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*Here to worship God and share his love***Dear reader,**

How can it be November already? It seems no time at all that we were enjoying a long hot summer and now Christmas is only weeks away. You will find advance warning of the Joy to the World display which will be in church during December and of the Craft Market which this year is on 12th December. There is much going on in November with a lunchtime concert by Sophie Rosa and Peter Liang on 3rd November and a musical evening with Marcus and friends on 8th November. You will also find details of a Turkey and Tinsel evening which will happen on 15th November. The Eco Matters article (P16) and the Heritage Snippets (P18) are always interesting. Ruth's description of Breakfast Church is engaging and particularly so if it is not a service you are familiar with.

*Best wishes, Barbie***Website*****<https://stjohnsandaway.wixsite.com/website>*****Magazine submissions****Magazine deadline each month is the 1st of the month before.**

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A message from Revd. Ruth

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Breakfast Church is the name of our intergenerational, creative worship that usually takes place at 10.15am on the first Sunday of the month. The Church Hall is set up with tables and chairs and our service begins with refreshments served from 9.45am. Our worship is led by the Breakfast Band and the service includes discussion and creative activities around tables alongside songs, prayers and a Bible story. It's a wonderful space for all ages to come together and worship God!



During the Autumn, the Breakfast Church congregation has been focusing on the story of Joseph found in the Old Testament. We've heard how Joseph was given a special coat by his father Jacob, and how this intensified the jealousy of Joseph's brothers. In October we heard

how Joseph was sold as a slave in Egypt and how his gift for interpreting dreams brought him to the attention of Pharaoh. Our Breakfast Church service on 2nd November will use the final part of Joseph's story to talk about forgiveness and reconciliation when Joseph comes face to face with his brothers again. There are times when I struggle with the context, culture and violence of parts of the Old Testament, but the emotional reality of the story of Joseph as he tries to hold onto hope in God during the trials of life has been very powerful.

All are welcome to join us at **Breakfast Church** on **2nd November** and **7th December!**



Another highlight for November will be our annual Christingle Service. This will take place on Sunday 23rd November at 4.30pm in church. This is a service when we celebrate that Jesus is the light of the world and build a Christingle using a candle, sweets and an orange. This service of Light is suitable for the whole family and is also an opportunity to make a donation to The Children's Society, supporting their work with vulnerable children and young people.

As we head into this season of Remembrance, may we strive to live the reality of peace and reconciliation in our daily lives.

Every blessing, Ruth

The Remembrance Service at 10am on November 9th will be followed by a service at the War Memorial. Residents are asked to arrive on the grassed area in front of the memorial ready for the service to commence at 10.58. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available in the church hall after the service.

Baptisms from the registers

14th September

Finn Bancroft Campbell

Annual Memorial Service

All are welcome as we remember and give thanks for our loved ones who have died

Sunday 2nd November

6.30pm St John's Church

If you would like the name of someone read out during the service, please contact Sue Hadden with their details.

Email: shplush@yahoo.co.uk



The 3rd November lunchtime concert features Sophie Rosa & Peter Liang making a welcome return to St John's.

This exceptional husband & wife violin duo will perform pieces by

Boccherini, Bologna, Glière, Wieniawski & Handel-Halvorsen, from classical favourites to dazzling showpieces.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT



SOPHIE ROSA & PETER LIANG

Violin duo in concert

12 Noon Monday 03 November

St John's Church, Norley Rd, Sandiway
Followed by a soup lunch in Church Hall
Tickets £15 | Students £5 | Under 18s free

Please book with Kathryn 01606 889879



Mothers' UNION

Tuesday 4th November

2.30pm in the church hall

***Helen will give a talk on the work of
Northwich Hedgehog Rescue***

This is an OPEN meeting - all welcome

To find out more about the event, or joining the MU,
please contact Cherry (301513) or Wendy (883955)



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An evening with Marcus and friends

Saturday 8th November

7-9pm

Church hall, Norley Road, CW8 2JY

Bring your own drinks, snacks provided.

Tickets £10

Please contact Julie to book, on

07713 813147

or fundraisingatstjohns@gmail.com

Also featuring the ensemble group 'Harlequin' consisting of Liv Westhead, Morgan Walsh, Rob Furnival and Marcus Williams, accompanied by Sophie Williams

Earlier in the year, Harlequin competed at the Wirral Festival of Music, and won the vocal ensemble category. Marcus also won the vocal solo by a British composer category.



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Christingle Service 2025

St John's Church Sandiway
 4.30pm on Sunday 23rd November

A service of Light suitable for the whole family. We'll also be
 collecting money to support the work of The Children's Society.
 All Welcome!

Turkey & Tinsel Evening

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 7-9.30 PM
ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL
51 NORLEY ROAD
CUDDINGTON CW8 2JY

£20 per person
3 Course Turkey Meal plus coffee/tea
BYO drinks and a glass
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Ark specials in November:

Friday 7th: Littlers pork pie and mushy peas, follow it with Parkin or autumn spice cake.

Friday 28th: To mark St Andrew's Day, haggis, tatties & neeps followed by Dundee cake, Ecclefechan tarts or shortbread.

As we near the end of another year, we look to give away the year's profits. Please contact the Team via Kathryn 01606 889879 before 12th December if you represent a local group or charity serving the community who would appreciate some financial help. Details will be given on how to apply.

Last year, our village Primary schools, Sandiway Rainbows, St Luke's Hospice, North West critical Care, and The Joshua Tree all benefitted.

Please note our last day for 2025 will be Friday 12 December... CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!!

All profits to the Children's Society.

There will be a coffee morning and sale of

Christmas cards in aid of



Hosted by Dorothy Dickinson, 1 Churchfields Sandiway CW8 2JS

10 – 12 pm on Wednesday November 5th

Please come and support

Cobweb Day!

We are blessed to have church cleaned every week by a group of dedicated volunteers, but every now and then, we ask for volunteers to spend an hour getting to the cobwebs that are harder to reach!

If you can join us from 9am-10am on Saturday 15th November, we'd love to see you.

Christmas Raffle donations needed

We are building Christmas hampers for St John's raffle again and would be grateful for any donations of Christmas food or drink. If you can help, please bring donations/tickets to any service, or to church on Saturday mornings.

Any questions, or to have donations collected, email **ali.stjohnsandaway@gmail.com** or call Ali on **07796 787245** (evenings/weekends please).

Thank you.

The Christmas Raffle this year will be drawn at the Christmas Market on December 6th.

November Services and Events

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What's happening at St John's this month

2nd Nov (Sunday)	Breakfast Church	10.15am	Church hall	
2nd Nov (Sunday)	Annual Memorial Service	6.30pm	Church	Page 6
3rd Nov (Monday)	Lunchtime Concert	12pm	Church	Page 7
4th Nov (Tuesday)	Mothers Union	2.30pm	Church hall	Page 8
8th Nov (Saturday)	Wildlife Garden Group	10am-12pm	Church grounds	Page 17
8th Nov (Saturday)	JIMS music group	3-5pm	Church hall	Page 10
8th Nov (Saturday)	Marcus & Friends!	7pm	Church hall	Page 9
9th Nov (Sunday)	Remembrance Service	10am	Church	
	Followed by a service at the War Memorial. Residents are asked to arrive on the grassed area in front of the memorial ready for the service to commence at 10.58. Tea/coffee biscuits will be available in the church hall after the service.			
9th Nov (Sunday)	Celtic Communion	6.30pm	Church	
15th Nov (Saturday)	Turkey & Tinsel	7pm	Church hall	Page 11
16th Nov (Sunday)	Holy Communion	10.15am	Church hall	
16th Nov (Sunday)	Walk & Wonder	2pm	Village Car Park	Page 17

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November Services and Events

16th Nov (Sunday)	Take 40	6.30pm	Church	
22nd Nov (Saturday)	JIMS music group	3-5pm	Church hall	Page 10
23rd Nov (Sunday)	Morning Praise with Sunday Club	10.15am	Church hall	
23rd Nov (Sunday)	Christingle	4.30pm	Church	Page 10
30th Nov (Sunday)	Holy Communion with Sunday Club	10.15am	Church hall	
30th Nov (Sunday)	Advent Sunday	6.30pm	Church	

Weekly services and events

Church open 10am-3pm
every weekday

Arts in the Ark	Wednesdays	2 - 4pm	Church hall	
Holy Communion	Thursdays	9.30am	Church	
Night Prayer	Thursdays	6.15pm	Church	
Ark Café	Fridays	9am - 2pm	Church hall	
Saturday Sanctuary	Saturdays	10am - 12 noon	Church	



Eco Matters

Water

'Without fresh water, life on land wouldn't exist. It is the most precious resource on our planet, but it's finite. Every drop is vital for all species and us humans that rely upon it.' David Attenborough



The Environment Agency has said we are 30 years away from a daily public water shortage of 5 billion litres, climate change being a driving factor. The UK expects bigger winter floods, summer flash floods and yet intense periods of drought will bring a decrease in summer river flows reducing water availability and quality. We in the northwest are included amongst the most vulnerable areas.

Around the world prolonged and frequent dry spells and periods of heavy rainfall are causing damage and disruption to water supplies through contamination, saltwater intrusion and scarcity. Low lying coastal areas are also extremely vulnerable to flooding whilst inland areas face severe floods interspersed with drought.

We can act! Charitable giving can help around the world whilst at home we can improve our water efficiency: fix leaks, take shorter showers, collect and use rainwater, plant a garden that can handle local conditions and maintain drains to reduce flooding.

Don't miss out, get your water butts ready now!

Gardening Tips for November

Now is a good time to plant tulip bulbs in beds or pots and bare-root roses, trees and shrubs. You can also plant garlic, shallots and onions in well draining soil or raised beds, they will need covering with fleece. Cut down any tatty looking perennials and put some mulch on the soil around them. Try to leave any seedheads on plants such as echinacea and teasels, sparrows and goldfinches will thank you. Planting up a pot



of crocuses now will help feed queen bumblebees in the Spring. It's a good time for general cleaning and tidying, the greenhouse if you have one and any pots that are finished with for the year. If you're having a bonfire please make sure to check it carefully before lighting to make sure there are no hedgehogs or other wildlife sheltering in it. Clean any bird feeders regularly to help avoid the spread of disease.

Wildlife Gardening

If you enjoy working in the fresh air and have some time to spare on Saturday, 8th November, why not join the church wildlife gardening group as they work to make the church grounds more wildlife-friendly? We work from 10.00-12.00, with a coffee break at half time. Please wear sturdy footwear, weather-appropriate clothing and if you can, bring your own spade or trowel.

Walk and Wonder

Sunday, 16th November 2025. 2.00pm. Join us for a gentle 4km stroll as we take in some of the wonders of the nature on our doorstep. Meet at the exit of the village car park at 2.00pm. Please wear sturdy footwear and weather-appropriate clothing.

COP 30

The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, (known as COP30 because it is 30 years since the 1st such gathering) will be held in Brazil, from November 10-21 November. It will bring together world leaders, scientists, non-government organisations and other civilian groups to discuss priority actions to tackle climate change.

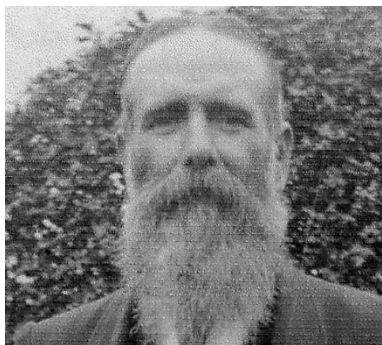


Also in November: Nov 29th is also designated *Buy Nothing Day*!

May we all work together to tread a little more lightly on our precious earth.

The Eco Team (Bev, Jane, Suzanne and Alison)

Heritage Snippets



John Moore

The construction of St John's was not without mishap. On Thursday October 2nd 1903, when working at the site, John Moore, a joiner from Manor Lodge, Hartford, slipped and fell ten feet from a ladder, sustaining an 'angular eight inch cut on his head'. He was treated at Northwich surgery by Dr Armstrong before being allowed to go home to recover.

At home was his second wife Eliza (50 years); Albert, a son from his first marriage (23); Frank, John and Eliza's own child (5); and his stepson, Albert Armstrong (15). Other children from John's first marriage were William, John, Hannah, Annie and Thomas. The last two died in 1878 at five and eight. When the accident happened, John was 63 and the head foreman for Messrs Becket and Co, the building contractors employed by John Douglas. The owner of the outfit, Richard Becket, was John Douglas' brother-in-law, who was married to his elder sister, Elizabeth. John died in 1905 but whether the fall had any lasting impact on his health, isn't known. **Jill King**

The photo to the right, which was taken before John's accident, shows:- standing, John Moore; seated holding baby Ethel, John's daughter, Hannah Moore Forster; and seated on the right, John's mother-in-law, Sarah Whetnall.





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**Starts Monday 1st December
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**open Monday – Saturday 10.00am to 2.00pm
until Saturday 20th December.**

This advent - come and enjoy the beautiful display by individuals and groups, of all ages, from our community.



There is still time to make something to be included in the display - these items made for and at our Joy to the World weekend at the hall and Methodist Church, may give you inspiration . . .



Thank you to all who took part, helped, fed and entertained us.



Please could you let us have your contributions any time before, or on the morning of Saturday 22nd November (church will be open from 10.00 - 12.00 that day, if you are able to drop them off)



If you would like them returning, please label them with your name and contact number. If you would like them collecting, or would like any further information, please contact Sandra 01606 883029, 07957 733993 or sandrastevenson@live.co.uk

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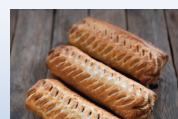




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