

*Services at St Margaret's Underriver  
during November 2016*



In the Church, every Thursday at 08:30, Morning Prayer (said) - CW

<b>Weds</b>	<b>2 Nov</b>	20:00	Joint All Souls Service	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6 Nov</b>	11:15	All Age Family Service	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13 Nov</b>	10:55	Service of Remembrance	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20 Nov</b>	11:15	Short Family Communion	CW
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27 Nov</b>	11:15	Matins	BCP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4 Dec</b>	11:15	All Age Family Service	

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November 2016*



*At the going down of the sun,  
And in the morning,  
We shall remember them.*

*We shall remember them.*

*The Cross of Sacrifice, CWGC Cemetery, Tyne Cot*

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## Our Vicar's Page

Sadly this is the last letter that I will write to you as the vicar, I will be retiring this autumn and my last services will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. I will be sad to go, I have loved my time here and enjoyed working alongside the two congregations and the four communities that make up the benefice. Things will change for Chris and I as we leave this place and move house - both of us will be retired and we will no longer be living in a vicarage at the heart of a Church community, something we have done since the mid 1980's when Chris was ordained.

Things will change for you all as the interregnum begins and you have visiting clergy with you some weeks of the month. You will not be on your own though, Gretel will continue as Reader and she will be seen in the churches each month. The diocese has already begun the process of finding the right person to replace me.

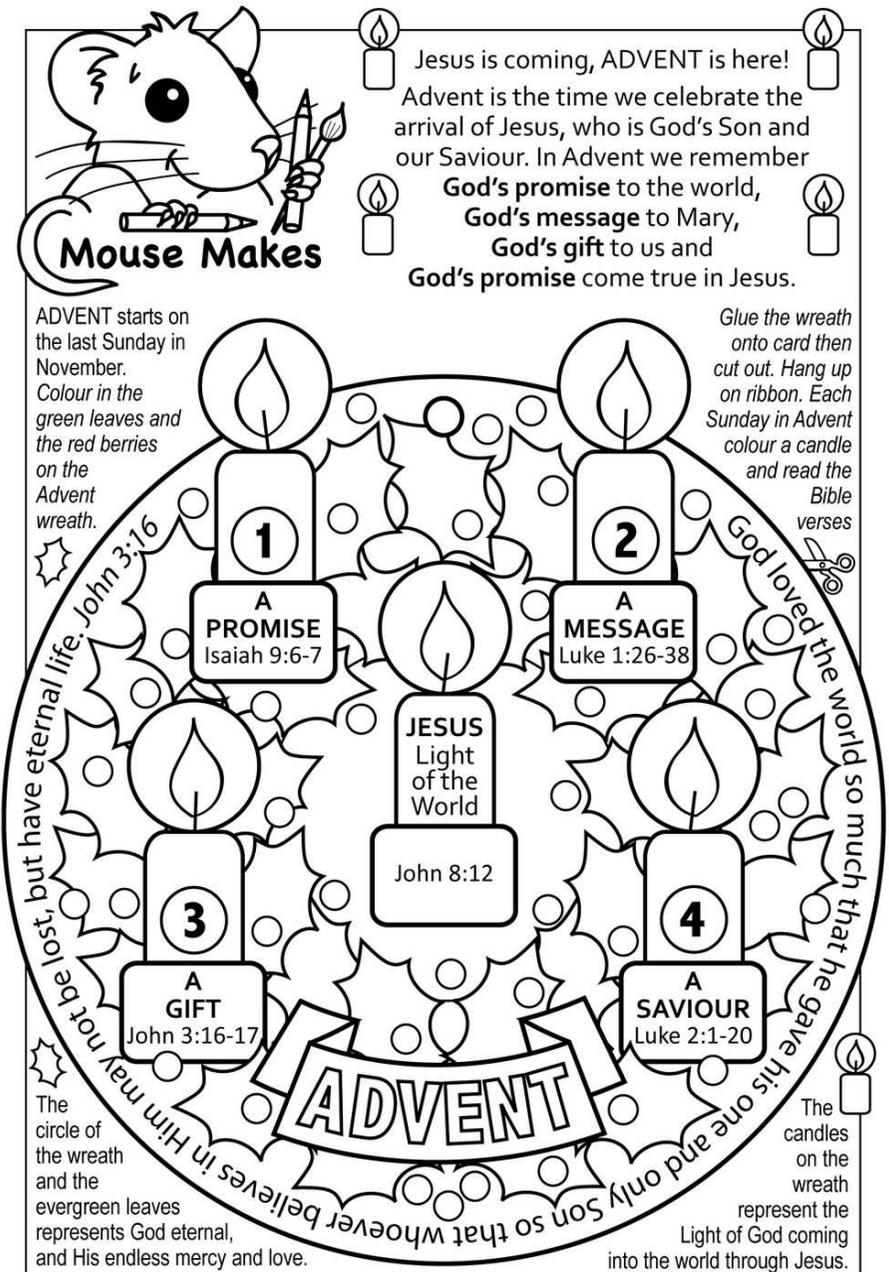
November is a time of change, autumn really makes itself apparent as trees are stripped of leaves, frosty nights begin and suddenly vista open up that have been lost while leaves were on the trees.

It is also the season of remembrance - on 2<sup>nd</sup> of November we have our joint All Souls Service and we remember the people we have loved and lost. This year our service will be at St Margaret's at 8pm. On the 13<sup>th</sup> November our Services of Remembrance will take place and we will be remembering the people who gave their lives in the two World Wars and in other conflicts since. The death of an individual has a profound effect on their family, their friends and their colleagues. Bereavement can be described as the ultimate experience of change, an experience we emerge from knowing that we are now different from the way we were.

This November as we all experience change and the sadness of letting go of familiar things and the memories of the loss of familiar people, let us remember that in truth we are never alone, God in his Holy Spirit, walks with us always.

*Yours in the love of Christ* 

## For the Children



**Mouse Makes**

Jesus is coming, ADVENT is here!  
Advent is the time we celebrate the arrival of Jesus, who is God's Son and our Saviour. In Advent we remember  
**God's promise** to the world,  
**God's message** to Mary,  
**God's gift** to us and  
**God's promise** come true in Jesus.

ADVENT starts on the last Sunday in November. Colour in the green leaves and the red berries on the Advent wreath.

Glue the wreath onto card then cut out. Hang up on ribbon. Each Sunday in Advent colour a candle and read the Bible verses

God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life. John 3:16

1  
**A PROMISE**  
Isaiah 9:6-7

2  
**A MESSAGE**  
Luke 1:26-38

JESUS  
Light of the World  
John 8:12

3  
**A GIFT**  
John 3:16-17

4  
**A SAVIOUR**  
Luke 2:1-20

**ADVENT**

The circle of the wreath and the evergreen leaves represents God eternal, and His endless mercy and love.

The candles on the wreath represent the Light of God coming into the world through Jesus.

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## ***Church Clean Party***

**The Christmas Church Clean will take place on  
Wednesday, December 7th, 9.30- 11.30 a.m.**

It will be nine months since the big Spring clean,  
so we really do need some extra people  
to help our regular team, please.  
None of us is getting any younger!  
**Coffee and mince pies, as usual!**

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## ***Good old Advent!***

On the last Sunday in November the Church celebrates Advent. In popular thought this is seen as the start of the Christmas season. Advent Calendars are on sale in the supermarkets. Christmas, our annual festival of excess, is just a few weeks away. Good old Advent!

I yield to no one in my enjoyment of Christmas, with all the trimmings, but where Advent is concerned I have to be a bit of a party-pooper. It's not the start of the 'run-up to Christmas', whatever the shops think. In any case, they've been 'running up' since September. Advent is a solemn but exciting reminder that Christmas is not the end of the Christian story, *but the beginning*.

The end, with which Advent is concerned, is the ultimate triumph of love and goodness over evil and cruelty. The final loving purpose of God will be achieved. The kingdom of heaven will lie before us, its gates permanently open. 'Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more'. God says, 'I am making everything new'.

'Advent' simply means 'Coming'. The first Advent was Christmas, the second Advent will be when all that the coming of Jesus promised will be fulfilled. Yes, it's a bit more complicated than a cattle shed and a manger, but it's a wonderful prospect. Good old Advent!

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## ***As for those signs found outside churches:***

No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.

Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

The restaurant next to a church displayed a sign 'Open on Sundays'.  
The church reciprocated with its own message: 'We are open on Sundays, too'

## ***The future and what next for the parish?***

We are sorry to say goodbye to Carol, but wish her and Chris a very happy retirement.

There is a strong team here at St Lawrence's that will ensure the smooth running of the parish whilst we wait for a new vicar to be appointed.

**Church services:** our normal church service pattern will be maintained, with any 5th Sunday of the month a joint service held either at St Lawrence's or St Margaret's. Please see magazine for details.

**General Enquiries:** please ring the vicarage number 761766 and you'll be given the wardens' (Rob Otto or Ron Drury's) numbers, or keep their numbers from the front of the parish magazine.

**Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals:** please ring Gretel Wakeham 761534 and I will be able to help with any necessary arrangements. Also if anyone would like a visit or home communion. If you don't hear back from me by return, then please contact the wardens.

**The process of finding a new vicar:** Our Archdeacon, the Venerable Clive Mansell, met with the two Parochial Church Councils and outlined the procedure:

The parishes are to prepare a joint profile of who we are and essentially what makes us tick! This is well underway and will give any potential incumbent the opportunity to learn about our united benefice.

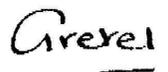
The PCCs of St Lawrence's and St Margaret's each elect two representatives to form part of the selection team.

The Archdeacon, in discussion with the Bishop, will consider if there are any candidates they believe would be a good fit for us. If so, they will recommend we interview that candidate before we advertise further. We are under no obligation to accept that candidate and equally they are free to turn us down. Our last two incumbents were appointed using this method.

Should the representatives believe the suggested candidate is not right for us, then we would advertise further afield.

Timing! We hope that we will have a new vicar appointed during 2017. This could change though and we'll keep you informed.

Our thanks to all those who will be working extra hard during this time, for their willingness and generosity. Thanks too, to our industrious administrative assistant, Tim Pearce, who unfailingly steps up to the mark with whatever is asked of him.



# Christmas Concert by Candlelight St Lawrence Church, Seal Chart

**Greg Tassell (tenor)**

**David Flood (accompanist)**

**At 6pm on Sunday December 11**

Following the very successful concert given by Greg and David last year we look forward to welcoming them again for a concert of Christmas music.

**Tickets £15**

(to include mulled wine and mince pies)

available from John Morris on 01732 810227

or at

<http://stlawrencechristmas.brownpapertickets.com/>

Greg Tassell was born and raised on a hop farm in Kent, He trained as a chorister at Durham and Exeter Cathedrals and as a postgraduate at the Royal Academy of Music. As well as teaching singing he is in huge demand around the country for oratorio and recitals.

David Flood has been Organist and Master of the Choristers at Canterbury Cathedral since 1988. He was responsible for music at three enthronements of Archbishops of Canterbury and enjoys an international reputation as conductor and organist.

## *Garden Senses*

When I enter my garden at daybreak As the first rays of light appear, I listen to sweet sounds of birdsong And I thank the Lord I can <i>hear</i> .	In the afternoon in my garden As I sit in the shade for a spell, I notice the perfumes around me And I thank the Lord I can <i>smell</i> .
In my garden during the morning As the rays of the sun grow bright, I look around at the beauty And then I give thanks for my <i>sight</i> .	In the evening in my garden The garden which I love so much, When I feel the soft green foliage I give thanks for my sense of <i>touch</i> .

The fallen leaves in my garden  
Are much too precious to waste,  
They nourish the vegetables and fruits  
Which I thank the Lord I can *taste*.

HILDA M. FORBES

***St Lawrence Christmas Fayre***

***will be held in***

***Stone Street Village Hall***

***on***

***Saturday 19th November - 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm***

Our last fayre was fantastic fun and a great success  
Let's make this year's outstanding  
Please do come along.

**We would greatly welcome donations of White Wine  
(in a green bottle),**

**Chocolate or Raffle Prizes of any kind  
(please ensure the use by date is after 24.11.14)**

**Please call Ron (810214)**

**if you would like to help or contribute - thank you.**

### ***Winnie the Pooh – a much loved bear***

Winnie-the-Pooh was born 90 years ago this month, on 14 October, 1926 – in the sense that this was the date on which the world-famous children’s book by A. A. Milne was first published.

Technically, Winnie-the-Pooh, also called Pooh Bear, is a fictional anthropomorphic teddy bear hero of a number of books, always illustrated by E H Shepard, who therefore gave Pooh his distinctive shape in the mind of the reader.

To his many admirers, Pooh is the wise, kind and loving companion they always wanted –a bear of very little brain and with many faults, but whose heart is always in the right place.

The Pooh stories, written originally for the author’s only son, Christopher Robin, and set in an area recognisable as Ashdown Forest in Sussex, have been translated into many languages, including a Latin version, *Winnie ille Pu*.

Though naive and somewhat literal-minded, honey-loving Pooh composes songs and hums and comes up with unexpected solutions to problems. He also invents the game Poohsticks. He has been recommended to Christians for his love toward his friends, such as Piglet, Tigger, Kanga and Rabbit – all modelled on Christopher Robin’s soft toys.

Examples of Pooh’s wisdom are widely quoted. His refusal to let Piglet worry him can be seen as deeply Christian: “Supposing a tree fell down, Pooh, while we were underneath it?”

“Supposing it didn’t,” said Pooh after careful thought.

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### ***Scare it***

A man had the courage - but not always the skills - to tackle any home-repair project. For example, his garage was littered with the pieces of a lawn mower he had tried to fix. One day his wife found him in the living room, attacking the vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. "I can't get this thing to cooperate!" he exclaimed. His wife replied, "Why don't you just drag it out to the garage and show it what happened to the lawn mower?"

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### ***Cheese***

Ban sliced cheese. Make Britain grate again.

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### ***Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery***

On 4 October 1917, the area where Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery is now located was captured by the 3rd Australian Division and the New Zealand Division and two days later a cemetery for British and Canadian war dead was begun. The cemetery grounds were assigned to the United Kingdom in perpetuity by King Albert I of Belgium in recognition of the sacrifices made by the British Empire

The stone wall which surrounds the cemetery makes-up the *Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing*. The Menin Gate memorial to the missing in Ypres was found not large enough to contain all the names as originally planned. They selected an arbitrary cut-off date of 15 August 1917 and the names of the UK missing after this date were inscribed on the Tyne Cot memorial instead. The memorial contains the names of 33,783 soldiers of the UK forces, plus a further 1,176 New Zealanders whose graves are known only unto God.

We shall remember them.

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### ***From the Registers***

- Saturday 15 October      Holy Matrimony  
Elise Victoria Judd and Steven Alan Ingram  
Both of Borough Green.
  
- Sunday 16 October      Holy Baptism  
Daniel Russell Jackson, infant son of Ian and Nicola Jackson and grandson of Sheila and Eric Jackson.  
Daniel and his parents live in Hildenborough.

*We extend our very best wishes to all and hope that in their future lives they may grow in the strength and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- Monday 17 October      Funeral  
Audrey Ellis-Gibbons. A long time member of St Lawrence church flower ladies.

*We thank our Lord for her life and support of our church and offer our prayers and condolences for her family in their sad loss.*

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## *Services and Events at The Church of St Lawrence Seal Chart during November 2016*

Every Tuesday at 08:30, in the Church  
Morning Prayer (said) (CW)

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2 Nov</b>	<b>All Souls' Day</b> 20:00 Joint All Souls' Service at St Margaret's Psalm 27: 1-6                      John 6: 37-40	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6 Nov</b>	<b>3rd Sunday before Advent</b> 08:00 Holy Communion 2 Thess 2: 1-5, 13-end      Luke 20: 27-38 09:45 All Age Family Service (with Sunday School) 1 Kings 3:1-15	BCP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7 Nov</b>	<b>Prayer Time (Lasts about an hour, all are welcome)</b> 10:00 at 50 The Crescent Sevenoaks	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13 Nov</b>	<b>2nd Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday</b> 10:30 Service of Remembrance Psalm 23	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20 Nov</b>	<b>Sunday next before Advent - Christ the King</b> 09:45 Family Communion Jeremiah 23: 1-6                      Luke 23:33-43	CW
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22 Nov</b>	<b>Prayer Time (Lasts about an hour, all are welcome)</b> 10:00 at The Old Forge, Stone Street	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27 Nov</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b> 09:45 Matins Isaiah 2: 1-5                      Matthew 24: 36-44	BCP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4 Dec</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 08:00 Holy Communion Isaiah 11: 1-10                      Matthew 3: 1-12 09:45 All Age Family Service Matthew 3: 1-12	BCP



### *Church Flowers*



Sunday	6 Nov	Sheila Jackson
Sunday	13 Nov	Sheila Jackson
Sunday	20 Nov	Kate Clark
Sunday	27 Nov	Kate Clark
Sunday	4 Dec	Kate Clark



*Children meet promptly at 09:45 in the School Hall on the dates below  
They will rejoin their parents in the church towards the end of the service.*

*All children aged 3 and upwards are welcome*

*For further information re Messy Church contact Wendy on 762999  
and re Sunday School contact Hilary on 453929*

6 Nov	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	Remembrance Sunday	Hilary, Sam & Sally
18 Nov	<b>MESSY CHURCH</b>	[In the Church at 15:15]	
11 Dec	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	Advent	Lyn & Sally
18 Dec	Carol Service	[In the Church at 18:00]	
24 Dec	Christingle	[In the Church at 17:30]	
25 Dec	Christmas Day	[In the Church at 09:45]	
15 Jan	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	Relying on Jesus	Sam & Lesley

### **Prayer Time**

*Your Prayers are asked for:*

*The men and women of our Armed Services in UK and Overseas;*

*The Veterans of Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force;*

*The Veterans of the Merchantile Marine;*

*The Royal British Legion; and other ex-Service charities;*

*Lord, in your mercy, Hear our Prayer.*

