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A Month to Remember

November is a month of remembrance. First of all, there's: "Remember, remember the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason, and plot!" Growing up in East Sussex, Bonfire Night was a huge event. Lewes, in East Sussex, is particularly renowned for its Bonfire Night displays, effigies, and marches. The connection between Lewes and Bonfire Night traces back beyond the Gunpowder Plot to the Lewes martyrs, a group of 17 protestant martyrs burned at the stake in Lewes between 1555 and 1557. And then later in the month, of course, there is Remembrance Day, and Remembrance Sunday. A national moment of remembering all those who lost their lives in wars and conflicts. Sometimes remembering even things of importance is not easy and takes a collective effort.

The bible has a lot to say about remembrance, and in many ways much of the Christian life is about remembering. In fact, the gospel itself is a gospel of remembrance. The story starts with God remembering his people. Though his people had turned from him, rebelled against him, and rejected him – God remembered them. There is a repeated refrain throughout the Old Testament. Whenever Israel recognised their sinful state, they would cry out to God, and we read something like: "The LORD remembered his people. He remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob." (Have a look at, for example: Exodus 2:24, 6:5, Psalm 105:42, 106:45).

This doesn't mean that God had actually forgotten his people or his promises to them, it's a way of vividly showing that God brought it to mind and was about to act in salvation. And, of course, he did! He acted supremely in his act of salvation through the sending of his Son Jesus, and through Jesus' death and resurrection all his people's sins were taken away - even forgotten. Indeed, Isaiah 65:17 prophesies a time when the former things will no longer be remembered: "See, I will create a new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind."

But for now, whilst we look forward to that time, we also look back in remembrance. We look back each time we share the bread and the wine together, as Jesus taught us: "Do this in remembrance of me." And each time we hear the gospel read and proclaimed we remember all that Jesus has done for us through his death and resurrection. Israel's past in the Old Testament shows us the pitfalls and dangers of not remembering, and so for now, a faithful Christian is one who remembers.

In this month of remembrance, may we all continue to remember all that the LORD has done for us.

Rev. Isaac Pain

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
Monday 1st	7:30pm	Hulcote and Salford PCC Meeting	TBC
Wednesday 3rd	7:30pm	Music Practice	Cranfield Church
Thursday 4th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 5th	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Saturday 6th	10am	Church Clean	Cranfield Church
Sunday 7th	9:00am 10:30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (followed by monthly Prayer Meeting)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 10th	10:00am	Holy Communion Service	Cranfield Church
Thursday 11th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 12th	1:30pm 7:30pm	Craft Group Home Group via Zoom – Contact Linda Pearson (<i>l.d.pearson@btinternet.com</i> – Tel. 751358)	Cranfield Church Zoom
Saturday 13th	10:00am 6:30pm	Pew Top Sale University Student – 3-2-1 Course – Session 1	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Sunday 14th	10:40am 10.40am 3:00pm	Act of Remembrance Act of Remembrance followed by Morning Service Thanksgiving and Memorial Service	Salford Church War Memorial Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Monday 15th	7:30pm	Cranfield PCC Meeting	Zoom
Thursday 18th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 19th	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Saturday 20th	12:30pm 6:30pm	Wedding Blessing: Terry and Marjorie University Student – 3-2-1 Course – Session 2	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Sunday 21st	9:00am 10.30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Baptism)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 24th	10:00am 7:30pm	Holy Communion Service Music Practice	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Thursday 25th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 26th	1:30pm 7:30pm	Craft Group Home Group via Zoom – Contact Linda Pearson (<i>l.d.pearson@btinternet.com</i> – Tel. 751358)	Cranfield Church Zoom
Saturday 27th	6:30pm	University Student – 3-2-1 Course – Session 3	Cranfield Church
Sunday 28th	9:00am 10.30am 4:00pm	Morning Prayer – 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Holy Communion) Christingle Service	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church Cranfield Church