Greetings

To each other, all our friends - and everybody whose eye this leaflet meets

November 2026

Dear Friends,

November is a time when I am sure a lot of people think about the weather because winter is upon us. As November arrives, the UK takes that final step toward winter. From frosty mornings to blustery winds, and even the chance of early snow.

November is one of the wettest months of the year! The west of the UK, including Wales, northwest England, and western Scotland, tends to see the heaviest and most persistent rainfall. When we start thinking about November in that light it's not really very exciting is it?

But November is also a month of special days. November starts with All Saints' Day on the 1st of November and finishes with St Andrew's Day on the 30th of November. There is of course Bonfire Night on the 5th.

On Remembrance Sunday the 8th of November churches will gather to remember those who gave their lives for the freedom we have today. A few days later, on the 11th of November we have Remembrance Day itself.

On the last Sunday in November the church celebrates the beginning of Advent.

There are also lots of other Special Days in November – ones which I am sure we all know about such as Children in Need Day which this year is on Friday, the 13th of November and is the BBC's charity appeal that supports disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

But did you know that November is Banana Pudding Lovers Month? Here are some more wacky celebrations to look forward to:

November1st is "National Cook for YourPets Day." This special day encourages pet owners to celebrate their unconditional love by becoming their pet's personal chef for a day! (Sorry Stanley).

November 3rd is "World Jelly Fish Day". The internet tells us this day "invites us to appreciate the beauty and ecological importance of these ancient marine invertebrates."

November 16th is "Odd Socks Day" – a part of an Anti Bullying crusade. November 21st is "World Hello Day"- a gentle reminder that even the smallest acts of kindness are important. November 27th "Buy Nothing Day" is an annual protest against consumerism!

So, lots to remember in November!! Many of them may be amusing and others thought provoking. One of the most important days of the year is Remembrance Day, a solemn and very special day when we remember those who lost their lives in war.

The hymn 'Jerusalem' is one of the hymns often chosen for Remembrance Sunday. 'Jerusalem' is based on the words of the poem 'And did those feet in ancient time' written by William Blake and according to one interpretation, the poem suggests that a visit from Jesus will create heaven in England, in contrast to the 'dark Satanic Mills' of the Industrial Revolution.

The words suggest that we should continue to struggle until the Jerusalem of promise and hope is built in this land, our United Kingdom. It is about a better way for the world and although Remembrance Sunday is about reflection it is also a day to look forward with hope for a better tomorrow.

Every Blessing

Liz



We offer a very warm welcome to everyone!

What's on in November

Sunday	1st Nov	10.45am	Family Worship and Holy Communion led by John Pollitt
Tuesday	3rd Nov	7.30pm	Deacons Meeting
Friday	6th Nov	10-11 a.m.	Zumba and Pilates
		2-4 p.m.	Social Table Tennis
Saturday	7th Nov	10:30 – 2.30	Congregational Federation - NW Area Assembly at Carnforth Congregational Church
Sunday	8th Nov	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday – worship led by Malcolm Dean
Friday	13th Nov	10-11 a.m.	Zumba and Pilates
		2-4 p.m.	Social Table Tennis
		2pm	Book Club. This month's book is The Library of Lost and Found by Phaedra Patrick
Saturday	14th Nov	10am-12noon	Festive Coffee Morning
Sunday	15th Nov	10.45am	Family Worship led by Judith Haughton
Friday	20th Nov	10-11 a.m.	Zumba/Pilates.
		2 – 4pm	Social Table Tennis .
Sunday	22nd Nov	10.45am	Family Worship led by Elisabeth Sweeney-Smith
Friday	27th Nov	10-11 a.m.	Zumba and Pilates
		2-4 p.m.	Social Table Tennis
Sunday	30th Nov	10.45am	Advent Sunday Toy Service at Roundthorn Salvation Army

Church Flowers



1st Nov	Ann & Lawrence West
8th Nov	Shirley Vickers
15th Nov	Ian Bairstow
22nd Nov	Hazel Heywood
29th Nov	Anita Martin
Flower Steward	Margaret Fowler

Springhead Congregational Church are holding a Social Evening on Saturday the 14th of November at 7pm with live music by "Ricky and The Slippers"
Tickets (£5 for adults £1 for children) are available from Sue or Simon on 07855 093044 and include supper.



Avent Sunday 30th November

A joint Toy Service at Roundthorn Salvation Army
Donations of gifts for children and teenagers for the Salvation Army's Children at Christmas Appeal are most welcome.
Suggested gifts for all ages include – toys, hats, scarfs, toiletries. Please do not wrap them as this will be done later.

Coming up in December

Sunday 20th December	Service of Lessons and Carols
Christmas Morning	Family Service celebrating 'Joy to the World'
Sunday 27th December	Family Service
Sunday 3rd January	Christingle Service at Springhead

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