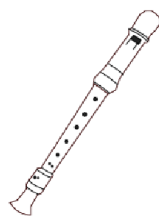


Newsletter



St Matthew, Criftins ~ St Mary, Dudleston ~
St Andrew, Frankton

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November 2019

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Dear Friends

As I write this the festival of Halloween is just a few days away, and the shops are filled with witches and scary masks. Halloween, or more properly, 'All Hallows' Eve', is the evening before the Christian Festival of 'All Hallows', which celebrates all those who have passed into heaven. In many parts of Europe it's seen as a time to remember those who have died and in some counties people place a candle on the graves of loved ones. This transforms church yards into a moving and beautiful spectacle.

There is an older pagan festival called Samhain held around the same time. The pagan Celts thought that on the eve of Samhain the veil between the spirit world and our world was thin and it was therefore possible to pass between our world and the world of the spirits. The early church felt that Christian belief had something in common with this way of thinking. After all we Christians believe that the veil between earth and heaven is thin. In the Bible we find the Holy Spirit, angels, and (occasionally) the departed crossing between earth and heaven with ease.

Personally I think of heaven as being close alongside us; not somewhere else, light years away. Therefore I'd urge you to think of the presence of God as always close at hand. I think of my friends and family who have gone on ahead into heaven as close as well. So close that sometimes I find myself talking to them. There is a poem, sometimes read at funerals, by Canon Henry Scott-Holland where he says, 'Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room'. I shall hold on to that positive thought as Halloween approaches.

Simon

BENEFICE NEWS

DO WE CARE?....ENOUGH?

When we were planning the Messy Church event for October, I felt this would be a good opportunity to explore our part in caring for this wonderful, amazing world. How can we care for creation? Perhaps we need to research more so we can understand how it works, to change our attitude towards the resources we use and to think and plan more carefully the way in which we dispose of waste.

Was creation a one - off event? I think not. It goes on, land masses still move, creatures still evolve, and new species are still being discovered . We are all still finding out the worth of creation ... and it doesn't disappoint.

Our personal resources, our capabilities, are still stretchable, we are always learning. But still we pollute, still destroy, still abuse what God gave us ... yes! Gave us.

So we thought about the worth of trees, what they do for us, and what they give us. Well done to the children who knew about oxygen production and carbon absorption. We talked about all the plastic and other waste that litter the ocean, while we made little divers to swim up and down in good clean water from the kitchen tap. (I hope they went in the recycling box after they got home!) We usually have a 'foody' workshop, this time it was edible gardens, and the worms were very popular! Some made a banner for church - 'and creation cries' - because creation is grieving. We had fun of course, and got messy, planting bulbs. Planting is a sign of hope and of regeneration.

Please join us in praying for creation that in all ways, great and small, we will take more care, and tread with more respect through this world.

Please pray for regeneration and re-creation.

Thank you for reading. Lynda & Messy Church Team

ADVANCE NOTICE

Next Messy Church is December 8th.

CRIFTINS CHURCH NEWS

Would you like services at Criftins Church to begin at 10.30am?

For a year services at Criftins have begun at 11am, but some people have found that time is a little too late, and it doesn't leave much time for a chat over a cuppa after the service. It is possible to go back to a 10.30am start. At present the vicar is at Criftins for 3 out of 4 Sundays but, if we change back to 10.30am, that will go down to two Sundays a month. So on those other two Sundays the services will be led by a retired minister or one of our lay worship leaders. We have slips in church on which you can indicate whether you would prefer the service time to remain at 11am or go back to 10.30am. These slips will be given out to the congregation at services from now to the end of November, but they are at the back of the church for anyone to use. Simply write your name and tick a box. You can add an optional comment if you think that would be helpful. We look forward to finding out what really suits the majority of the congregation. Thanks for your co-operation with this.

DUDLESTON CHURCH NEWS

The Harvest Supper was well attended, with about 60 people enjoying good food, good fun and good company. £530 was raised for church funds. A huge thank you to all the ladies for working so hard to provide a lovely supper for all.

Our next event will be at the **Community Christmas Fayre** on Saturday 7th December when we will be selling homemade Christmas wreaths.

WELSH FRANKTON CHURCH NEWS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Please note that **the service will start at 10.45** so that the Silence can be observed at 11.00.

QUIZ & HOTPOT

What a great night: we had a wonderful time! Many thanks to Dai Davies for being our usual brilliant quizmaster and to all who helped in any way, enabling us to raise over £380.

WELSH FRANKTON CHURCH NEWS cont.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ST ANDREW'S!

This year we will be celebrating our Patronal Festival, our church's birthday, with a special service on Sunday 1st December at 11.00am followed by lunch in Welsh Frankton Village Hall. So come along and feast on warming soup and delightful desserts and, of course, birthday cake, in the company of the friendly folk of Frankton.

There is no charge for the lunch although if anyone wants to offer a donation to help with costs, it will not be refused!

Mirjana 01691 624381

WELSH FRANKTON MOTHERS' UNION

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, our meeting on 19th November will centre around our memories of growing up and in particular on anything which we think was special to those years. Nothing complicated is required, just recalling day to day incidents of ordinary life will be fine.

At this stage of the year we need to be thinking about next year's programme. If you have any suggestions to make regarding speakers or subjects please let me know and I will do my best to include them.

Rosemary 01691 622285

WELSH FRANKTON UNITED REFORM CHURCH

Services are Sunday mornings at 10.45am.

Our preachers for November

Nov 10 Rev Chris Burgham

Nov 24 Mr Brian Catton

Flowers Miss Betty Lawrence

CHAPEL LANE METHODIST CHURCH

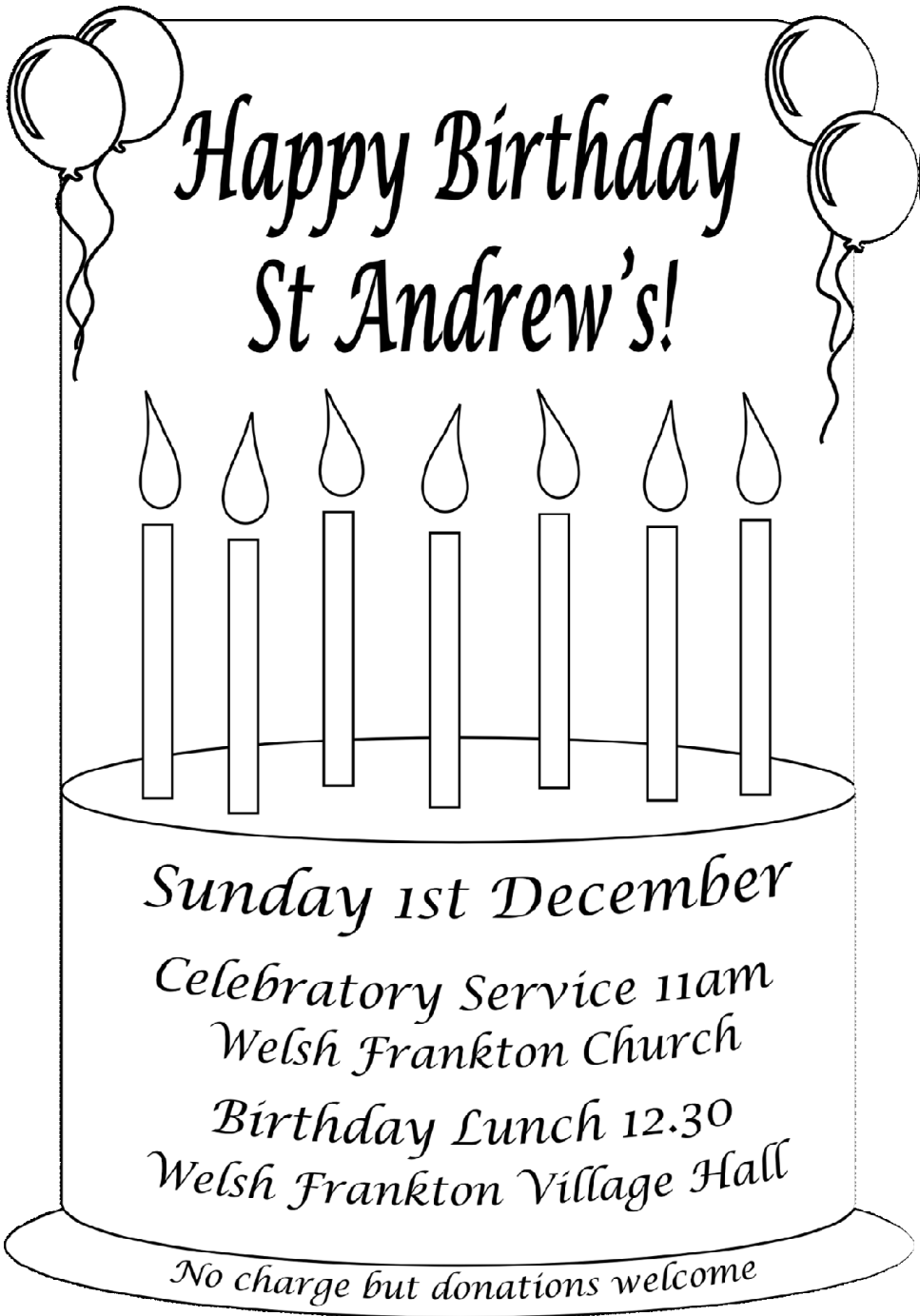
Services are usually on Sunday mornings from 11.00 till 12 noon.

Nov 3 Prof Michael Jackson

Nov 10 Worship together at Ellesmere

Nov 17 Celebration Lunch

Nov 24 Mrs Joyce Williams



*Happy Birthday
St Andrew's!*

Sunday 1st December

Celebratory Service 11am

Welsh Frankton Church

Birthday Lunch 12.30

Welsh Frankton Village Hall

No charge but donations welcome

CRIFTINS SENIOR CITIZENS

In October Dorothy Harrison and her helpers came to give us a fun afternoon exploring art. Everyone enjoyed playing with paint and printing with different objects. We finished with delicious apple pies baked by Margaret Clay, and a harvest raffle.

On Monday 11th November we will be having a Remembrance Service and then on Monday 18th November a trip to Cheshire Oaks. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Andrea Lee 01691 690663

CRIFTINS PARISH HALL

Great news: You can now book to use the Parish Hall with Lynn Johnson at the Post Office, so bookings and payments can be easily made during Post Office opening hours. A huge thank you to Amanda Baker for taking the bookings for the past 18 months.

Did you see the amazing parade of vintage tractors that met at the Parish Hall on October 6th? A great day was had by all and there was a fantastic double page spread in the Advertiser. A huge thank you to John and Amanda Baker for organising this very successful inaugural event which raised £705 for the Hall.

You and your family can now eat at the Parish Hall. Every other Wednesday there will be a limited menu served between 7pm and 8.30pm. Visit the Facebook page / look on the Hall noticeboard for details.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 7th December. If you are a member of a club or organisation, have you booked your free table?

Refreshments including mince pies and mulled wine on offer. Please come along with your friends and family

Finally the Parish Hall Trustees would like to clarify that the official title for the premises is **Criftins Parish Hall** and no longer the Parish Pump!

CRIFTINS W I

At our October meeting, Sara Piper-Heap showed us exquisite examples of her metalwork and told us something about how she produces it. We were able to try our hands at enamelling. As I write this, we are looking forward to our Quiz Night at the end of October. And then will come our AGM on Tuesday 12th November at 7.30pm in Criftins Parish Hall when we will be reviewing the activities of another busy year.

Catherine Evans 01691 690799

COMMUNITY COFFEE CLUB

In September we raised £365.50 for Macmillan Cancer Care. On Thursday 28th November we will be supporting Criftins School PTA and some of the children will be walking to the Parish Hall to sing for us. Please come and have a coffee and a cake, and bring a friend.

The diary for 2020 will be available in November.

Due to the December Coffee Club falling on Boxing Day we have decided to have coffee club on Thursday 2nd January when we will be raising funds for the Parish Hall.

Kay

CRIFTINS ART GROUP

Meets every Thursday afternoon, 2pm - 4pm. We are a very sociable painting group who welcome new members and any prospective members. Come along, have a cup of tea and see for yourself. Beginners welcome.

For further information contact Pam Hillier 01691 690426

WHIST DRIVE

There is a whist drive at Criftins Parish Hall every Monday at 7.15 and new players are very welcome. Entry is £3 which includes refreshments, plus a raffle. If you are not sure how to play come a bit early and we will show you, it's easy to pick up. We are a friendly bunch so give it a go.

Frances 01691 690863

ELLESMERE RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, November 11th & December 9th at Ellesmere Town Hall after the Planning Meeting which starts at 7pm.

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mrs Melanie Joyce

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ELLESMERE LIBRARY

Design a Labrynth for Cremorne Gardens Family event with Ellesmere Sculpture Initiative, Nov 2nd, 10-12

Books Aloud Free session for adults: Nov 4th, 2-3pm

Rhymetime for under 4's: Nov 6th & 20th, 10.30-11am

Winter Wonderland Fair Crafts, Fancy Dress & Refreshments, 10-1

Friends of the Library AGM Nov 11th, 2.30pm

Author Visit, Suzannah Stapleton Nov 21st, 2-4pm - limited places

Gracechurch - a Preview local history talk by Chris Jobson: Nov 23rd, 11-1pm, £3

Memory Café Nov 25th, 2-4pm

Reading Group Nov 25th, 7.30-9pm

Bridge for Improvers every Wednesday, 2-4pm, £5

Scrabble Club every Wednesday, 2-3.30pm, £2

For details/booking ring 01743. 258555 or see Facebook page

FROM THE REGISTERS

WELSH FRANKTON

Holy Baptism

October 20th Thomas Edmund Jones

READINGS IN NOVEMBER

Nov 3 Isaiah 1:10-15; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Luke 19:1-10

Nov 10 Job 19:23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 & 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Nov 17 Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Nov 24 Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

DECEMBER

Dec 1 Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

WELSH FRANKTON

Burial

October 22nd Dorothy Jane Jones
*Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine upon her.*

THIS MONTH'S COVER

On the 22nd of November we remember Saint Cecilia, the patroness of musicians and church music. From way back before Christ's birth, music has been used in worship. In fact it was there *at* his birth as the angels sang the good news to the shepherds. And we *still* sing the good news: the news that Christ came to live among us and it is still exciting.

So if you fancy having your spirits raised, why not come to one of our Christmas services next month and sing with us and maybe you will be touched afresh by the joy of over two thousand years ago.

Amanda

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER *Readings on p.11*

Sunday Nov 3rd All Saints Red

9.30 am Morning Worship, Dudleston
11.00 am Holy Communion, Criftins
11.00 am Morning Worship, Frankton

Sunday Nov 10th Remembrance Sunday Red

9.30 am Remembrance Service, Dudleston
11.00 am Remembrance Service, Criftins
10.45 am Remembrance Service, Frankton

Sunday Nov 17th Trinity 22 Red

9.30 am Holy Communion, Dudleston
11.00 am Holy Communion & Sunday Club, Criftins
11.00 am Family Service, Frankton

Sunday Nov 24th Christ the King Red

11.00 am Morning Worship, Criftins
11.00 am Holy Communion, Frankton

Sunday Dec 1st Advent Sunday Purple

9.30 am Morning Worship, Dudleston
11.00 am Holy Communion, Criftins
11.00 am Celebration Service, Frankton

Nov 3: 6-7.30pm, Youth Group, Criftins Church

Nov 7: 10am, Coffee Morning, Frankton Village Hall

Nov 11: 2pm, Senior Citizens, Criftins Parish Hall (page 8)

Nov 12: 7.30pm, WI, Criftins Parish Hall (page 9)

Nov 17: 6-7.30pm, Youth Group, Criftins Church

Nov 19: 2.30pm, Mothers Union, The Narrowboat Inn (page 6)

Nov 28: 10am, Community Coffee Club, Criftins Parish Hall (page 9)

Dec 1: 11am, Happy Birthday, St Andrew's, Frankton (page 7)