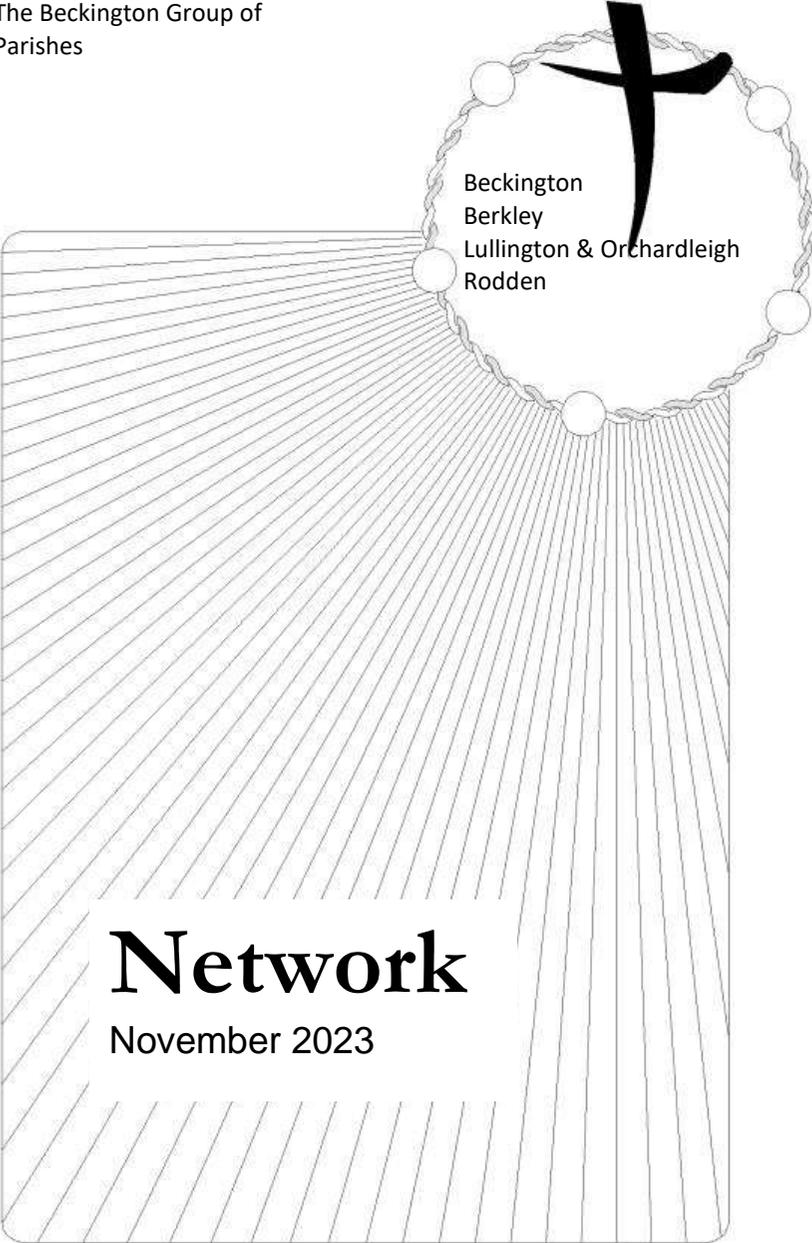


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## Minister's Page

The old saying "Please to remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November: gunpower treason and plot," may not have the same impact as it did in the past. The concept of valuing memory however remains an important factor of life. We make use of memory to enable us to carry out successfully the many everyday actions that we would take for granted. We are aware of this when we consider the effect of memory loss through illness etc. Folk are reduced to helplessness due to the inability to recall even the basic threads of life. We really should value the gift of memory and give thanks for the value that it has in reminding us of important aspects of life. It can warn us of danger and remind us of the result of previous action.

November commences with recalling the lives of those who have been active in the Christian faith over the centuries. They have left this world and entered into eternity with God. To recall the lives of the saints is important, for in pondering on their lives, we may be challenged and strengthen our own.

When remembering the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, we should recall the sad hurt that can escalate over difference of beliefs. We need to pray that our multicultural world might discover how to live at peace even with divergent people. Failure to do so may end in bloodshed.

The greatest call to Remembrance is based on the symbol of the poppy of remembrance and the work of the Royal British Legion. It is important to keep this memory alive lest we forget. Although the battle heroes of the two great wars and subsequent engagements are fading into history, the effect of warfare on the lives of those who have served and their families remains. Remembrance is of vital importance to challenge us concerning our own memories. Those who are engaged in service today need to know that we support the armed forces whose existence and service gives security to our realm, whilst at all times seeking to work and pray for peace.

The Legion cares for those affected by war in mind or body, and the needs of their families. Remembrance services and parades recall the cost of war, and its effect on the lives of service personnel and all lives disrupted by war.

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Look forward to seeing you.

Jenny Ayrton

**AUTUMN FAYRE** results were wonderful: nearly £2600 was raised this year. Thank you to everyone who supported on the day, or gave gifts, and helped in any way to achieve this for St George's Fabric fund. Having now installed the upgraded electricity supply, we can apply for permission to install new electric heaters.

There are still a few places left for the Wreath Making workshop with Lu Hughes on FRIDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> at 1.30pm (Details in the advert)

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## St Mary's, Berkley

A big thankyou to everyone who took part in, or supported the All Age Service in St Mary's church on October 1st. Also, to everyone who donated items for the food bank. You'll be pleased to know that when our contribution was weighed it amounted to 49kg.

Caroline White



## All Saints Rodden

Our Harvest Festival 'Songs of Praise' held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October was well attended. Many thanks to those who decorated the Church and donated produce which was given to Fair Frome who provide food parcels to those in need.

Rodden is holding a **Coffee Morning on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**November** in the church hall at 10.00-12.00 noon. There will be a Festive Bring and Buy and a cake stall.

## Springmead School

Our Harvest Festival is a cherished tradition at Springmead, and over the years has taken different forms – supplying food to our local sheltered housing, in the early days of Springmead, followed by Christmas shoeboxes sent to children in the Philippines.

This annual event not only celebrates the abundance of the harvest season but also instils essential values such as gratitude, compassion, and community involvement.

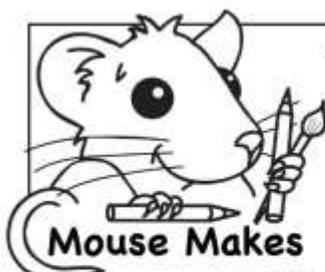
At Springmead, our Harvest Festival goes beyond the customary celebration of fruits and vegetables: it embraces the spirit of giving by supporting our local foodbank, Action Pantry run by 'Mercy in Action,' in Bath, and this provides the perfect platform to collaborate with this local charity.

This foodbank is a lifeline for many families who struggle with food insecurity. By partnering with them, we not only support their mission but also teach our pupils the value of empathy and giving back.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October we had a foodbank collection in the morning followed by our Harvest Festival in St George's Church, where all of our children from Nursery to Year 6 took part.

Carol May





"Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in every situation, by  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
with thanksgiving, present your  
\_\_\_\_\_ to God."  
*Philippians 4:6-7 NIV*

"The \_\_\_\_\_  
is \_\_\_\_\_  
to all who \_\_\_\_\_  
on him in \_\_\_\_\_"

"For where two or three \_\_\_\_\_  
*Psalm 145:18*

in my name, there  
I am with them."  
*Matthew 18:20*



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" \_\_\_\_\_  
always, \_\_\_\_\_  
continually, \_\_\_\_\_  
in all circumstances."  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

"Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_  
your sins to one another and  
\_\_\_\_\_ for one another,  
that you may be healed."  
*James 5:16*

" \_\_\_\_\_  
yourselves  
to prayer, being  
watchful and  
thankful."  
*Colossians 4:2*

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone who helped raise £430 at the MacMillan coffee morning, which was held back in September.

Thank you so much.

Freda Brann

## **Success For Market Health Hub**

The Harvest service held at Frome Market was a successful and well attended event. Many thanks to the Farm Community Network for sponsoring the excellent ploughman's supper.

Over £600 was raised for the Frome Market Health Hub.

Jim Dowling

## **Standerwick, Berkley & Beckington W.I**

We welcomed four visitors to our October meeting and were given an informative talk aimed at mature drivers by Barry Thomas and Andy Butler who are members of Somerset County Council Road Safety Team.

They showed us a video and advised us about things we can do to improve our driving and stay safe on the roads.

The recent Felt workshop was very successful and member Kathy Kingman showed us the robin on a branch that she made.

Some members are going to a card making workshop: this will be in The Clifford Suite of Beckington Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 10 am until 12.30pm.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Beckington Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Two of our members will be telling us about their holiday in Vietnam earlier this year.

The meeting after that will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December when Allison Rossiter will talk about "My travels on a bike".

Our Christmas meal will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at The Bell, Standerwick.

If you would like to find out more about us, please contact our secretary, Kathy Kingman [contactkathy@btinternet.com](mailto:contactkathy@btinternet.com)

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A suggested donation of £2 towards Network would be appreciated which can be left in the slot in the wall inside St George's church when open. Private advertisements only please.

## **Community Coffee Morning Beckington**



## **Beckington Group Mothers Union**

We met in October for a happy social gathering, our Harvest Lunch at the Farleigh Road Farm Shop. This venue has grown in popularity, and it is easy to see why – pleasant surroundings, friendly welcoming staff and a wide choice of delicious food. Some of us made a decision to return at a later date to do justice to the attractive range of gifts and food items on sale in the shop.

At our next meeting in November there will be an opportunity to order MU Christmas cards, calendars and diaries. Our speaker will be Alison Rossiter. This will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2.15 at Lahs Place Hall.

Please come and join us for a lively talk, a cup of tea, and to hear more about MU, a worldwide association of Christian women in 80 countries.

Rosemary Ball

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The **Curry and Quiz Evening** made a healthy profit of £1060. Again, we are so grateful to all who supported this event and to **all** the hard-working organisers. A special thank you to Debs Byrne for the delicious food.

Our Just Giving page has, at the time of writing this article, raised £1,300. So, a big shout out to The Harbour-Lilley Family, The Mansfield Family, Beckington WI, The Tylers, Roman Glass, Jo Casey, The Burt Family, Reuben Costello, The Hart Family, Periseneri, Mistrettas, Mike Collins, Stan and Pat Wilson, Kaiasm Ltd, The Hinder Family, Liz and Ian Thomas and an anonymous donor. We are truly grateful to all of you.

The first phase of the playground rejuvenation is now complete. The cradle and flat swings, the scramble net and the treads on one of the ladders have been replaced. We are now focussing on the flooring and we need to raise in excess of £14,000 in order to tackle that.

If you would like to **sponsor a square metre of flooring** (£50 for a square metre) and have your name on our honours board which will be displayed in the playground, go to

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We apologise for the current, difficult parking situation caused by the tree overhanging the car park which is shedding its branches. A full survey of the trees will be carried out in due course and remedial action taken.

We have had no luck in locating the "sleeves" for the goalpost despite the help of a metal detectorist. We are now looking for a firm to fit new ones. Watch this space!

### September 2002 Club winners

The draw took place at the committee meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50 no** 172 Barry Davies

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £25 no** 199 Susan Beaven

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 no** 24 Judith Burton

As it is time for the renewal of annual memberships, the October draw will take place at our November meeting.

The Beckington Hall 200 Club is registered with the MDC Licensing Department Reg No LN/009406098

## Remembering The National Service – 60 Years On

This year marks 60 years since the end of National Service. The Royal British Legion and the nation will be celebrating all that a generation of young men did for this country during those years, when conscription became just a part of growing up.

National Service drew in a staggering number of young men – more than two million of them were conscripted between the end of the Second World War and May 1963, when the last serviceman was demobbed.

Conscription had come about following the war, when there was a huge demand for military resources in Britain. Young service men were badly needed to retain the Empire, and to contribute to the occupation of Germany and Japan. Yet low birth rates in Britain in the 1930s meant there were fewer young men available for military service.

And so the 1947 National Service Act was brought in as a solution. It meant that young men aged 18 – 26 were required to serve in the Armed Forces for 18 months. They were sent to posts in the UK and to British

garrisons around the world. Some fought on the front lines, and some worked as clerks. Some taught in the Education Corps, and some were on sentry duty.

For many of them, it would have been the first time they lived away from their family, let alone left the country. So, the National Service made great demands on them – and left them with a wide range of experiences.

Parish Pump





*(Morning in the Riesengebirge.  
Caspar David Friedrich)*

**“The artist should not only paint what he sees before him, but also what he sees within him.”**

These are the words of a German romantic painter, Caspar David Friedrich, who lived from 1774-1840. The inspiration for most of his paintings was the countryside and the world of nature around. As he looked at its beauty and grandeur, it awoke in him feelings of wonder and awe, which he expressed through his art. At the age of 34 he painted a cross in the mountains as an altarpiece for a church in Dresden: the first time a pure landscape had been used for an altar. Later in 1811 he painted a similar, but more profound and more moving work: ‘Morning in the Riesengebirge.’

Friedrich was a great walker and climber, and he loved the mountains of East Saxony depicted here.

The first rays of the sun are coming over the horizon to illuminate both the beauty of the hills, and the tall crucifix placed on the mountain top. Friedrich looked at the glory of nature at sunrise and saw there a sign of God the Creator, and God the one who sent His Son to redeem that Creation. Like Caspar David Friedrich, and like the psalmist, we can look to the hills and see the glory and greatness of God.

Caspar David Friedrich invites us to look at the world, its beauty and greatness, as a gift to cherish, not to manipulate and exploit for our own use. As we look at this earth with eyes of wonder and gratitude, then we shall find the God who created and redeemed it, and ask what service and stewardship we can offer Him in the world.

## God in The Mountains God in The Valleys

*Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone ... The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment... Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? Job 38:4–7, 14, 16*

These verses from the biblical book of Job focus on the Earth, from the top of the highest mountains to the deepest valleys of the sea floor. Job used to have a very comfortable life, but lost everything: health, children, and much of his property. He can see no obvious reason for this terrible turn of events, so he demands an answer from God, asking “What have I done to You...? Why have You made me your target?”

There is no direct reply to Job's question, but instead a long conversation with his friends who assume (wrongly) that he must be being punished for doing something very bad. When God finally speaks, He draws Job's attention to his surroundings. The sun, moon and stars, the immensity of land and sea, the creatures that inhabit them, and the processes that produce weather are a wonderful display of God's creative power. God is the origin and

sustainer of all these things, and they are far beyond anything humankind could produce, fully understand or imagine – even today.

The things we do know about the processes described in Job can help us appreciate how marvellous they are. Mountains are produced by the movement of the Earth's rocky crust over great periods of time. Erosion by weathering or glaciers then grinds down those rocks to produce the mineral component of soil.

Considering the wider perspective of creation can help restore our sense of who we are, who God is, and where we fit into His purposes. God speaks to Job in the midst of his suffering, lifting his eyes to the power and creativity of his Maker. Only after this theology lesson are Job's practical needs addressed.

What will life be like for us over the coming months? A constant check on our own thinking – reminding ourselves of the bigger picture of God's plans and purposes – might be just what we need to help us keep going.

Dr Ruth M Bancewicz

## All Saints Day

1<sup>st</sup> November

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,  
And made converse and walk with thee,  
And with thy saints here and above,  
With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;  
The several vessels of thy fleet,

Though parted now, by tempests tost,  
Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end,  
Shall be my company above;  
And thou, my best and surest Friend,  
Who shall divide me from thy love?\*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints – a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

## All Souls Day

2<sup>nd</sup> November

The early Church was slow to dedicate a liturgical day to offering prayers and masses to commemorate the faithful departed. But in time prayers were offered on behalf of dead monks, that they might attain 'the Beatific Vision' through purification, which the Church later described as Purgatory. Odilo, the powerful abbot of Cluny, (d 1049) decreed that All Souls' Day should follow the feast of All Saints' Day.

At least four ancient English dedications are known, the most famous of which are All Souls College, Oxford and the church in Langham Place in London.

In bygone centuries All Souls' Day was certainly uncomfortable for

anyone who had wronged a person who had then died. For it was believed that souls in purgatory could appear on earth on this day, in the form of ghosts, witches or toads, to haunt anyone who had wronged them in life.

On a more cheerful note, it was also believed that you could help the dead on this day by almsgiving in cash or in kind. Some of these beliefs seem to have been caught up in the popular customs of Hallowe'en.

When the Reformation came, the Protestants disregarded the idea of Purgatory, and this feast day remained with the Roman Catholic Church.

## **The Poppies Of Remembrance Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle

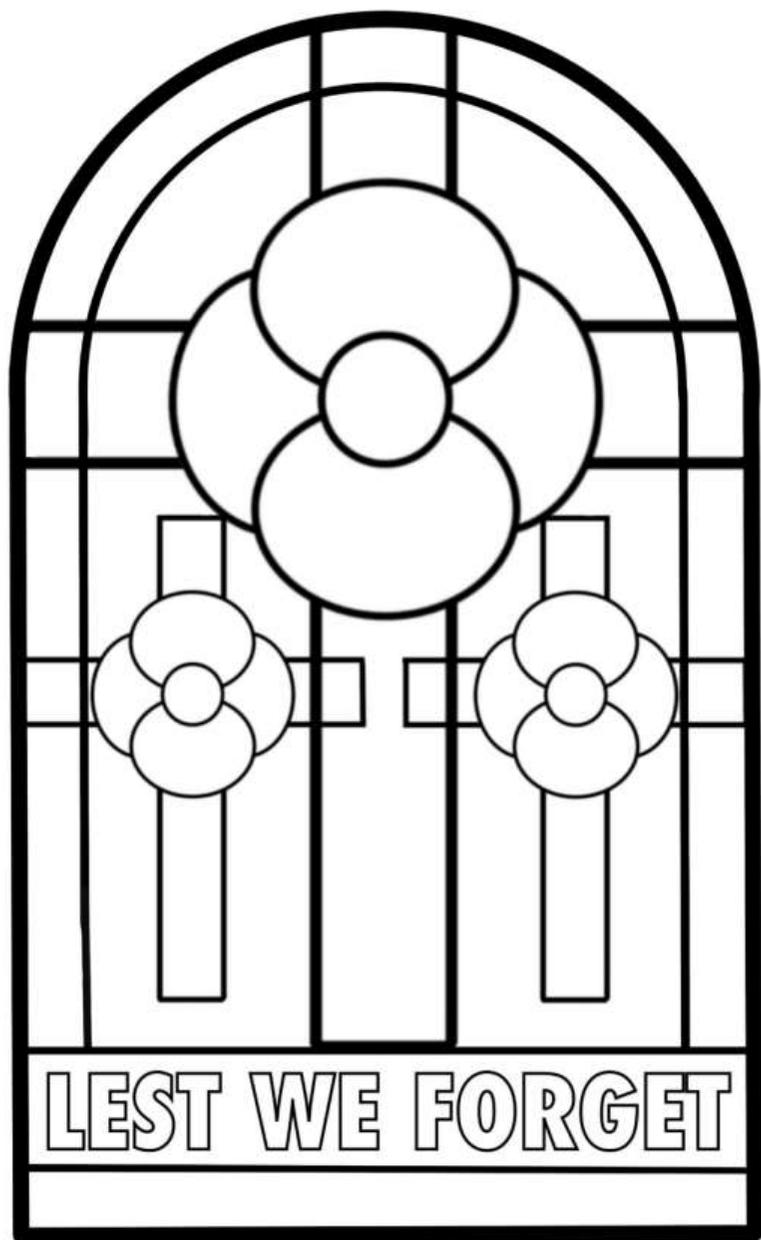
of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.



## Sunday Of Christ The King 26<sup>th</sup> November

The last Sunday in November is the last Sunday of the church year, and in some ways the most important. Why? Because everything else in the Christian year looks BACK on what happened 2000 years ago. The Sunday of Christ the King looks FORWARD to what we can expect next...the return one day of Jesus Christ to this earth, as King of Kings.

Does the idea of Jesus of Nazareth literally returning to earth seem a bit quaint to accept in our computerised world of emails and the internet? Well, that is what the Bible says will happen – it is promised more than 250 times! The Bible is quite clear: the return of the Lord Jesus Christ as King of Kings will take place personally, powerfully, bodily, visibly, publicly – and INSTANTLY. Read Matthew 24:30,31 or I Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:3. Here are words of Jesus Himself:

*For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. Luke 17:24*

This will be no local story for a BBC TV reporter to cover if he gets time. That day he won't be interviewing the Carpenter of Nazareth, wearing Galilean homespun. Jesus will be in His incandescent brilliance as the 'Son of Man' – a bit of a challenge even for TV reporters! Certainly, when Peter, James and John were

witness to their familiar Master 'transfigured', as the same irradiated Person in a dramatic preview of Christ's triumphant final rule (Luke 9:28-36), they did not feel very confident. The martyred Stephen, about to die, had a similar glimpse:

*Behold I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God' Acts 7:56.*

The exiled apostle John on the island of Patmos saw the same figure: '...His face was like the sun shining in full strength. Revelation 1:16

When Christ one day returns, the whole world will finally witness this same spectacle (Revelation 1:7). His return will mark the end of history, as we know it. It will inaugurate the final Judgment. It will re-unite the Lord with His Church on earth. Jesus' return to us will bring about the new heaven and the new earth. Pain, death, persecution, privation and sorrow will all be banished. The entire edifice of evil that has raised itself against the rule of God will be dismantled in a moment. We have been warned all along not to place a date or a time upon the Second Coming of Christ. (Matthew 24:42-44) Sadly, many people ignore this warning and waste endless time in calculations. The way in which we should be spending our days before the end is to work, watch and witness to our Lord Jesus – whether or not ours is a world of computers, e-mail and all the rest!

In the meantime, where is Jesus now? The Bible writers tells us that Jesus has returned to the place of privilege and power, and is '*seated at the right hand*' of the Father (*Ephesians 1:20-21; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3*), and is waiting for the Father's timing for Him to return to earth in glory (*Mark 13:26-27,32*), to raise the dead (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*), and give them their resurrection bodies (*1 Corinthians 15:35-44*).

He is now Christ the King – today, tomorrow, forever.

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<p><b>Remembrance</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b></p>	<p>10.30am Remembrance Service Beckington</p> <p>6pm Holy Communion (*) Rodden</p>
<p><b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b></p>	<p>10am Holy Communion Berkley</p> <p>11am Matins (*) Orchardleigh</p> <p>6pm Connect Service Beckington</p>
<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b></p>	<p>10am Morning Worship Beckington</p> <p>11am Matins (*) Lullington</p> <p>6pm Holy Communion (*) Rodden</p>
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