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Welcome to the November edition of the Kingsley News.

Our front page this month is a painting of the Red Bull pub courtesy of local artist, John Craven. I am sure that many of you on social media will have seen some of his paintings of local land-scapes and buildings. John currently has an exhibition of his work at Halton Lea. The exhibition will run from now until the end of November. I hope in future months to be able to share with you some of his landscape images too.

This month we will be hosting Allo Allo at the community centre on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November and we have a few tickets remaining. It is always a good night and it would be great to see you there.

We also have two new advertisers this month, The Red Bull pub who are now open for food and have also started taking bookings for Christmas and also Kingsley Communications, a local business that install & maintain TV aerials, satellite dishes, and security cameras. The last 18 months has taught us all how important it is to support our local businesses.

David Crossley has very kindly written an article about archery and our local group that meet regularly at Delamere Forest., it is an interesting read and I know the group is happy to hear from any prospective new members.

Well done to Kingsley Bowling Club too, it sounds that both the A and B team has had a very successful season.

Finally we have a several requests for help. The Youth Group urgently need help to start up again, the Guides are in need of new leaders and the Parish Council is seeking new members, the details of which can be found within this edition.

Please keep your ideas and articles coming in, thank you to those that have emailed me with suggestions and to those that have provided copy too.

Best Wishes Heather

## KINGSLEY YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP!



We would like to re-start Youth Club after closing due to Covid-19.

#### So what's stopping us?

We need qualified Youth Workers and volunteers to run the sessions. If you or someone you know are interested please contact Anne Kavanagh on 07935 331982 or annekavanagh1234@gmail.com

Youth club is for young people in school years 4 to 11. We offer a variety of activities on Thursday evenings (including pool, indoor games, computer games, craft and art) and meet at Kingsley Community Centre.

#### Kingsley Walkers - Wanderings in Tarvin and Bodfari

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If you'd like more information about the group, or you'd like to go on our mailing list to receive information about forthcoming walks, please get in touch. Everyone is welcome.

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#### We're Brownie Friends!

Greetings! Your friendly, local Kingsley (& surrounding areas) Brownie Unit here again to regale you concerning our activities. We meet in Kingsley on Wednesday evenings, during shool term time. Brownies as a group, is part of Guiding UK and is a fun leisure activity for girls between 7 – 10 years.



With Halloween fast approaching ....we've been making Halloween spiders!! Lovely little creatures with great 'googly eyes', which unfortunately kept falling off! Still... that kind of adds to their Halloween spookiness, don't you think? .... And here's a secret too .... at our last meeting before half term holidays and Halloween ....there will be apples involved

We currently have a Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme candidate with us, 'doing her volunteering' for her D. of E. award. Our Brownies really relate to her.....she is 14 years old and was once a Brownie in our Unit herself! I know the Brownies love having her there – after all – she's much better than just two boring grown-ups, I guess!!

The last couple of meetings, we've had to have a 'stand in' to assist, because unfortunately, Tawny Owl wasn't available. We were very lucky to have Mrs Lightfoot, who also happens to be involved in Kingsley Youth Theatre and as such, she is excellent with young people AND she is DBS checked. However, it kind of highlighted the issue of adult help. We are definitely in need of extra (adult) hands – especially ones willing to undertake the Guiding leadership qualification. It's not hard to do, you train 'on the job', with a mentor ....and for a young adult looking to upgrade a C.V. – it's an excellent addition!

We'll be back in November, after half term holidays and then starts the rundown to Christmas. We've got lots of activities planned for the Brownies to enjoy..... but not many outdoors, now that the evenings are closing in. At least the residents of Kingsley won't be subjected to our 'lovely' out-of-tune singing, as we walk to and from the playing fields – well....for a while, at least! Anyways.... thanks for listening....if you have any queries – especially if you'd like to know more about our leadership qualification - please email

kingsley\_brownies@hotmail.co.uk. Sue (Brown Owl)



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#### **CONTACT DAVID HATCHARD**

01928 604014 07770 963870 info@kingsleycommunications.co.uk At the Garden Club meeting in October, Sue Beesley from Bluebell Cottage Garden and Nursery gave members some good ideas for keeping interest in the garden during autumn and winter using hardy perennials. Her particular favourites at the moment are Leucanthemella serotina and Mukdenia rossi as well as asters. She said her motto is "Don't Chop Me Down". She leaves anything which is dry and standing up well, as it gives structure, holds the frost and feeds the birds. Plants which have gone mushy she clears away, the rest she leaves until the end of February. The slides she showed us of her garden in winter demonstrated how this can work well, particularly for the grasses.

The November meeting will be on Monday November 8 th, and we are excited that Tracy Snell from RHS Bridgewater Garden will be talking to us. The title of her presentation is...Bridgewater - Plans and Progress. This huge project has been on the go for several years and was opened to the public in May. There has been a lot of positive TV and media coverage, and the talk should be of interest to anyone interested in plants,landscaping or local history, so come and bring your friends. Date for your diary....Monday 8 th November, Kingsley Community Centre at 8.00. There is plenty of room in the large hall for "social distancing".

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#### Archery - hunting, military and sport.

I dare say we can all remember as a child bending a garden cane, or twig, and putting a piece of string across and pretending we were "cowboys and Indians", or a great hunter. Well some of us never grow up, and still have that hankering. You may have seen in the recent Olympics and Para-Olympics the archery competitions, and the bows in use there. These are as far from the bent twig and string as you can get, though this type of bow is

> in use in our club. These modern carbon fibre compound bow costing many thousands of pounds are the main types of bows used in such competitions.

Generally there are two main types of archery (yes, I know, there may be many off shoots as well) these are Target (the circular target with a bulls eye we are all familiar with) and Field Archery which can be shot in a field or, in our case, in a forest. The types of bow in common use vary from a Longbow originating from Medieval times and earlier, through Flat bows, Re-curve and Compounds. The arrows we use vary as well, vary from wooden to carbon fibre and the fun is you can make your own (great pastime on winter evenings).

I started back in the 70's with Target archery, shooting with the Cheshire Bowmen based at that time in Chester. I had a (and indeed still have the same) 38lb take-down re-curve bow that I shoot on our course. In the 80's, the sport had to go as married life and family took priority. However, a number of years ago I discovered Field Archery and have never looked back. I am part of the Delamere Field Archers, we shoot in a section of Delamere Forest generally not accessible to the public, and only 4 miles from Kingsley. We shoot at life size, 3D foam animal targets varying from a Little Owl to a T-Rex, shooting over distances of anything from 15yards to 50+ yards (yes remember them they are something near that metre thing). The clever thing is, only a select band known as the course layers know the distances, the rest of us have to use our skill to judge the distance.



So, whilst today we think of archery as a sport, throughout history and indeed prehistory it was used for hunting (real animals and not foam targets), and in warfare by the Egyptians, Romans, the Britain's right up to the dawn of the fire arm. Genghis Khan had horse mounted archers and these traditions are still carried on today in Mongolia with mounted bowmen shooting at targets whilst riding at speed. I suppose in this country, archery's finest hour was at Agincourt in 1415, when around one thousand archers were responsible for the defeat of the French army numbering around thirty thousand foot soldiers and mounted knights (they sent their archers (cross-bowmen) home as they thought it was a walk-over).



Has this sparked any interest, would you be interested in joining a club with over 150 members (don't worry we don't all meet at once), if so then why not come down and have a look at us We are an inclusive bunch, we have Juniors, Male and Females and even us "old fogies". Our members range from a Paediatric Surgeon, a retired Dentist, an Epidemiologist, retired driving instructors, lecturers. So come down and see if you like it, I guarantee you will! You can find out more by contacting our Club Secretary Tony Boone on tonyboone777@hotmail.com or, on 07714 100260.

**David Crossley** 

#### Kingsley Bookworms - November 2021

Kingsley Bookworms meets at the Kingsley & Newton Village Institute (KNVI) in Top Road. This has been a great move, the room is lovely and easy to reach for quite a few of our members. Currently, we meet on the second Thursday of the month.

At our last meeting we talked about Black Diamonds by Catherine Bailey. This book was a combination of a social history and the history of a wealthy family, the Fitz-williams on the Wentworth Estate in South Yorkshire. It included a massive house visited by King George IV. There were extensive coal mines and accommodation for miners. By the late 1980s it had fallen into disrepair and the wealth had been dissipated. Our discussion was mostly about the terrible conditions that the miners lived in (despite the fact that the Fitzwilliams seem to have treated their employees comparatively well). While we didn't particularly enjoy the style of the writing, one person describing is as "wearisome", we all felt that it had sparked an interest in the history.

This month we are reading The Echo Chamber by John Boyne, a satire on the modern world's social media addiction which seems to be particularly relevant in current times. In December we will talk about Winter in Madrid by CJ Sansom.

Kingsley Bookworms is a bookclub open to all. We meet monthly and occasionally visit literature events and plays. Everyone is welcome to join us. Generally between 8 and 12 people come to our meetings which means that everyone gets a chance to voice their opinion. We also share information about books that we've read or had recommended to us. If you'd like to join us or you'd more information, please contact me on <a href="mailto:vgwillim@coach-work.co.uk">vgwillim@coach-work.co.uk</a> or call me on 07799 067 457. Meetings start at 7.30. We'll be delighted if you decide to join us.





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As anticipated our October meeting went with a swing. Reverend Canon Ron Iveson entertained us with an afternoon of 'crooning' which was interspersed with a question and answer



session. We didn't appreciate just how talented our new incumbent was until the accompanying music was lost for a few minutes and he continues his rendition in imperfect pitch - we look forward to hearing him again on December 3rd in Alvanley, I am sure he will be entertaining us then, well at least we hope so.

At our next meeting on the 2nd of November Sheena Drake will be talking to us about her experiences following a diagnosis of breast cancer. From the title she has chosen, "Journeys, Travels and Destinations" you will see it promises to be a very interesting and positive talk. As always we welcome anyone who just wants to join us for a specific talk or activity - you are always most welcome - 2pm at the NCK Centre, Norley Church, Norley.

#### **Remembrance Sunday Service**

14th November 2021, 10.45 a.m. at the Cenotaph St John's Church, Kingsley will be open until 12pm for private prayer.



Due to covid still being with us, this years service will take place at the Cenotaph - no service in church



#### **Next Messy Church**

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#### Kingsley Parish Council - November 2021 Update

At the recent Parish Council meeting, it was agreed that the Council would once again run its Grant Scheme which is open to any Kingsley organisation or, group providing facilities for the community. Recipients in the past have been; Kingsley Players Youth Theatre, Kingsley Garden Club, Kingsley WI and The Kingsley Scout Group. If your organisation is interested in applying, please either go onto the Kingsley Parish Council website, or contact the Parish Clerk, for details of the conditions that apply and to download an application form. Applications will be considered at the December meeting. Contact details are at the end of this article.

The Parish Council has approved a quotation for the tidying up of the raised bed area outside Kingsley St John's school. This has become rather overgrown and is hoped this work will start soon and the area cleared in preparation for the village Christmas Tree due at the end of November.

The more observant will have noticed that there have been contractors in and around the Cemetery. The works to replace the broken and slippery paths around the cemetery are well underway and it is hoped that the final tarmac coating will be applied before the end of October. Whilst the works are in progress, please be aware that access will be restricted for safety reasons to certain parts of the cemetery.

Plans have been submitted to Cheshire West Planning Department for the conversion of the old Co-op (current charity shop) back into the original two cottage dwellings. The details and plans can be viewed on Cheshire West Planning Forum. The Planning Reference for this application - 21/03708/FUL - The Old Post Office. Should you wish to comment, then please do so on the Cheshire West & Chester site. https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/

The Parish Council has received the annual RoSPA safety inspection of the Children's play area and Gym equipment. Generally the equipment is in a satisfactory condition, but there are a few minor issues which have been identified and the Parish Council have invited quotations from appropriate companies to rectify these issues.

Finally, we are once again appealing to anyone who may be interested in being coopted onto the Parish Council. All our calls so far have gone unanswered. This is your chance to represent your community, to have your say on the way the Parish Council operates. Unless you have a seat at the table you cannot begin to change things (sitting in your armchair and complaining won't change anything!). It is unpaid service to your community, it involves attendance at a Council meeting once a month, you may even wish to sit on a working party or sub- committee. At present we are six members and are in danger every month of not being quorate due to sickness or holidays, and having to cancel the Parish Council meeting. It is essential that we increase our numbers and we currently have five vacancies. If you are interested please go onto the KPC website or contact the Parish Clerk. You must have lived in the village for at least 12 months.

#### CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARISH COUNCIL

Contact: Luke Trevaskis (Parish Clerk)

Email: parish.clerk@kingsleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Mailing address: The Boardroom, Hollow Lane, Kingsley, WA6 8EF

Mobile: 07431 57679

Website: www.kingsleyparishcouncil.org.uk

The Parish Clerk will be available at the following times: Every Friday of the month between 09.00 and 15.00

#### **Vandalism at Kingsley Cemetery**

Approximately 15 graves at the cemetery have had their headstones toppled and some are broken as a result.

The Parish Council have reported this to the Police and the Clerk is in touch with the insurance company regarding reinstatement and repairs where necessary.

If anybody has any queries could they please contact the Parish Clerk - parish.clerk@kingsleyparishcouncil.org.uk



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#### KINGSLEY BOWLS CLUB NEWS - triumphs tinged with sadness.

Following on the "A" team successes over recent years Kingsley "B" team has achieved great things this season in the Norley league by not only finishing top of section 7 but also winning the Chris Raddy Trophy. Individual success came by way of Dave Pimlott winning the league averages, however congratulations must go to the entire group of bowlers who played during the season.

It feels entirely appropriate the cash prizes awarded will directly go towards the purchase of a greenside bench in memory of our club mate Peter Gelling, who passed away unexpectedly as the season was ending. A fine bowler who selflessly gave his time to the benefit of the KNVI over many years. Undoubtedly a member of "They don't make 'em like that anymore" club.



If you would like to join Kingsley Bowls Club to enjoy this great sport please contact Rob Hill (Secretary) email: <a href="mailto:robmarghill@tiscali.co.uk">robmarghill@tiscali.co.uk</a>; mob: 07871 556108.



#### Meet and Eat is Back!

After a hiatus caused by Covid we are pleased to say the lunch club is back.

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Venue: NCK Centre,

St John's Church, Norley. Time 12md to 2pm.

Come and join us! It is an opportunity to meet with friends

or to make new friends in a relaxed environment.

We will make sure that we adhere to Government Covid Guidelines to ensure your safety.

On this first event we will be serving delicious soup followed by scrumptious desserts.

There is no charge, but you are welcome to make a small donation.

We are looking forward to seeing you again.

Contact: Audrey Griffiths for more details. Phone: 01928 788535

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#### NEW COMMUNITY TEXTILE WALL HANGING CELEBRATES CHRIST CHURCH CROW-TON'S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (1871 – 2021)

A stunning new textile wall hanging, created to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christ Church Crowton, was blessed by the Bishop of Chester, the Rt Revd Mark Tanner, at a special Harvest Festival service on Sunday 3 October.

Created by more than 100 local adults and children, in a project led by Chester textile artist Sandra Christie, the patchwork masterpiece replaces a former banner, and hangs next to the altar in the grade-II listed church as a decorative legacy from the special year.

Around 150 patchwork squares feature British flora and fauna, illustrating the well-known hymn 'All things bright and beautiful'. Badgers and bees sit side by side with robins and rainbows brought to life by a range of crafting techniques from embroidery and felting to batik and cross stitch.



All 70 children and staff at Crowton Christ Church Primary School contributed a square, along with 44 enthusiastic adults and experienced sewers and crafters from groups including Norley Knit and Natter, Cheshire Artists Network, Crowton Creatives, Crowton Crafters and Crowton Patchwork.

Measuring 3.3 metres by 2.5 metres, the collage wall hanging took nearly a year to produce. Sandra was able to guide all the sewers, experts and beginners, to create individual textile designs. These were exhibited one Saturday in mid-August in Crowton village hall, and were then assembled with meticulous care by expert needlewomen Kira Fayle, Mary Roberts and Wendy Sinfield into one complete textile masterpiece.

Surrounding the picture squares are lyrics from Cecil Frances Alexander's 1848 hymn, and at the top of the textile is the final line of the hymn, a statement of faith and hope: "How great is God Almighty who has made all things well".

Dr Anne Davidson Lund, Licensed Reader and chair of the Crowton 150 working party, said: "We are delighted Bishop Mark has been able to share this special anniversary Harvest Festival with us — only a month short of 150 years from the very first service here, when the then Bishop of Chester, William Jacobson, consecrated Crowton's very own parish church.

"The textile wall hanging is a wonderful collaborative community creation and we are indebted to Sandra Christie for leading the whole project. It was Sandra's idea to use one of the country's best-loved hymns as inspiration for the textile collage and it has worked a treat. As well as being familiar to all, the lyrics speak to contemporary themes of environmental conservation and care for all living things. The hymn reminds us that we are all part of God's great creation, and that we are called to treasure and nurture each other and the whole natural world."

Other special anniversary initiatives include the redecoration of the church, new pew cushions and an upgraded sound system. Celebrations continue with a performance of the popular TV comedy *Allo Allo* by award-winning Kingsley Players on Friday 19 November and a final anniversary thanksgiving service on the festival of Christ the King on Sunday 21 November. For more details and to book event tickets, please go to the Crowton 150 website: http://www.crowton150.org.

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#### Kingsley Players Newsletter



It has been a whirlwind summer as we saw the relaxation of Covid Lockdown rules, which enabled us to bring theatre back to our community and invite reviewers to each of our productions. We began in June with our socially distanced performances of Two, which played to sell out audiences and received an excellent review from National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA), praising both actors and director.

This was followed by Alice's Quest for Wonderland with which Lynn Pegler showcased her playwriting talent as well as direction. This play is being toured and has an upcoming performance at Norton Priory on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2021, having already been performed in Kingsley and at the Weaver Words Literature Festival.

The Youth Theatre was busy throughout lockdown with online showings of Chatroom (which they previously performed live), Epic Love and Pop Songs, Shakespeare in Lockdown and Lockdown Voices. They performed their first live performance in August, choosing to stage Grimm Tales outdoors at Kingsley Community Primary School, again to critical acclaim. We finally brought How The Other Half Loves to the stage this month, after two years of on again/off again, and have had phenomenally good feedback from audience members and the reviewers again. An Alan Ayckbourn farce always entertains and this one certainly did. Massive thanks to our stage management and front of house teams for enabling all these shows to take place.

Looking forward, our Youth Theatre has been invited to participate in the National theatre Connections, in which they are partnered with a professional theatre (Crewe Lyceum) for the preparation and performance of our chosen play ("Variations") which will be performed in Crewe and in Kingsley. It is a great honour to be chosen to participate in the connections programme and some of the 300 groups involved nationally will be given the chance to perform in London.

Our chosen Christmas show is Peter Pan, and once again we are thinking outside the box in the way we configure the theatre for this one. Full of well known songs and comedy, this will be performed at the end of January (26-29, including a Saturday matinee).

'Allo 'Allo continues to be a sought-after evening out and we have bookings for three local venues next month. The opening night 12 November will be in our own Kingsley Community Centre. A newly revamped script and some old and new faces will keep you entertained. Please see our website for all the venue details.

To finish the 2021-22 season in May we will be performing Funny Money, a comedy by Ray Cooney.

We are a friendly group and always looking for new members, on and off stage. There is plenty to be involved with. Please contact any of the committee or come along to our rehearsals/performances and introduce yourself. You will be made very welcome.



#### OH NO! ITS ALLO ALLO AGAIN

Kingsley Players created their version of this hilarious caper in 2003 and have been touring their charity show since 2010. The most recent performance was only days before the lock-down but we are now pleased to be back on the road and are opening the next tour at..

# KINGSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE on the evening of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

It will feature all the usual well known characters with our own additions which include the infamous Ana of the Communist Resistance and the scary Coquette. So please come along and support our charity, KCA, and to enjoy a 2 course meal in the Café Rene followed by a lot of usual hilarity. Please see over for past comments.

The Box Office is now open

Tickets £20 each, tables of 8. Meal included

Individual and partial tables can be booked

To reserve please call or email Mike Butler on 788125 or jenandbutty@yahoo.co.uk

The tour continues at Crowton on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Cuddington on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November For further details and other tour dates please see <a href="www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk/shows/allo-allo">www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk/shows/allo-allo</a>

#### On Stage Near You

#### Not already enjoying local shows? You really ought to get out more.

The flyers say *Oh No it's Allo Allo* again announcing Kingsley Players first tour since the lockdown which starts at Kingsley Community Centre on 12th November. Fans of this show, and they are many, must be saying Yes! Yes! Its back again in all its glory. Have a look at the Kingsley Players website and see this is one hilarious evening not to miss, a meal at Café Rene followed by the antics of all the well-known characters of Allo Allo. Tickets *Mike Butler on 788125 or jenandbutty@yahoo.co.uk* If you miss this date the tour continues on the following weekend at Crowton and Cuddington. All profits to charity. Elsewhere in November: -

- 4 h Chester Little Theatre *Dr Cosmos* by Cheshire writer Andy Hutchings ."Alice is a retired super hero who is suspicious of Anna who is looking to pick up her former mantle". https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chestertheatreclub/the-next-doctor-cosmos/e-yydbgy
- 11 Storyhouse Austentatous an improvised Jane Austen novel a likely sell out.
- 17 20 Zodiac Musical Theatre *Flashdance the Musical* at The Grange Theatre, Hartford. Lovers of musical theatre should not miss this chance to get back to see this award-winning group back on stage. <u>Home | The Zodiac Musical Theatre</u>
- 17 20 Brindley Runcorn Strictly More Musicals an alternative for musical lovers which features hits from the musicals.

#### **REVIEWS**

A lot of you went out to enjoy live theatre and many hugely complementary comments were made about the shows seen. Starting with Kingsley Youth Theatre and their imaginative director Jake Powell who set a play among the trees at Top School for their excellent performance of *Grimm Tales*. With such a talented cast the future of Kingsley Players must be in good hands. This was followed by the adults who, after a wait of two years, brought us Alan Ayckbourn's *How The Other Half Loves* which was billed as his favourite play, and if that is the case we can understand why. So much praise for this excellent production that we should all be so glad that full length plays are back on the menu in Kingsley. Over in Northwich at The Harlequin Theatre their innovative presentation of *Snatches and Queers*, an evening of monologues showed their talent of presenting unorthodox theatre. The subjects included items which may have tested the sensitivities of some audience members but there was no doubt about the skills of those involved.

Finally excellent news from Kingsley Players. We are informed their Youth Theatre have been selected to take part in The National Theatre Connections 22 and no doubt we shall hear more of this incredible but, we are sure, much deserved honour.

Thanks for your contributions after seeing the above plays. It seems that lots of you are getting out to local amdram so please drop us off a brief note as the team cannot get to see them all and we would like a variety of views.

If your production or a play you have seen did not appear here then please email us and do tell us about plays you have seen by emailing cheshire-onstage@btinternet.com. John Doe



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#### Kingsley WI

THE WINSPIRING WOMEN

Our next meeting will be on

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm in The Community Centre

The meeting will begin with the AGM

Our speaker will be Bill Woods from Blackbrook Herbs and his subject is

'Herbs for Health and Well-being'

On 1<sup>st</sup> December our meeting will be a Christmas Craft Evening.

For further information ring 01928 788873

or email janetlesleyfletcher@gmail.com

#### **Coop Community Fund**

Kingsley Community Centre has been fortunate to be include as one of the local community fund charities. We are the only Kingsley based charity on their site.

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So if you are a member and would like to support us then go on to your member account and select our option.

If you are not a member then you may wish to become a member as there are also lots of other benefits from joining. You can do so by using this link: www.coop.co.uk/membership





#### **Endings and Beginnings**

The Venerable Bede, 7<sup>th</sup>-century Benedictine monk and scholar, recorded the Anglo-Saxon saying "Blod-monath (our month of November) is the month of immolations, for it was in this month that the cattle which were to be slaughtered were dedicated to the gods". We may be thankful that last month's Harvest offerings were in the more palatable form of fruit, veg and preserved goods!



November does have about it a sense of 'endings' - in the church too, as we approach the end of the liturgical year, which we celebrate on the Festival of Christ the King.

In the Jewish scriptures, our Old Testament, we read of the sacrifices made in the temple; burnt offerings in recognition of all that the people of Israel received from God, and extra sacrifices proffered for the forgiveness of sins. In our New Testament, we read that Jesus, the sacrifice to end all sacrifices, is led like a lamb to slaughter, his body broken, his blood shed, yet there is no immolation. Instead, on the third day Jesus triumphs over death, holding out the promise of eternal life for everyone.

We remember this, in this month of rememberings, each time we celebrate holy communion together. We may choose to remember it each time we eat, each time we 'break bread'. We may in this way be reminded each day of the cycle of life and death and re-birth; the interweaving of endings and beginnings that characterises all living things: we all originate with God and God wants nothing more than our return, and for us to live in balance and harmony with all living things in the meantime. What does that mean for our actions each day as individuals and for our leaders as decisions are reached at COP 26?

This November sees the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christ Church, Crowton. As we gaze on the schoolchildren's work in the collage, and recall the relationships forged and strengthened this year, we may wonder what new beginnings lie ahead. Let us with Bede and the many other saints gone before, place our trust in the Lord, for 'the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God.' (Lamentations 3:24)

Yours in the service of Christ

Anne Davidson Lund - Church Ministry Team

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#### Services in November

#### **Sunday 7th November**

10.00 am Holy Communion at Norley

6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance

10.45am Service at the Cenotaph - Kingsley

6.30 pm Service of Healing and Wholeness -Kingsley

#### Sunday 21st November

10.00 am Family Worship at Crowton

6.30 pm Holy Communion at Manley

#### **Sunday 28th November - Advent Sunday**

10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley

4.00 pm Messy Church at the NCK Centre, Norley

#### Mid-week Holy Communion

4th November - Manley - 18th November - Crowton

11th November - Kingsley - 25th November - Norley

#### KINGSLEY PRAYER DIARY

**Each week of the year** Christians in Kingsley pray specially for people in a different area of the village and its surroundings. During November we think of, and pray for people living in: -

W/c Nov 7th The Cross

W/c Nov 14th Highbank Road

W/c Nov 21st Top Road

W/c Nov 28th Mansefield Road

We invite you to add your own prayers