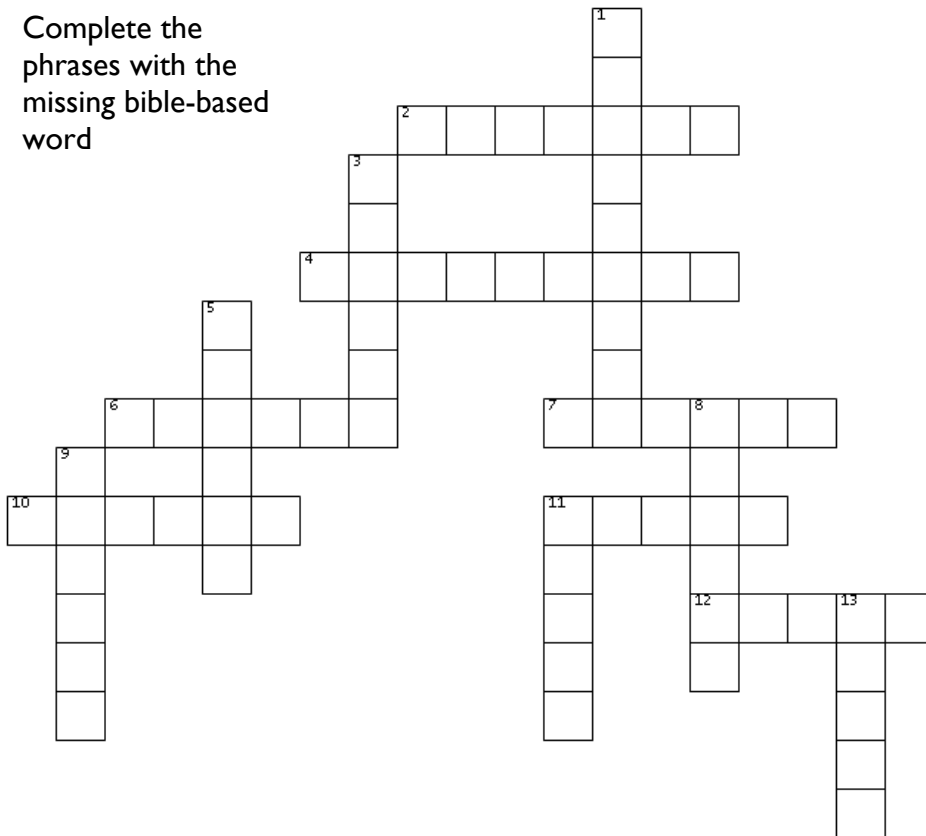
1. Legendary king wounded, not finished off on craft
2. Perhaps father cut several books in the Bible

Solutions on p. 33

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KRISS-KROSS PUZZLE

Complete the phrases with the missing bible-based word



ACROSS

2. _____ of fire
 4. like a lamb led to the _____
 6. for everything there is a

 7. am I my brother's _____
 10. no rest for the _____
 11. by the _____ of your brow
 12. let there be _____

DOWN

1. fire and _____
 3. _____ calf
 5. sour _____
 8. to cast _____ before swine
 9. how the _____ have fallen
 11. throw the first _____
 13. put your _____ in order

All puzzles created by Marjorie Cole

Solution on p. 33

MODERN SCAMS PART 4

Computer Software Service Fraud

Happily, this is not as common as it once was.

What is it?

Like many other types of fraud, this relies on the criminal managing to convince the victim that they are calling from a well-known company. The most common company names these criminals will refer to are Amazon, Sky, BT, Microsoft and Virgin, as well as others. They know that the majority of people may have accounts with one or other of these companies, and therefore it helps create a veneer of legitimacy.

They will cold-call you, claiming they are from one of these companies, and that there is a problem with your computer, software, or the account that you have with them. They may ask you to complete a number of actions on your computer, and they may even be able to demonstrate an error. Once this rapport with you has been established, they will ask you to download an aptly named RAT (Remote Access Tool).

DO NOT DO THIS!

Once a RAT has been successfully loaded, the criminal has access to **everything** on your computer. They can access your data and even download malware in order to monitor anything you do online in the future. They can access your online

banking and even transfer money out of your account.

Once the fraudster has finished 'fixing' the non-existent issue they called you about, they may ask you to pay a nominal fee.

DO NOT SHARE ANY PAYMENT DETAILS...

... once they have this information, it may be used over and over again to commit further fraud against you.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST THIS TYPE OF FRAUD:

Remember: genuine companies would never make this type of call therefore, if you receive this call, hang up immediately.

Never allow anyone to remotely access your computer

Ask yourself, 'Why are they calling me?' If you aren't sure if the call is genuine, tell them you will phone them back from a number you can find on the genuine company website.

Never share your banking or card details with anyone over the phone unless you called them and are making a purchase.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS; if something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.

Caz Vee

IN YOUR GARDEN

*“November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.
With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.
The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring.*

– **Elizabeth Coatsworth**

After a rollercoaster year with the weather I’m not even going to speculate what November might bring. Whatever happens I dare say there will be something to grumble about, but also plenty to be thankful for. There will be little in the way of bright colours to light up your garden as the warm autumn shades fade to the near monochrome of winter. In the borders, one of the star performers is *Hesperantha Coccinea*. Originating from Southern Africa it is available in shades of red, pink and white and will provide welcome colour through to Christmas and sometimes beyond. It will also readily self-seed so will spread over time as far as you allow it. They will usually benefit from some support. Winter jasmines may start flowering now as might *viburnum tinus*. *Cyclamen* should provide colour either in the ground or planted up in pots. Dahlias

and *nicotiana* often flower late into the month depending on temperatures. Mature ivy should still be flowering and whilst this is not spectacularly colourful, it is one of the most valuable resources for various insects that are still out and about, building up reserves for the winter.

If you have roses, November is a good time to prune them right back, once they have finished flowering. Some folk can be a bit timid when it comes to pruning but this benevolent act concentrates energy into the roots ready to promote new growth for next year. Down to around 18 inches or 45cm is a reasonable target. Cut out dead wood, any crossing or weak stems and cut back strong stems to just above the lowest buds you can find. By doing this you will take a lot of foliage and weight from the plant, which might otherwise act as a sail in the wind over the winter months, rocking the plant and disturbing the roots, which most self-respecting roses do not generally appreciate!

And remember, it is a generally accepted wisdom that gardeners should all go on holiday during November, presumably not together! All the jobs that need doing can generally wait a few weeks!

George Turnbull

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HISTORY GROUPS



Abbey House Museum

Throwback Thursdays

This is a free adult drop in event!
Each session will be in the **Gatehouse** where you can come at 2pm and join in discussions and share your memories of our topic of the month, over a cup of tea.

Thurs 6 November at 2pm

Ghosts and Ghouls

Whether it's rides on the Ghost Train at your local funfair and trick or treating for Halloween you want to remember, or rumours of ghostly goings on in creaky old buildings, this Throwback Thursday is sure to thrill!

Contact **Patrick Bourne**

The 1152 Club meets once a month on Tuesdays, at 10am - 11.15am, during term-time. at Abbey House Museum

Free parking near Abbey House.

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or contact **Val Crompton**

We had a packed Meeting in October for an interesting talk by Mortica on ***Black Death in Yorkshire 1348-1350, featuring Kirkstall Abbey and Adel Church***

Our next meetings will be on

**Tues 4th Nov at 10am
Commonwealth War
Graves**

With **Brian Joyce**

and

**Tues 9th Dec at 10am
Literature in Leeds:
Prose, Poetry & Plays**

With **Pat Bourne**

This is a free, friendly local history group for adults aged 55+,

OPAL ACTIVITIES

As we draw toward the end of the year and before all the madness of December descends on OPAL, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our amazing volunteers. OPAL would not be able to run without the volunteers and their continuing support and dedication to our members, if you have ever thought about volunteering in your local community or giving some time to helping others we are always looking for new volunteers. We have a variety of volunteering roles so hopefully we have something for anyone who wants to help. Please call us on 0113 2619103 or call in to see us to chat about our volunteering opportunities.

In the run up to Christmas our fortnightly shopping trips to Owlcotes become increasingly popular. These trips offer the perfect opportunity for our members to get some Christmas shopping done, safe in the knowledge that our minibus, driver and volunteers will get them safely home and even help carry their shopping inside for them. If you are interested in reserving a seat on the next shopping trip please call us on 01132619103 and we will book you on.

In December we will be running an amazing trip to Harewood House, the

theme this year at Harewood House is a Regency-era Winter Ball. Members will be able to stroll around Harewood House exploring the festively decorated rooms, as well as browse the Christmas shop. There is always so much to see and experience at this festive extravaganza and so if you wish to join us on this trip please call us to book on as places are sure to fill up fast.

We have lots of wonderful activities planned in the run up to and over the festive period so please keep a look out for our next newsletter which is sent to all our members bimonthly or check out Facebook for all the latest news from OPAL.

If you would like any more information about OPAL or any of the activities we offer please contact us on 01132619103, email us on admin@opal-project.org.uk or come in to see us at the Welcome In Community Centre 55 Bedford Drive, Leeds LS16 6DJ.

Shelley Clark (she/her)

Project Worker

OPAL,

Welcome In Community Centre, 55 Bedford Drive Leeds, LS16 6DJ.

Telephone: 0113 261 9103

LOCAL WALKS



OPAL Wellbeing Walk to Adel Dam 9th Oct. OPAL walkers meet at The Welcome In Cafe each Thursday at 10am.

We met up with **Hazel Kilner**, at OPAL, on 9th Oct, for a car-share to Golden Acre Park. Hazel led us through the park – we loved the autumn colours and reflections in the lake. Then we walked on to Adel Dam Nature Reserve and had our coffee break by the large carved Kingfisher. We followed the circular trail through the sunlit trees and over little bridges, stopping at the bird hides. Many thanks to Hazel and the OPAL team.

Val Crompton

Please email ellen@opal-project.org.uk to take part in a walk, if new to the group.

Fungal Foray Sunday 5th October

We enjoyed a lovely, sunny afternoon walking through Adel Woods on a Fungal Foray with local naturalist **Steve Joul** and **Roger Gilbert**, Chair of Friends of Adel Woods.

Steve Joul, our expert naturalist, led the fungal foray with a large group of all ages. We collected a basket full of an interesting selection of fungi.

See report in
friendsofadelwoods.org

We are very grateful to FOAW for help in keeping Adel Woods litter-free. Since 2009, they have picked up over eight hundred bags of rubbish – in addition to disposing of larger items.

Val Crompton



YORK GATE UPDATE

This year York Gate has celebrated its 30th Anniversary under the care of the gardeners' charity, Perennial.

Bequeathed to the charity by Sybil Spencer who died on 14th December 1994, the Garden opened to visitors in the spring of 1995. It is also a celebration of the many gardeners and an army of volunteers who have lovingly cared for, preserved and nurtured the garden ever since.

Little of the original design has changed but, inevitably, the planting has continued to develop and new plants have been introduced: plants that Sybil could only have dreamt about. The regeneration of the wild flower meadow and the recent addition of the Mediterranean or Sand Garden in front of the Café Terrace have also allowed for new planting opportunities. Rest assured, though, that the essence of the Spencers' Garden with its tranquillity and beauty will remain their legacy for many years to come.

To mark the anniversary, a group of volunteers has created a new display in Sybil's Dining Room portraying the life of Sybil and her Garden. If you are visiting the Café, please ask for further information.

Strolling around the Garden it is easy to take the hard work behind the clipped hedges and topiary and stunning border plantings for granted

but significant knowledge and skills are needed to keep them looking this good.

One of Sybil's dearest wishes in her bequest of the garden was that it would be a place for education as well as enjoyment. There has been a rolling programme of trainee gardeners at York Gate for many years. The training programme offers 2-year long placements to students of horticulture to work alongside our expert gardeners. The emphasis is on practical hands-on experience, with structured plans and specialist training in the different areas of the garden, as well as conservation and other elements. The trainees are enthusiastic gardeners and, as we have seen this year in the Kitchen Garden, they often bring fresh ideas with them.

Autumn is upon us and the Garden is now closed to visitors, along with Plant Sales, but the Café will remain open through the winter months for a warming soup or a delicious coffee and cake. And, if you are looking for that special Christmas gift for a gardening friend, you may find just the thing in the Shop.

*Fallen leaves swirled up
by the wind, dancing.....
each leaf as it falls
catches a moment in the light.*

Gillian Smith

Christmas at Crag House FARM

FESTIVE FOOD ORDERS

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Wednesday 5th November
Workshop
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Bramhope Village Hall,
Old Lane, Bramhope. LS16 9AZ
Contact Mrs Jean Money
Tel 01924 468714



Adel Gardeners' Club
Monday 10th November
'Close encounters of the fruity kind'
Sharan Packer
Sharan is Membership Secretary of the Northern Fruit Group. She's going to talk to us about how she got into growing fruit and her experiences, successes and failures.
In the Methodist Church
<https://adelhort.chessck.co.uk/>



Leeds & District Association of the National Trust
Tuesday 11th November
Brian Joyce, an engaging local speaker, will give a talk on the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.
All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, 10 for 10.30am in St. Chad's Parish Centre, Far Headingley. Easily accessible by Otley Road (A660) buses - nos. 23-28.
There is a car park.
Guests welcome - entrance fee £7.00.
Refreshments before the meeting by donation.
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BARRY ANDERSON

Lawnswood Roundabout

I have received this most recent update on the Lawnswood roundabout works: *“On the roundabout we have discovered further uncharted services and alongside the Council and our water supply partners are working on design revisions to resolve. We have installed some new kerb lines within the roundabout, ahead of future works.”* In response to queries raised about the temporary traffic lights that are on all approaches, but slightly set back from the roundabout, I received this reply: *“We are currently in the process of relocating the crossings a bit further away from the roundabout. The timings of the crossings may feel a long time, but the timings need to account for the distance of the crossing and the time it would take someone (elderly or parent with child) to cross that distance. The temporary signals are no different to permanent fixed traffic light; a vehicle going through a red light is a police matter.”*

Action on Fraud

A recent Police Alert has advised that a growing number of reports have been received from individuals who were contacted by fraudsters posing as Police Officers or representatives from their Bank. These criminals are using sophisticated tactics to gain trust and manipulate victims into revealing

sensitive financial information or withdrawing funds.

Scammers typically initiate contact through an unexpected phone call, claiming to be from your bank or the Police. They may assert that a fraudulent transaction has occurred on your account or that your bank card is compromised and needs replacing or that you must assist in a covert investigation by withdrawing cash or purchasing high-value items.

The Police or your bank will NEVER ask for your PIN number or passwords, nor will they request that you send your card via courier nor instruct you to withdraw or transfer money for an investigation.

Covid and Flu Jabs

Priorities for the Covid Jab have changed this year. From 1st October residents in care homes for older adults, all adults aged 75 years and over, people 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed will be eligible for a Covid jab. However health and social care workers are NOT eligible this year.

For the Flu jab, those aged 65 years and over, those aged 18 years to under 65 years in clinical risk groups, those in long-stay residential care homes, carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main

carer of an elderly or disabled person, close contacts of immunocompromised individuals and frontline workers in a social care setting without an employer-led occupational health scheme are eligible. If you would like a flu jab and you do not fall into the categories above most chemists will provide one privately for less than £20 but there is no similar opportunity for a Covid jab.

Tree Works

You may be interested to know that from January to September 2025 the Urban Forestry Team recorded 2185 enquiries, the team have undertaken site inspections on 2237 trees or groups of trees since January. At this time the team have 2366 jobs that require work to be undertaken. Where a tree enquiry does not meet the criteria for inspection these are not recorded by the Council.

Overgrown pathways

The Council have advised that the response time for requests to cutback

and clear pathways in ginnels will vary depending on the circumstances and nature of each request. Priority would usually be given to those locations which are most overgrown and genuinely causing an obstruction to pedestrian access or where flytipping or material causing a health risk is located.

The timescale may also be influenced by the ownership of the vegetation causing an issue; for example if it is coming from a private property it is likely that the action will be to notify the owner of the requirement for them to cut back the offending growth. There are also times when additional consideration needs to be given to nesting birds.

Cllr. Barry Anderson

Adel & Wharfedale Ward

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BILLY FLYNN

Hi everyone,

Autumn and the Fall

Autumn has well and truly arrived with the final blast of Storm Amy disappearing as I write this piece. High winds inevitably cause leaf fall as well as nature and there is already considerable evidence

of this around the ward, notably adjacent to the church grounds in Back Church Lane and Church Lane, and along Long Causeway. The council leaf clearing team usually start work in October concentrating on the main routes first and continue until January/February picking up secondary routes. I know all the usual problem areas but

there will always be some locations that are missed. If you identify areas where leaf fall is a real problem, please let me know and I will arrange for a crew to attend.

Horsforth ballroom – grand reopening

This was a new one on me although I am a relative newcomer to the city, arriving in Adel a mere 33 years ago. I was unaware that a ballroom existed above the Horsforth Library and Community Hub, despite attending many meetings in the building. However, I am sure many of our more mature residents will have danced there over the years. Apparently, a ballroom has existed in the town since the nineteenth century. The grand reopening took place in late September after an extensive refurbishment. It is nice to see historical assets retained and renewed in communities because once they are gone, they are gone forever with all their history.

Leeds Bradford Airport – night flights

You may be aware of complaints around alleged excessive night flights to and from the airport. There has been a long running dispute between the planning department of Leeds Council, a residents' group and LBA regarding the number of nighttime flights allowed under planning permission, culminating in an appeal by LBA against the council heard last March. The judgment was complex and

while two elements of the appeal were dismissed another was allowed. It now seems that LBA will be applying for a variation of the original planning permission which presumably will look towards clarifying the position over increasing night flights. If so, this long running saga is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. I will update you on progress as the application proceeds.

Golden Acre - car park renovation and parking charges

The planning application for the work on updating the Arthington Rd car park of Golden Acre has been validated which means in practice that it is only a matter of time before work starts. I must say that the current surface in both car parks is in very bad order. The upgrading will be funded at least in part by the car park charges announced some months ago. If you wish to keep an eye on the work the planning application number is 25/05504/FU, and you can access news on progress by using the council's public planning forum quoting the application number.

If you would like further information on the items above or have questions about anything else in the ward, please do contact me. Telephone 07810 640282 or email

billy.flynn@leeds.gov.uk

More brain teasers (P. 10)

1. Taramasalata
2. All the letters are in alphabetical order.
3. Light
4. Softly. You can remove the first and last letters of each of the other words and still have a valid word.

Kriss Kross Puzzle

Across

2. BAPTISM
4. SLAUGHTER
6. SEASON
7. KEEPER
10. WICKED
11. SWEAT
12. LIGHT

Down

1. BRIMSTONE
3. GOLDEN
5. GRAPES
8. PEARLS
9. MIGHTY
11. STONE
13. HOUSE

Only 5 Clues

General Knowledge

Across

1. ARMOUR
3. OTTAWA
4. TOUCAN

Down

1. ANOINT
2. REAGAN

Only 5 Clues

Cryptic

Across

1. ASLEEP
3. TREMOR
4. REJECT

Down

1. ARTHUR
2. PARENT

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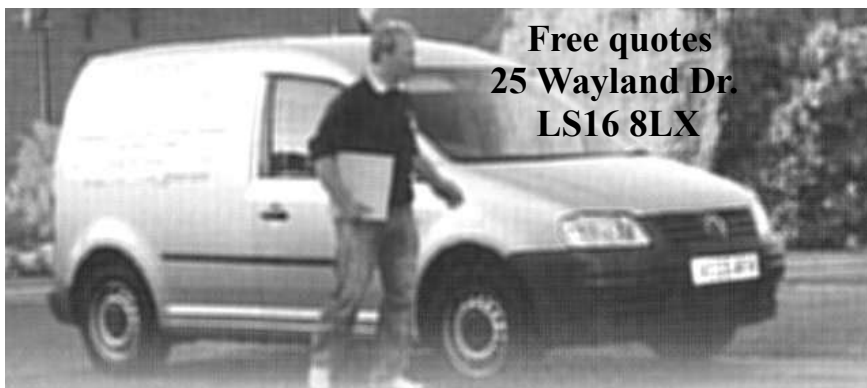
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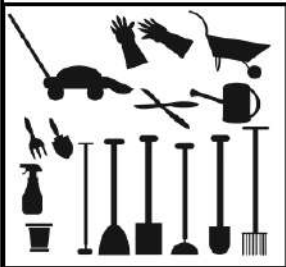
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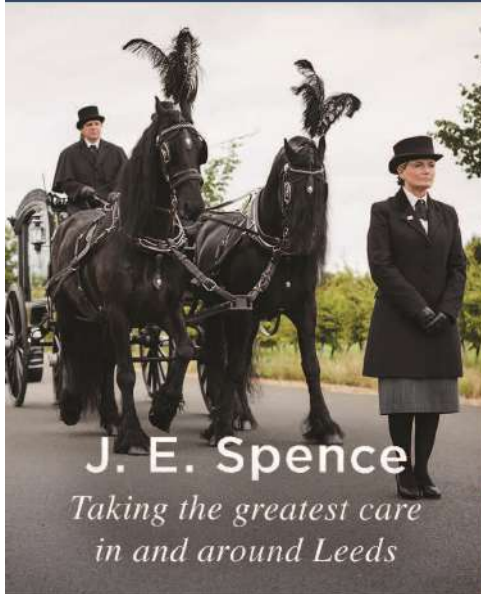
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8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
6.30pm Memorial Service

Wed 5th 11am Holy Communion
followed by coffee & biscuits

Fri 7th 1.30pm J Js (for the under sixes)

Sunday 9th Remembrance Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
5pm ACE meeting in the Stables

Wed 12th 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th Second Sunday before Advent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All Age Service with Communion
6.30pm Choral Evensong
followed by light refreshments

Wed 19th 11am Holy Communion

Thurs 20th 3.15pm Holy Communion in the Stables,
with tea & coffee

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8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
5pm ACE meeting in the Stables

Wed 26th 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th Advent Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

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