



## St Hilda's Church



A picture of Willow, a Rainbow at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashford in front of the poppy display, in full Rainbow uniform and with her group flag. Willow, age 6 is the great granddaughter of Pat Kitto.

I would like to send thanks once again to Father Joseph, for allowing Willow to have this lovely memory as with all that is going on at the moment she cannot parade as normal.

Toni  
(Parental photo consent provided)



## Armistice Order 1918

A copy of Cease fighting order that my grandfather drafted and signed at 0650 on 11 Nov 1918. His is the only signature, so he always said that he stopped the fighting in WW I single handedly!

Robert Dobbie

OPERATIONS SPECIAL PRIORITY.  
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First Army.	E-in-C.
Second Army.	D.R.I.
Third Army.	D. Sigs.
Adv. Fourth Army.	I.C. Training.
Fifth Army.	D.G.S.
Cavalry Corps.	E.S.
Adv. Operations, R.A.F.	C.B.Q. Troops.
Tank Corps.	D.G.M.S.
Communications.	British Mission, French G.Q.G.
M.G.G.S., S.D.	British Mission, Belgian G.Q.G.
A.G.	British Mission, H.A.E.F.
Q.M.G.	General Du Cane, C/o E.M. Bacon.
D.G.T.	General Cavendish, C/o E.M. Conde.

O.A.D. 953                      11th November                      AAA

Hostilities will cease at 1100 today, November  
11th AAA Troops will stand fast on the line reached at  
that hour, which will be reported by wire to Advanced G.H.Q.  
AAA Defensive precautions will be maintained AAA There  
will be no intercourse of any description with the enemy  
until the receipt of instructions from G.H.Q. AAA  
Further instructions follow AAA      ACKNOWLEDGE      AAA  
Addressed all Armies, Cavalry Corps and  
Advanced Operations, R.A.F., repeated all concerned.

Adv. G.H.Q.  
0650.

*Robt. Dobbie*  
Lieut Col  
General Staff.

Copies:-

- G.S., I. (Adv).
- M.G., R.A. (Adv).
- French Mission. (Adv).
- Belgian Mission.
- American Mission.
- Italian Mission.
- Camp Commandant, G.H.Q.
- Camp Commandant, Adv. G.H.Q.

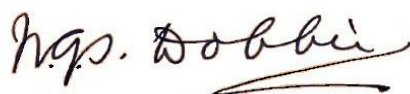
## The straightforward faith of Lt Gen Sir William Dobbie, GCMG, KCB, DSO (1879 – 1964)

On ANZAC Day, 25 April 1946, Gen Dobbie spoke to tens of thousands of people in Melbourne, Australia, about 'God's Hand in Malta'.

*"It was only with the help of Almighty God that Malta survived and to Him we owe the victory granted to our armed forces.*

*"Humanly speaking, Malta could not hold out. But I took courage from the fact that I read in the Bible that God had delivered people who in times past had been in similar positions. In answer to prayer, God delivered Malta, and I recommend to you my God and Saviour Jesus Christ, as One who has never failed.*

*"I was able to put my trust in Him, as One whom I had known for many years, and I believe that what He has been to me, He will be to all who accept Him as their Saviour, Friend and Guide."*



## Welby links sacrifice of Unknown Warrior to 'glorious' fallen of the pandemic

SACRIFICE comes not only in war, but is "the virtue that smooths the rough roads over which our societies travel", the Archbishop of Canterbury said on Wednesday, as he paid tribute to those "unnamed and unclaimed except by God" who are commemorated by the tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

The socially distanced Armistice Day service at Westminster Abbey, marking the centenary to the day of the burial of the Unknown Warrior there, started at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday. At 11 a.m. there was two minutes' silence. Attendance was by invitation only, but the service was streamed live by the BBC.

It was led by the Dean of Westminster, the Very Revd Dr David Hoyle, and Archbishop Welby preached. Among the congregation were the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall.

Archbishop Welby said: "We pay tribute to the men and women who died on so many battlefields, unnamed and unclaimed except by God.

"Sacrifice not only comes in times of war. . . It is the virtue that smooths the rough roads over which our societies travel. This year people have put aside all they hold dear. We may



not know what they have suffered or given up. They may be anonymous, but their actions are glorious.

*The Dean of Westminster, the Very Revd Dr David Hoyle (right), leads prayers over the tomb of the Unknown Warrior, on Wednesday*

“From their lives comes fruit. From the life of this Unknown Warrior comes the fruit of Remembrance and hope. When we face deep

uncertainties and difficulties, we do not just look after ourselves — we make a stand. We know that none of us are safe until all are safe.”

A procession to the tomb of the Unknown Warrior was led by Guardsman Rian Morgan of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards. The Union flag used to cover the grave a century ago was laid on the high altar.

Public worship during the latest lockdown, which began last Thursday, was forbidden except for a restricted number at Remembrance Sunday ceremonies and those attending the service on Wednesday. Armistice Day was added to the list of exceptions on Monday, to allow the public to attend events held outside in accordance with pandemic restrictions.

## Eco-minded young people tend war graves to remember war dead



Young people in a West Midlands village have tended war graves as part of a unique project which embraced environmental and conservation concerns.

The initiative, launched by St Michael's, Pelsall, saw young people take responsibility for the maintenance of five Commonwealth War Graves – one from the First World War and four from the Second World War.

They were responsible for cleaning the memorials – all to soldiers from the Pelsall area – as well as weeding and clearing debris from trees around the site.

Working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award, the young team are set to lay crosses for Remembrance Sunday on the graves.

St Michael's interim minister the Revd Alison Morris explained: "This task not only coincides with the 75th anniversary of the ending of WW2 but is integral to our desire by the church to work on conservation and environmental concerns.

"For the youngsters their aim is simply to show how we can care for God's earth in this challenging time.

"St Michael's sees our local community cemetery as a place of history and remembrance and as such is special to people far beyond the immediate church congregation.

"For us it is a place which represents a precious resource which makes a huge contribution to the historical life of our Pelsall village. Not only does it provide a place of tranquillity and a place to grieve for our families, but it also contains a wealth of local and family history.

"We also value its importance for nature conservation with diverse species of flora and fauna. It is upon this rich heritage of

history and conservation on which we wish to build our understanding, our support and connections between the church, cemetery and the community in which we serve."

The young people, supervised by the parish warden and a PCC member in a Covid-secure environment, began looking after the graves this summer, in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. It is believed to be the only local scheme of its kind in the country.

Revd Morris added: "In turn this will reconnect our locality with the First World War and Second World War stories held within our cemetery.

"Pelsall cemetery holds the stories of the people who have lived in the past – people who have shaped our past which in turn impact upon our future.

"This is an opportunity through the project for members of the community to work together with the church to inspire others to remember them, to safeguard our history and our heritage associated with our village of Pelsall."



## **Christian Aid demands Covid-19 vaccine be made available to world's poorest**

Christian Aid has warned that access to any successful vaccine must be shared with the world's poorest people and not become a "global postcode lottery."

The charity has responded to an announcement by pharmaceutical company Pfizer and firm BioNTech about promising results from the clinical trials of their vaccine. It has proved to be 90 per cent effective so far.

Although they are interim results which yet to be peer-reviewed, and the vaccine has not yet received regulatory approval, the UK has secured access to 40 million doses.

Christian Aid is calling on governments to support the global call for a people's vaccine made at the World Health Assembly in May.

During the assembly Pfizer and BioNTech decided not to participate in patent pool that would allow manufacturers to replicate the vaccine at an affordable cost for the world's poorest countries.

Dr Matti Kohonen, head of economic justice policy at Christian Aid, told *Premier* it's imperative something is done to reverse that decision.

"US, UK, Switzerland, countries with quite large pharmaceutical industries, were saying that any vaccine should not be shared with developing countries. And so they didn't participate in what's called the patent pool, where we can, once we know of a vaccine, share the technology to those countries who don't have big pharmaceutical industries, but who rely really on generic drugs to get access to some of the best vaccines and some of the best treatments available."

He said this will impact Latin American countries as well as others like India and South Africa.

Christian Aid has called for Pfizer and BioNTech to make its vaccine cheaper and also participate in a patent pool.

"The current doses - and this vaccine will require two doses - seem to cost \$19.50, so basically \$40 for administering an effective dose of a vaccine that provides immunity. What we really need is for Pfizer and BioNTech to bring the price down for developing countries," Dr Kohonen said.

"Secondly, they need to participate in a patent pool shared technology, facilitated by international institutions like the World Health Organization who have already set up the Kovax and the vaccine pools so that the generic manufacturers can do this at a fraction of the cost of the current Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine. That's what gets us the billions of people vaccinated."

Christian Aid has also called, in its recent report *Building Back With Justice*, for governments to ensure that access to Covid-19 testing and treatment services are universally free at the point of use.

Lord, we thank you for this exciting development with this vaccine.  
We pray that it will be distributed with fairness. We pray that your children all around the world will have access to it.  
We pray that it will not be distributed with selfishness, but with love, justice and compassion.  
Amen.



## What the Government fails to grasp about public worship

Theresa May was right to draw attention to the sinister precedent that the lockdown ban on gathering for services sets, says *Brian Castle*

*The Rt Revd Dr Brian Castle preaches during a service in a marquee in Harare, in 2010, when churches were out of bounds*

THE first time that a government prevented my attending corporate worship in a church was in Harare, Zimbabwe, in 2008. The last time that this happened was on Exmoor, Somerset, earlier this week, Remembrance Sunday 2020.



I was in Harare in 2008 to strengthen a partnership between the dioceses of Harare and Rochester, and to show solidarity with our beleaguered brothers and sisters. Zimbabwe was passing through a torrid time facing hyper-inflation and an economic meltdown that, as is usual, did most damage to the poorest in society.

The Anglican diocese was also traumatised by the actions of a former Bishop of Harare, Nolbert Kunonga, who, with government support, was trying to enlist the diocese to support the ruling ZANU-PF party under the rule of Zimbabwe's President, Robert Mugabe. When the diocese resisted, Anglican churches and property were taken out of its hands and clergy were evicted from their homes. Anglicans were not allowed in their own churches.

Congregations were forced to worship wherever they could: sometimes in gardens, sometime under trees, and sometimes in church halls offered by other churches. Even at these alternative venues, congregations risked being arrested and tear-gassed by police. On my visit in 2008, I was asked by the Bishop to lead the worship of the cathedral congregation. But the worship was not to be held in the beautiful sandstone cathedral in the middle of Harare, but in a marquee in a municipal park beside a swimming pool.

Before I set off for the service, the Bishop warned me of three issues that I might face. First, there would undoubtedly be secret police in the congregation; second, he had heard that a foreign undercover reporter would be present (foreign media correspondents were banned from Zimbabwe); and, finally, as regularly happened, the service might be raided and dispersed by police. In the event, the service was not raided, there were secret police present, and I was later sent a report of the service which was published in *The Sydney Morning Herald*.

Despite the dangers faced by the congregation, they turned up in large numbers because communal worship and the eucharist were sustaining them. Those organising the worship



took every precaution that all would be safe, but it was not possible to eliminate every risk, and the congregation knew it.

The Gospel set for the day was Matthew 10.16ff, in which Jesus was warning his followers that they would be beaten, dragged out of their places of worship, and brought before governors and rulers.

This situation continued for another four years until the Supreme Court of Zimbabwe gave a ruling that Anglicans should be allowed back into their churches to worship peacefully.

EXAMPLES of the prohibition of corporate worship are not confined to Zimbabwe.

The Bishop of Truro's independent review of the persecution of Christians, which was sponsored by the Foreign Secretary and reported last year (News, 12 July 2019), provides further examples of Christians' facing arrest and harassment if they worship. In the Early Church, there were countless examples of Christians' facing death if they gather for worship.

During the lockdown, the UK Government has again banned corporate worship. They have done so without giving evidence that such a ban, with its human costs, would be an effective means of fighting the coronavirus. Permission has, quite rightly, been given for churches to be used for "essential voluntary and public services", for private prayer, and for services to be broadcast online, but not for the services for which churches were originally built.

The Government has simply not grasped the reality that communal worship, especially the eucharist, feeds those who hunger for it just as foodbanks feed those in need. Worship is not a leisure activity, but, alongside mission, is at the heart of what it means to be Christian. Indeed, worship and mission are two sides of the same coin. Worship feeds and motivates mission; mission poses penetrating questions about worship.

Depriving people of corporate worship in which the sacraments can be received is, in the words of Cardinal Nichols, the RC Archbishop of Westminster, a source of deep anguish for many. Digital technology has helped enormously by enabling Christians to worship online, but this is not accessible to all and for many is not a substitute.

The Government also does not appear to have taken into account the well-documented benefits of gathering for worship on mental and spiritual well-being. The pandemic has increased fear and panic, and lockdowns have increased loneliness. Together, they raise for many people existential questions about the meaning of life and death. Churches in general and communal worship in particular provide the space and framework to recognise, struggle with, and address these questions.

In addition, the Government is infringing the human rights of its citizens by making it illegal to gather in churches for worship. The dangerous precedent that this sets was well argued by the former Prime Minister Theresa May. She said: "My concern is that the Government today making it illegal to conduct an act of public worship, for the best of intentions, sets a precedent that could be misused for a government of the future for the worst of intentions."

It would be unreasonable to suggest that the Government is deliberately setting out to undermine people's human rights, even though that is what it is doing, but the ramifications of its action are chilling.

SO, WHAT is to be done? I am hopeful that, in the regular discussions between Church and Government about lockdown, the reasons behind the Government's ban on communal worship in churches is being vigorously explored. I hope, too, that these discussions are taking place with politicians who can make decisions about the ban. If no satisfactory answer is forthcoming, then we should learn from the diocese of Harare and explore the issue in the courts.

Many Christians, both living and departed, have faced harassment and even death to gain the right to worship together and, in this way, have witnessed to their faith. How are we witnessing to our faith when this right has been removed from us?

*The Rt Revd Dr Brian Castle is an Assistant Bishop in Bath & Wells diocese and an honorary research fellow at the University of Exeter. His book Reconciliation: The journey of a lifetime is published by SPCK.*

## The launch of Living in Love and Faith



Living in Love and Faith is a collection of resources to enable Christian teaching and learning about Human Identity, Sexuality and Marriage.

Below is a message from the London College of Bishops, outlining the approach we hope to take in the Diocese of London.

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

*Today sees the launch of Living in Love and Faith, a collection of resources to enable Christian teaching and learning about Human Identity, Sexuality and Marriage. These resources are intended to help all of us, whatever our theological convictions, to think more deeply about what it means to be human and how to live in love and faith with one another as the Christian church in this land. When work began on these resources, none of us could have imagined the way that the world would change. And yet, as we learn how best to live in the midst of a global pandemic, the need to understand who we are and how to love as Christ calls us to do remains as vital as ever.*

*We propose to use these resources here in London in this way. The winter will be a season of preparation. A number of facilitators have already been identified and will be trained in the use of the LLF course during this time. During the spring and summer, there will be a period of engagement during which our churches are invited to use the LLF materials and to contribute to a nationally designed feedback process.*

*Our expectation is that all of us will find a way to engage with this material, starting with the pastoral principles, in the spring and summer of next year. The pastoral principles are a*

*set of guidelines that help us have better conversations, whatever our personal experience or theology might be. We have found them extremely helpful as Bishops and as a Senior Staff in helping guide us.*

*Our hope, is that we would do this engagement in groups (observing whatever Covid-related precautions are in place at the time), and make use of both the LLF course and the trained facilitators that we are providing to help guide us through the group process.*

*We recognise that many will feel vulnerable as this process unfolds. Your pastoral care is of paramount importance, therefore we are providing a network of chaplains available to help and support all of us through this time.*

*We believe that, even against the background of all that is going on in the world today, this time is an opportunity. An opportunity to understand each other better, to forge deeper relationships with one another and for all of us to be surprised and challenged by what it means to be the body of Christ, in London, in our time.*

*With every blessing,*

*+Sarah Londin, +Graham Kensington, +Joanne Stepney, +Jonathan Fulham,  
+Robert Edmonton, +Ric Islington, +Pete Willesden*

## **Join us in a month of prayer**

As a second lockdown in England comes into force, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting Christians across the nation to participate in a month of prayer.

- Christians are encouraged to pray daily for a specific area of national concern, wherever they are, culminating in a collective moment of prayer at 6pm each evening
- We are calling Christians in the diocese of London to pray on your doorstep for your neighbourhood, and also for the National prayer points:
  - *Sunday – Family, friends and loved ones*
  - *Monday – Schools and colleges, children and young people*
  - *Tuesday – Elderly, isolated and vulnerable*
  - *Wednesday – Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing*
  - *Thursday – The NHS and other key workers*
  - *Friday – National and local governments*
  - *Saturday – All who are grieving and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health*
- Cathedrals and churches across the country invited to ring a bell at this time
- Prayers and other resources will be shared on social media with the hashtag #PrayerForTheNation
- Resources can also be found here: [churchofengland.org/PrayerForTheNation](https://www.churchofengland.org/PrayerForTheNation)
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## St Hilda's Parish News

### Ashford Christmas Craft Trail - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December (1pm – 5pm)

Due to the lockdown this has been postponed, the likely revised date will be 6<sup>th</sup> December, watch this space for updates!

Following the huge successes of the Ashford Jumble Trails, a Christmas Craft Trail has been arranged and once again St Hilda's are taking part.

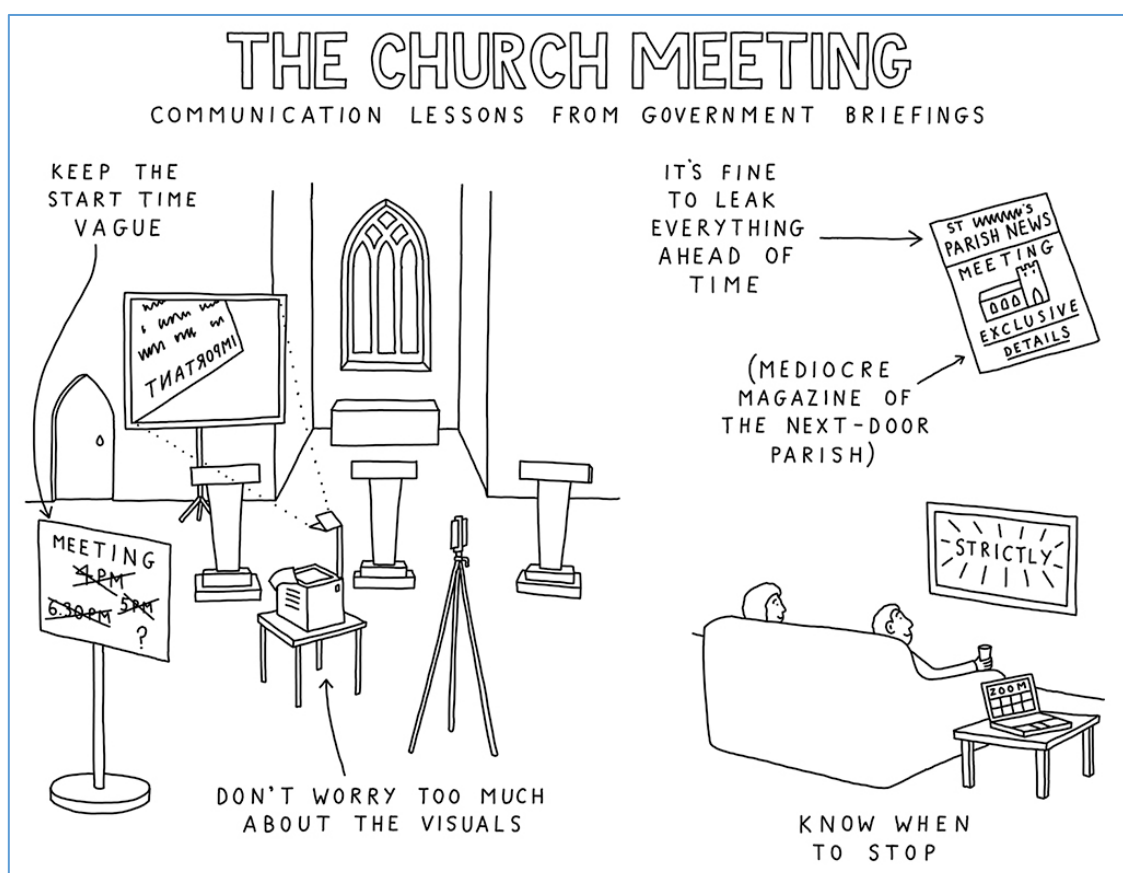
We are planning to have a stall selling various crafts – tree decorations, cakes and biscuits amongst other things. Planning is underway, and further details will be shared shortly.

### Church Chairs

It has been agreed by the PCC that we will be selling all the remaining wooden chairs, they have become very inflexible and many have seen a better day.

We are looking to sell the chairs at £20 each, if you would like to purchase, please contact the parish office. Proceeds from the sale of the chairs will be partly used to purchase additional white chairs, with the remaining funds ringfenced for the more permanent replacements.

***If you have any Parish News you would like to share, then please send them into the Parish Office.***



## Tea and Chat after Sunday Service

With new lockdown in place, this is a great opportunity for you to have a cup of favourite brew whilst have a chat amongst the St Hilda's Community.

We would like to invite you to join us for a virtual Tea and Chat after the service on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 11.15am**. See below on how to join. Any queries please call the Parish Office.

The meeting is hosted by Zoom.



There are 2 ways in which you can join the Tea and Chat session

1. Join via a computer or tablet, for a video style experience (like Skype)

- Download the Zoom app – [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)
- Click – Join a Meeting
- Enter the Meeting id – **916 4755 7943**
- Enter password – **400337**

2. Join via telephone – cost of a local call.

- Dial – 0203 051 2874

## More Tea ... – Weekday Tea and Chat

The second of the weekly Tea and chat sessions where you are able to 'meet up' over a cuppa.

If you haven't yet joined one of these sessions – give it a try, you can connect either on-line or via the telephone, we would like to see or hear as many of you as possible and encourage you to join us. We encourage all those who haven't yet joined one of the sessions to do so, and if you have any apprehension in doing so, please call the Parish Office and Denise will guide you through the process – it is quite simple once you've done it once.

This week the Tea and Chat will be held on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November @ 10.30am**

The codes are as per the following, to join follow the instructions above

- Meeting id – **950 3758 5602**
- Password – **743111**

**Canaan Ministries** following the recent government's announcement the shop is closed, however, they are still available to take and deliver/post anything you may want to purchase over the next month including items for advent. All you need to do is call or email them and they will arrange the rest.

In addition, please join the (Canaan) Facebook group, as it will be the best way for them to keep everyone up to date in this fast changing situation that we find ourselves in!

Any other information can be found on their website [www.canaanchristianministries.co.uk/](http://www.canaanchristianministries.co.uk/)

## 2 Corinthians 5:7

for we walk by faith, not by sight

### Crossroads

Please email Rosemary at [crossroads\\_ashford@hotmail.com](mailto:crossroads_ashford@hotmail.com) if you have anything to be included in the parish magazine. The November edition is now available on our website.

### This weeks services

#### Sunday Eucharist – 15<sup>th</sup> November @ 9.30am

This service can be viewed via our Facebook page, our new YouTube channel (St Hilda's Ashford), and Twitter.

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

The Church will be open for private prayer between 9.30 – 12.00

Please see our website ([www.sthilda.org](http://www.sthilda.org)) for updates and the weekly service sheet.

### Vacancy – St Hilda's

We have 2 vacancies for cleaners on a job share basis for the Church Hall,

the requirement will be 2 hours per day 7 days a week.

The hours will be either early mornings or late evening.

References will be required

If interested please contact the Parish Office.

**Please hold in your prayers and thoughts this week those who are affected by the Corona Virus as well as the family and friends of those below.**

**The Sick**

James Bedford	Michael Dixon	John Radford	Sandra Swain
Michael Browne	Eileen Gilbert	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Rev. Peter Taylor
Pamela Claridge	Jim Hennessey	Delphine Scrivener	Chick Wilson
Robb Clarke	Jane Johnson	Riley Shaw	Peter Wilson
Rebecca Cohen	Libby Mills	Anne Shenton	Jo Wood
Ann Considine	Raymond Nation	Elsie Stone	Nic
Chris Davenport	June Prentice	Roy Stone	Martyn
Joey	Erin		

**The Recently Departed**

Helen Briggs	Joyce Winter	Keith 'Cobber' Suckling
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**Prayer**

Almighty Father,  
 whose will is to restore all things  
 in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
 govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
 and bring the families of the nations,  
 divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
 to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.  
 Amen

## Puzzle Page

### Dominoes

5	3	3	0	5	3	3	4
6	6	5	1	5	2	5	4
0	2	1	1	1	1	6	0
1	6	0	6	3	1	2	4
4	6	4	0	1	5	3	4
2	0	6	5	0	4	5	2
6	0	2	4	3	2	2	3

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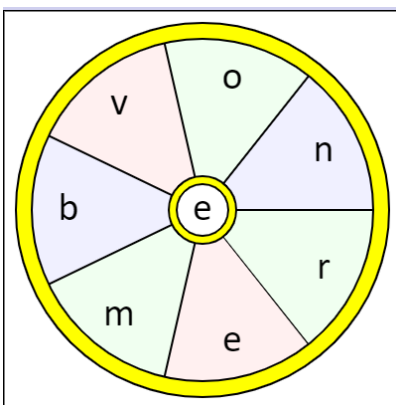
#### How to play:

All of the 28 domino pieces from 0-0 to 6-6 have been placed once into the grid. Can you work out where each of them is placed?

### Sudoku

			7				4	
9		7				1		
		2				7		3
3	6				8			
	2		1		4		5	
	8				5			
	4		6	9		5		
				4			6	1

### Word Wheel



How many words can you find using the centre letter? There is one 8 letter word, 11<sup>th</sup> Month!

#### Riddle

What five letter word can you remove two letters from and still have the same meaning. What am I?

### Answers from last week

#### Word Snake

Chess, Guitar, Videogame, Bowls, Bingo, Piano, Charades, Snooker, Frisbee, Billiards, Poker, Darts, Cards

#### Niners

- Lilies
- Gladioli
- Dandelions

9 letter word - ALONGSIDE

#### Riddle

A Half!

#### Word Wheel

11 letter word – Remembrance