



THE REVIEW



NOVEMBER 2019



War Memorial - Worcester

WADDINGTON STREET UNITED REFORMED CHURCH,
DURHAM CITY DH1 4BG



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND CHURCH NEWS

Ministerial Services – Anyone requiring the services of a Minister should contact their own Elder who will make enquiries on their behalf.

Time of Sunday Services – 10.45 a.m.

WEEKLY NOTICE SHEETS –

Please forward details of items and events for the weekly notice sheets to Peter Galloway – email pagalloway@hotmail.com or mobile phone number **07 763 912 670**.

COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER REVIEW IS – SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2019.

CHURCH MEETING – SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2019 – in the Hall after the service.

ADVANCE NOTICE ... DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS FOR 2020

SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2020, SUNDAY 21st JUNE 2020, SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2020



The Harvest Lunch on 29th September raised the sum of **£439** for our charity, **Hope for Justice**, which fights modern slavery. The total raised so far is around **£1200**. A big thank you to Judy and her helpers for the tasty lunch and thank you to anyone who supported this event. As usual, the table decorations (done by Win) were most attractive.

The next lunch, in aid of Hope for Justice, will be on Sunday 15th December in the hall after the service. Your support of this event would be much appreciated and all are welcome to come along and enjoy good food and fellowship. Please let Judy Banister know if you intend to be there.

Also, on **SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER**, in the Hall after the Service, there is a film show by **Rev. John Durell** of his holiday in Switzerland. A Broth and Cake lunch will be served before the show and all are welcome. It would be helpful if you could let Judy know if you will attend and/or help in any way. Please come along if you can.

URC Reform Magazine

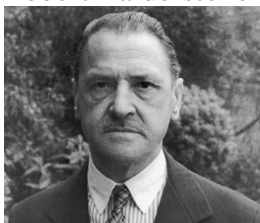


I am now taking orders for next year's editions of Reform Magazine. **Cost is £29.50 for ten issues**, and the amount should be paid to me **as soon as possible** either in cash or by cheque made out to R. Crofton (Please don't put 'Rev' as the bank queries it!).

If you haven't tried 'Reform' before, why not try it now? There is a mix of URC-specific news as well as articles and interviews, book and film reviews - and a crossword! An on-line version is also available; have a word with me if this would interest you.

Many thanks, Ruth Crofton

Robert Balderstone has kindly sent the following:



“Complete works of W. Somerset Maugham - 30 volumes in good condition. Free to good home. **Recipient collects.** The books are 8 inches tall and blue hardback and perhaps 1 inch thick, so, the set of 30 would take up 3 feet of shelf space.” [Although Robert does not want any payment, he has agreed that, if the recipient would care to make a donation, through Church, to our charity **Hope for Justice**, this would be much appreciated.]

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BREAKING NEWS – GOOD NEWS REGARDING REVEREND MARCUS HARGIS ...



Marcus has confirmed that he will accept the call to minister to the group of 5 URC Churches to which we now belong (Waddington Street – Durham, Bethel - Chester-le-Street, Cromer Avenue – Low Fell, Denewell Avenue – Gateshead and Christ Church - Stanley).



We look forward to welcoming and supporting him in his new post. It is anticipated he will probably join us by Easter 2020.

We also look forward to welcoming and getting to know his wife, Jaya, and their young sons Joshua and Benjamin, and hope they will soon settle to life in the North East.



Jean Graham and Jane Flowers were presented with gifts on their retirement from **DMTC's** wardrobe department (seen here with Anthony Smith and Valenda Taylor).

Jean made and sourced costumes; and also undertook the hiring out of costumes, to make some extra money for the company. This meant that she spent extra hours at the unit with other companies, hours collecting costumes back from them, then hours washing and ironing them all, before returning them to the unit.

Booking is now open for Durham Musical Theatre Company's production of **CHESS**, being performed on **Tuesday 19th to Saturday 23rd May 2020**. Due to high demand, some people were disappointed at not

being able to get tickets for the last show – "Evita", so book early at Gala Theatre to secure a seat.

DMTC won the **Best Performance Award** at the **2019 National Operatic and Dramatic Association North Awards Ceremony** in September 2019 for **EVITA**, while Shireen won for Best Performance as Eva Peron. **WELL DONE DMTC!**



STUDENT EVENINGS ...

On Tuesday 12th NOVEMBER and Tuesday 3rd DECEMBER we will again welcome students to a social evening at Waddington Street URC hall from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

Church members and friends are welcome to come along and meet the students.

Janet and David Thornborrow



Minutes of the Church Meeting held on Sunday 22nd September 2019



Present– 21 Apologies – 3

1. Janet Thornborrow welcomed everyone and opened the Meeting with prayer.
2. The Minutes of the June Meeting were accepted as a true record and there were no amendments.

3. Matters arising –

* Update on fundraising for “Hope for Justice”. The fundraising coffee morning held on Tuesday, 17th September had been very successful, and further fundraising events were planned: in November an illustrated talk by John and Hillian Durell on their holiday in Switzerland, and a Christmas lunch in December. The Meeting decided to extend the period of fundraising for this project from December 2019 to March 2020. It was suggested that we have a fundraising Burns Night in January.

* Defibrillator. We are in active discussion with the Resource Centre and the Local Authority. A Local Authority grant may be available towards the cost of the defibrillator, which will probably be in the region of £2,250. We would need to decide where it should be placed. Fred Robinson thought the best place would be on an outside wall of the church.

* Revised Hiring Costs for our premises. The Elders had discussed this topic and it was decided that the revised costs would be introduced in January 2020.

4. The Vacancy. Yvonne Melville gave the Meeting information on the arrangements for the 12th and 13th October, when the Revd. Marcus Hargis would be “preaching with a view”.

* On 12th October, a social event will be held at Cromer Avenue U.R.C. when we will be able to meet Marcus in an informal setting between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Each church has been asked to think of four questions to ask, and to contribute towards the refreshments.

* On Sunday 13th October, the Revd. Marcus Hargis will “preach with a view” at Stanley URC at 11 a.m., after which there will be a church group meeting where a vote will be taken.

* Yvonne gave out information sheets giving further details on the organisation of these events.

* After some discussion, the Meeting decided that no service would be held in our church on the morning of Sunday 13th October, but a notice of explanation would be placed on the church notice board, the church would be open for visitors and Janet Sarsfield volunteered to be there to welcome them.

* The Meeting agreed to Les Thomson’s suggestion that we should explore the possibility of hiring a mini bus to transport people to these two events. Les will look into this and get back to us.

* Yvonne Melville has produced a list on which members will be able to indicate what contributions they wish to make with regard to refreshments, and their travel requirements.

* Helen Cooper informed the Meeting that she was very excited about the possibility of the appointment of a new minister.

* The Meeting thanked Yvonne Melville, Helen Cockburn, Les Thomson and all of the other people who had been involved in the process of selecting a new Minister.

5. Manse roof repairs.

* The ridge tiles on the manse roof require some work being done on them.

* The manse garage roof has partially collapsed and after the removal of asbestos a new roof will be needed.

* The cost of these works is in the region of £8,000. A grant from Synod of up to 50% of the costs is probable and the balance can be made available from the manse fund. The Meeting endorsed the Property Group’s decision to go ahead with these repairs.

6. There being no A.O. B., dates for future Church Meetings were agreed as –

1st December 2019, 15th March 2020, 21st June 2020, 20th September 2020.

7. The Meeting ended with the Grace.



WEST END REFUGEE SERVICE (WERS)

*Once again you are invited to donate any of the following for the users of WERS for Christmas. Kath Ogilvie will collect items from Church from now until **SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER**. Thank you in advance if you can donate **MEN's** hats, gloves, scarves, socks. Also men's toiletries (no razors) and sweets and biscuits.*

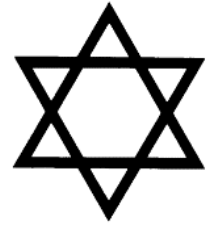


Notes from Elders' Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019.

1. The meeting opened with reading Philippians Chapter 4 verses 4-7 and prayer.
2. The purchasing and installing of the defibrillator are in hand.
3. We made £439 at the recent harvest lunch making a total of nearly £1200 for Hope for Justice.
4. District reports were given and prayers offered.
5. Vacancy update – Yvonne and Helen updated the meeting on where we are with the vacancy. The preaching with a view details (weekend 12/13 October) were discussed and a bus will be booked for the Sunday to Stanley.
6. Christmas and other special services arrangements were discussed –
 Sunday 15 December a meal to be served after church, proceeds to Hope for Justice.
 Tuesday 24 December - coffee and mince pies -Elders?
 Sunday 22 December – Pauline James.
 Wednesday 25 December - Ruth Crofton,
 Sunday 29 December – John Durell with Durham Group churches invited.
 Sunday 5 January 2020 – service possibly taken by Elders.
 The wreath has been ordered for Remembrance Sunday (10 November) and Ian Graham to be confirmed as laying it in place.
7. Christmas cards from the church - arrangements were discussed and 100 to be ordered and a card chosen when the brochure is received.
8. Access to the front of the church for people reading. – the meeting discussed ways of making it easier for people to safely climb the step to the communion table and lectern. The property committee agreed to take this forward.
9. Prayer Books and Diaries for 2020 –
 Kath and Sandy agreed to pick some up at Synod on 5 October.
10. ECO church - Peter Dodds mentioned this in his recent service. It was agreed to look further into this for our church and how we can be more involved.
11. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 November 2019 at 7 p.m. and K. Clasper to chair. (Yvonne Melville)

AUSCHWITZ

We shouldn't be here gawping at the tragic past,
But Auschwitz still stands as a memorial that will last,
To highlight man's inhumanity to other men,
And ensure that nothing like this ever happens again.

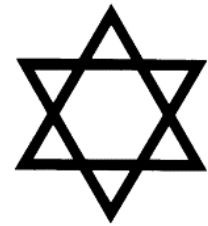


Walking through the gates and a shiver runs down my spine,
I feel the burden of guilt is yours and it's also mine,
There's a wall where they shot those who tried to escape,
While others died from starvation or torture or rape.

I press my nails into my palms to keep my feelings hidden,
And enter into a museum room, as the guide has bidden,
Behind the glass are suitcases with names visible still,
Whose owners' lives were ended by a cyanide pill.

There are spectacles by the thousand, and even human hair,
Used to line suits and uniforms, so the labels declare,
There are shoes whose owners never walked out of here,
For whom the gas ovens became their funeral bier.

I coped with it all, though overwhelmed with sorrow,
For prisoners who were robbed of their tomorrow.
Till I turned round and saw in another glass case,
A sight that brought tears to my eye and heat to my face.



A pair of the tiniest shoes, for a child of nine months or so,
And suddenly this became more personal and I had to go,
Outside where the sky was clear and blue and the sun shone,
I said a silent prayer for those victims now long gone.

[© Lucille Thomson, May 2004.]

[From "A Trip Down Memory Lane – Thoughts and Memories in Verse"]

Belmont Anthem

When strangers meet to mourn, we'll think on, we'll think on.
When strangers meet to mourn, we'll think on.
When strangers meet to mourn for those forever gone and others never born, we'll think on.

And as the memories fade, we'll think on, we'll think on.
And as the memories fade, we'll think on.
And as the memories fade, we'll start to love again and hope may ease the pain from now on.

And when the scars are healed, we'll think on, we'll think on.
And when the scars are healed, we'll think on.
And when the scars are healed,
And in some foreign field, our children play, safe and free, we'll think on.

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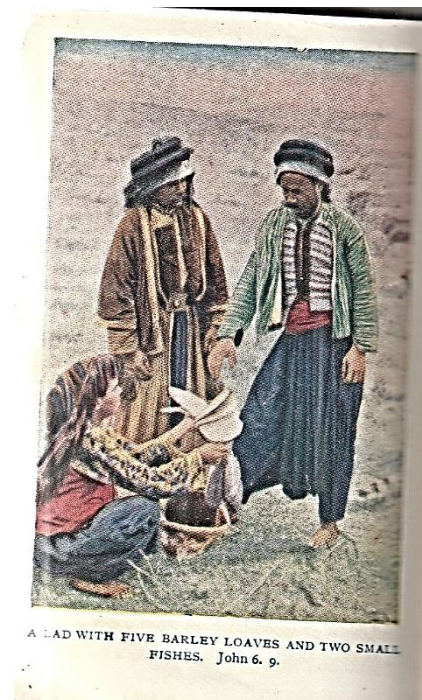
[This Anthem was performed at a Concert for Remembrance in Belmont Parish Hall, Durham.]



EDITOR'S LETTER

DEAR READERS,

I was tidying out drawers and cupboards and came across a tiny New Testament which belonged to Les' uncle, John McCallum DCM, who died of a fever in Africa in the First World War while serving as a soldier with the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), attached to the King's African Rifles. The illustrated New Testament was produced by the "Pocket Testament League" whose membership card began, "I hereby accept membership in the Pocket Testament League by making it the rule of my life to read at least one chapter in the Bible each day, and to carry a Bible or Testament with me wherever I go." John had carried his Bible with him and it is well thumbed. The words and music for "Carry your Bible" and "Jesus is a Friend of Mine" are printed near the front. The back page of the book reads: "**My Decision.** Believing that the Lord Jesus Christ died for me:- I now accept Him as my Saviour, I ask Him to blot out all my sins; I will acknowledge Him before others, And trust Him day by day." I like to think it gave John the strength and courage to face the devastating challenges he met.



[The **Pocket Testament League** (established 1893) is a Christian outreach ministry that promotes Scripture reading and personal evangelism.]

Thanks to Jan and Angus Robson, I now have some articles in hand for future issues of The Review. This makes my job as Editor much easier and provides variety. Their photographs are always of a high standard and there was a very favourable response to their article on wildlife in their garden .

Ron Todd has been the first person to respond to my request for religious-based articles and I am most grateful to him. His offering is on page 10. I hope others will also respond on the theme of 1 or 2 people in the Bible who you like or admire and saying why this is so.

I should be grateful if any contributions to The Review for December/January could be sent to me by the date given below. **Lucille Thomson**

The next issue of The Review will be published on **Sunday 1st DECEMBER 2019.**
Contributions please to Lucille Thomson at church or BY POST or **Tel. 0191-3861052**
or e-mail **lesthomson@talktalk.net** - no later than **NOON on Sunday 17th NOVEMBER 2019.**

REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS – AMERICAN



Once a year at 11:11 am the sun shines perfectly on this Memorial. At precisely 11:11 a.m. each Veterans Day (November 11), the sun's rays pass through the ellipses of the five Armed Services pillars to form a perfect solar spotlight over a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States.

The **Anthem Veterans Memorial**, located in Anthem, Arizona, is a monument dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of the United States armed forces. The pillar provides a place of honour and reflection for veterans, their family and friends, and those who want to show their respects to those service men and women who have and continue to courageously serve the United States.

The memorial was designed by Anthem resident Renee Palmer-Jones. The five marble pillars represent the five branches of the United States military. They are staggered in size (from 17 feet to 6 feet) and ordered in accordance with the Department of Defense prescribed precedence, ranging from the United States Army, the United

States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force and the United States Coast Guard. Additionally, the brick pavers within the Circle of Honor are inscribed with the names of over 750 U.S. servicemen and women, symbolizing the 'support' for the Armed Forces. The pavers are red, the pillars are white, and the sky is blue to represent America's flag. The circle represents an unbreakable border. Anthem resident and chief engineer, Jim Martin was responsible for aligning the memorial accurately with the sun.



9.



An Irish Airman Foresees His Death

I know that I shall meet my fate
Somewhere among the clouds above;
Those that I fight I do not hate,
Those that I guard I do not love;
My country is Kiltartan Cross,
My countrymen Kiltartan's poor,
No likely end could bring them loss
Or leave them happier than before.
Nor law, nor duty bade me fight
Nor public men, nor cheering crowds,
A lonely impulse of delight
Drove to this tumult in the clouds;
I balanced all, brought all to mind,
The years to come seemed waste of breath,
A waste of breath the years behind
In balance with this life, this death.

William Butler Yeats

One for the Team (by Debbie Lawson)

I keep seeing you mate, intact and laughing,
holding up your baby to make us smile.

I keep hearing you mate, joking, urging,
'come on lads keep together,
don't step on the cracks it brings bad luck'.

'Keep it tight boys,
we'll be home by the footy season'.

We carried you home, silent and broken,
you really took one for the team that day.

Your Dad stood with pride head high,
don't cry, don't cry

Lucy took the flag, a token for the broken.
The baby will have it one day.

They'll go to the wall to see your name,
a game, 'let's find Daddy's name'.

But I keep seeing you mate,
my shrink says you're not there,
that makes us laugh doesn't it?

What do they know.

[This was part of a service in our Church led by
Rev. Ray Anglesea on 11th November 2018]

If One Day You Find Me Gone ...

1.

If one day you find me gone,
and no longer see my form walking
through the door as you remember,
Look for me in skies painted
turquoise with the day.
In stars that make the heavens shine.
In the scented flames of gorse
that crown the hill.
See me in the eyes of one you love.
Look for me in the quiet of your heart.

2.

If one day you find me gone,
and my voice no longer greeting you
on the stair, from the chair,
or along some country walk.
Listen for me in the music of the dawn.
In the murmur of the high wise trees,
In the waves that rush to meet your feet.
Hear me in the quiet of your heart.

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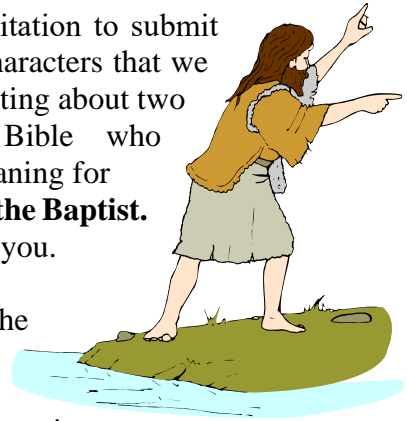
If one day you find me gone
and my arms no longer there to greet you.
Feel me in the evening breeze
that cools the day.
In the touch of your child's hand,
in the warmth of your animal's fur,
and in the air that dries the tear
from your eye.
Feel me in the quiet of your heart.
For how can you lose what is eternal?
[Stephanie Sorrell]



TWO BIBLE FAVOURITES ...



I am responding to the Editor's invitation to submit short articles on one or two Bible characters that we admire or like. In my case, I am writing about two very different people in the Bible who nevertheless have a connectional meaning for me. They are **St. Andrew** and **John the Baptist**. Let me explore the connections with you.



St. Andrew, as we all know, is the patron saint of Scotland, and since I am an Ulster Scot i.e. half Scottish and half Irish, my reason for choosing Andrew will be on the surface an obvious one. But my reason goes deeper than that of his role as a marker of Scottish identity. I find in his character much of what I find in my own. Andrew is known as being the brother of Simon Peter, and not much else. Peter, James and John were the leading lights among the disciples – e.g. only they were present at Christ's transfiguration (Matt. 7, Mark 9, Luke 9), and it is Peter and John who play the leading roles in establishing the church after Pentecost (Acts 2-4). Andrew, along with the other disciples, find little mention in the New Testament narrative. But their secondary roles cannot have been deemed unimportant, because the first thing the disciples did after the death of Jesus and the suicide of Judas Iscariot was to find a replacement for Judas (Acts 1). So we can imagine Andrew as being a minor partner to big brother Peter.

And this fits in with my own experience of being an Elder. In my former church at Stockton, I played a secondary role to our minister there, Revd. Dr. David Peel, in getting the former Presbyterian Church of St. Andrew & St. George to unite with the former Congregational churches at Queens Park and Yarm Road, ending up for a time as the Secretary of the new Stockton URC. In our present church at Durham, I ended up being a temporary Church Secretary during the final year or so of Revd. Ruth Crofton's ministry. And recently I have been active in helping a number of talented lay people from other churches in the city to organise and run monthly services with prayers for healing in St. John's (C. of E.) Church at Neville's Cross. In all of these roles, I have been as much a Deacon (or helper) as an Elder (or leader) in joining with others to pursue a common cause. So I feel a great deal of empathy with Andrew as second string to big brother Peter.

John the Baptist, by comparison with Andrew, is very much a way-out character, living in the desert off locusts and wild honey, and calling on his fellow Jews to reform their ways (Matt. 3, Mark 1, Luke 3). Anyone who claims to belong to a reformed/reforming tradition within the wider church must surely be able to relate to John the Baptist! But my personal fellow-feeling for him is because of his role as a radical outsider and innovator (as well as being second string to Jesus himself as Andrew was to Peter). Where would we be without baptism in our church today? And where did it originate?

In this connection he is at one with St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, and "mentor" of the other half of my Christian personality. Patrick was by all accounts a bit of a maverick, and not held in high esteem by his contemporaries in the upper echelons of the church in his time. But he had such a strong following among the common people on account of his vigorous evangelism in Ireland that when it came to appoint a "mascot" for them, he became the obvious choice. And he is famous for his description of the doctrine of the Trinity in terms of the three leaves of the Irish shamrock – three separate elements that can only be appreciated when joined together. I have to admit to having a slightly maverick element in my personality too, but I leave it to you to assess that for yourself!

Ron Todd

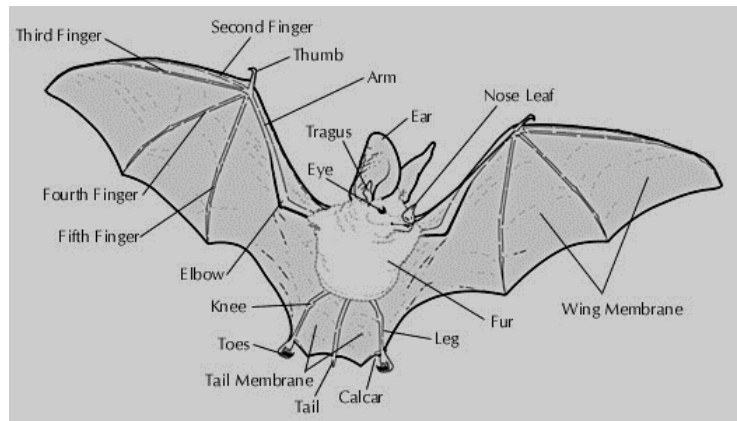
The A B C of Bats

As some Church friends know, I have amused myself travelling from place to place in the pursuit of bats. I do bat surveys for a locally based ecology business. Lucille asked me to write a piece for The Review on this subject and so here it is my own alphabet of bats!

A is for **adorable**. Can these mouse-like mammals be described as such? Well some of them, like the Brown Long Eared bat, are often considered cute – it's those long ears! Others can look intimidating with their snouts and dishevelled appearance. They are never to be considered as pets and they are protected by law. Just to be respected then and admired for their entertainment in aeronautical displays.

B is for **Brown Long Eared Bat** and also for the **Bat Detector** which is a gadget to enable us to discover their whereabouts by listening to their calls.

C is for **cave**, cavity or crevice which may be a snug, safe resting place for their sleep during the day – away from predators and inclement weather.



D is for the **Daubenton's Bat** which is particularly attracted to the feeding grounds of rivers, streams and ponds. It has a wide distribution in Britain.

E is for **echolocation** - bats emit sound frequencies as a means of navigation, pinpointing prey, communicating with each other and roosting places. Bats are not blind but heavily reliant upon highly sensitive hearing in their selective dark world.

F is for **frightening**. Bats are nocturnal and their movements sometimes seem erratic. Their mysterious behaviour is misunderstood and this engenders a degree of fear. They may sometimes fly close to humans, attracted to insects which are attracted to our body heat and exhaled air.

G is for the **Greater Horseshoe Bat** – characterised by the horseshoe marking around its nostril, its larger size and bubbling/warbling call. Not common to NE England but a delightful find in SW Britain.

H is for **hibernation**. Bats need to find a dry and cold place to roost where the temperature will remain constant and they are likely to be undisturbed during winter when their food supply is not available.

I is for **insects** such as the midge or mosquito, which are typical of the food eaten by bats. Larger insects such as moths are also targeted. In warmer countries bats will seek out the nectar from plants and seeds or fruits. Famously, vampire bats will pierce the hide of cattle and drink blood. (Their range is mainly limited to arid or humid, tropical and subtropical areas of Central and South America)

J is for **joy** at encountering the rarer species of bats but also being entertained by bats emerging or returning to their roosts in significant numbers.

K is for **Killing** or harming bats; including the destruction of roosts, is against the law that protects bats.

L is for **Leislars Bat**; a less common bat with a relatively wide distribution

M is for **maligned**. Bats are sometimes labelled as pests because they can occupy spaces used by humans; sometimes in large numbers, leading to accumulations of their excretions and noise disturbance. Bats are known to annoy church users by roosting in attractive lofty heights. The presence of bats can delay works to property and surveys, which are required to assess their presence, can be an expensive necessity.

N is for **Noctule**. The Noctule roosts in trees, tends to fly in straight direction and has a distinct call.

O is for **observation**. Detecting bats can be an enjoyable pastime. A diversity of woodland, hedgerows and wetland, all of which harbour airborne invertebrates, attract different types of bats all of which have unique behaviours. Although dusk and dawn are the best times to see bats with the naked eye, a variety of devices can be used to assist identification during night times.

P is for **Pipistrelle**. The Common Pipistrelle and the Soprano Pipistrelle are frequent visitors to our homes and gardens. They roost among the tiles, fascia boards and roofs of porches in properties.

Pup is the name of the newly born bat, a single offspring of the female. In August, the pup may be observed alongside its mother in flight.

Q is for **“quirky”** behaviour. Studying bat behaviour is a ceaselessly enlightening experience because bats do change and adapt to their environment and this is in no small part due to the obstacles or opportunities that we humans put their way. An example of their quirky behaviour is their ability to defy all the rules that normally apply to their selection of roosts.

R is for **roost**. Roosts can either be long established or can be temporary. It is common for female bats to return each year to maternity roosts and then disperse several months later into smaller clusters. Roosts may be in buildings and man-made structures (including cellars and tunnels), natural features such as outcrops of rock or trees. Bats often congregate in tight groups and although the type of species have a preference, it is not unusual for different species to live in close proximity; even if this may be under precisely different conditions.

S is for **sonogram** – the sonic signature which is attributable to each bat species. These signatures are collected by increasingly sophisticated electronic detector equipment to help to identify their presence (by echolocation), such behaviours such as “social calls”, feeding activity and location of roosts. **S** is also for **swarm** – an event when numbers of bats gather before sunrise before entering their roost.

T is for **torpor** which is a purposeful state when a bat lowers its temperature and metabolic rate in order to conserve energy and endure periods of low temperature when weather conditions are intolerable for both them and their food sources.

U is for **understanding**. Protection of bats is required because there is a general lack of appreciation of the harm that humans can inflict when, in reality, we can co-exist.

V is for **vilified**. It is unfortunate for bats that they can be symbolic of things dark and mysterious. Their secrecy and movements can startle. They are depicted as unwelcome guests – like vermin – making mess and, occasionally a shuffling or scratchy noise as they move around in confined spaces.

W is for **weather**. Harsh and or long winters can strip the reserves of their body fat needed during hibernation. Cold or wet summer months curtail the flight time for foraging bats and reduce the population of insect food.

X is for **exclusion** – permission to exclude bats from roosts falls under licensing role of Governments if an exceptional case is presented.

Y is for **yawn**! Doing bat surveys at dusk and dawn can be very tiring; especially when this involves a start in late evening and finish later still. This is often followed by a short sleep and a waking in the small hours for a survey until sunrise. Sleep deprivation and insomnia are hazards for the bat surveyor.

Z is for **zany**! After seeing bats swarm you could well describe their behaviour as “zany” and the colloquial term of “going batty” might well seem an accurate description for irrational disturbed activity. For me, going batty is a consequence of travelling some large distances, to suffer sleep deprivation, for the sake of a greater insight into the life of these curious creatures.

David Thornborrow

Daubenton's Bat



Horseshoe Bats in a cellar



Leisler's Bat



Noctule



Pipistrelle



[Thank you to David Thornborrow for this very interesting guide to Bats and their lifestyles. Editor]

“Bat

Animal

Bats are mammals of the order Chiroptera; with their forelimbs adapted as wings, they are the only mammals naturally capable of true and sustained flight.

Bats are more maneuverable than birds, flying with their very long spread-out digits covered with a thin membrane or patagium.

The smallest bat, and arguably the smallest extant mammal, is Kitt's hog-nosed bat, which is 29–34 mm in length, 15 cm across the wings and 2–2.6 g in mass.

The largest bats are the flying foxes and the giant golden-crowned flying fox, *Acerodon jubatus*, which can weigh 1.6 kg and have a wingspan of 1.7 m.”

[From Wikipedia]

ROTAS - SUNDAYS - PREACHERS – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019

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| NOVEMBER | 3rd Susanne Stonehouse | 10th Cathy Leggett | 17th Revd. John Christie | 24th Bernard Lee | |
| DECEMBER | 1st Revd Ruth Crofton | 8th Revd John Durell Communion | 15th Revd. Alan Middleton | 22nd Pauline James | 29th Revd John Durell |

ELDERS AND DOOR DUTIES – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019

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| NOVEMBER | 3rd | Mrs. K. Ogilvie | Mr. M. Reay |
| | 10th | Mrs. Y. Melville | Mrs. W. Surtees |
| | 17th | Mr. D. Shirer | Miss B. Tinsley |
| | 24th | Mrs. J. Thornborrow | Mrs. K. Clasper |
| DECEMBER | 1st | Mrs. H. Cockburn | Mr. & Mrs. L. Thomson |
| | 8th | Mrs. D. Jackson | Mr. S. Ogilvie |
| | 15th | Mr. R. Todd | Mrs. H. Todd |
| | 22nd | Mrs. J. Sarsfield | Mrs. H. Cockburn |
| | 29th | Mr. S. Ogilvie | Mr. M. Reay |

If in doubt about your duties any Sunday, please check the list on the Vestibule notice board.
Please remember – You are responsible for arranging your own replacement.

ELDERS' MEETINGS (1st Wednesday of month) at 7 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2019 and
 WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2019

PROPERTY COMMITTEE (usually 3rd MONDAY of month) at 2 p.m.
 But meet as arranged between the Committee Members

**“RBL
 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

R for RELEVANT.

The work of The Royal British Legion is as relevant today as it was when the Legion was founded.

B to my mind is for BENEVOLENT.

This is because the Legion does such wonderful work in supporting ex-service personnel and their families.

L reminds me of the **LOYALTY** of Royal British Legion members – to the Crown – to the Legion and to each other.”

[Les Thomson used the above when, as Mayor of Durham, he spoke to the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion at their 73rd Annual Conference in Durham Town Hall in November 2011.]





FLOWER ROTA –

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019

SUPERVISOR each month is Mrs. J. Graham

NOVEMBER

3rd Mrs. J. Goodall
10th Mrs. F. Waller
17th Mrs. Y. Melville
24th Mrs. K. Clasper

DECEMBER

1st Advent Ring
8th Advent Ring
15th Advent Ring
22nd Advent Ring
29th VACANCY

To provide flowers where there is a Vacancy, or join the Flower Rota, or donate to the Flower Fund, please contact Mrs. Jean Graham.



COFFEE ROTA – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019

November

3rd Fred Robinson
10th Fiona Bowater, Malcolm Reay
17th Janet Thornborrow, Judy Banister
24th Heather Todd, Margaret Munro

December

1st Yvonne Melville, Jean Graham
8th Kathleen Clasper, Barbara Tinsley
15th Win Surtees, Kath Ogilvie
22nd Helen Cockburn, Lucille Thomson
29th Fred Robinson

Please decide and agree on who is responsible for bringing the milk.
You are responsible for arranging your own replacement.

Q....What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?

A....All were invented by women.

Q....What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A....Honey.

In English pubs, Ale is ordered by pints and quarts ... so in old England, when customers got unruly, the Landlord would yell at them'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down. It's where we get the phrase: 'Mind your P's and Q's.'

The first novel ever written on a typewriter Tom Sawyer.

Many years ago in Scotland , a new game was invented.

It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'.....

And thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.



[War Memorial in Coldstream village, Scottish borders.]

PRINCE OF PEACE

Prince of Peace,
 Let us be peace-makers:
 More ready to call people friends than enemies:
 More ready to love than to hate;
 More ready to trust than to mistrust;
 More ready to serve than to be served;
 More ready to absorb and transform evil than to pass it on.
 In this season of Remembrance,
 Let us remember not only wars of yesterday
 And the scars they have left on so many lives,
 But also the conflicts of today,
 And the raw wounds that have not yet healed.

Prince of Peace,
 Help us to be more like you.
 Help us live peaceably in our home lives, where peace begins,
 And help the choice of peace at home radiate outwards
 into every hurting heart and home,
 And into every torn community and fearful nation,
 Lord, peace is Your gift to us;
 Let peace be our gift to the world.

Amen

(A Remembrance Prayer from the Rt. Rev. Dr. Derek Browning)
 (former Moderator of the General Assembly)



(This item came from Teviot and Robertson Parish Church Magazine – via Jessie Goodall)