



Saint Michael's Messenger

November 2013



We are pleased to say that this new version of the original Messenger is now one year old. We have received many words of appreciation for the information and details that we pass on and are always ready to print words or comments submitted by our readers, once checked by the editor.

Charles Gordon

Many of you will know Charles Gordon who is now living at Fontdivina, a Retirement Home in Beausoleil. If you would like to visit or write to him the details are: Residence Fontdivina, 271 Chemin Romain, 06240, Beausoleil, Telephone 04 97 17 75 00.

Flowers

It is always so nice to see Saint Michael's decorated with floral arrangements and decorations but finances have to be considered. If at any time you would like to make a donation towards the cost of these fresh flowers and plants; perhaps you wish to honour a special occasion or remember a loved one, please have a word with one of the Wardens or Nicola. Remember also that by contacting this Newsletter we can remember the day for you too in a forthcoming edition.



Some web sites you may like to try.

"The Clock" You've never seen a clock like this one. Check the amazing information on <http://www.poodwaddle.com/worldclock.swf>

Screensavers You would like a new one? Download free of charge at this web site <http://www.newfreescreensavers.com>

Chaplaincy Apartment

The chaplaincy apartment in Beaulieu is available for use in November, December and January in return for a donation to church funds. Contact Nicola or e-mail mailing@stmichaelsbeaulieusurmer.org for details.

Dates to Remember



Fr. Philip will be presiding and preaching the Eucharist on each Sunday in November at 10.00

Friday 1 st November	18.30	All Saints Day Fund-raising Dinner
Sunday 10 th November		Remembrance Sunday
Monday 11 th November		Armistice Day
Thursday 19 th December	18.30	Ecumenical Carol Service
		Followed by seasonal refreshments
Sunday 22 nd December	10.00	Service of Nine Lessons, Carols and Eucharist followed by refreshments
Christmas Eve	19.00	First Eucharist of Christmas with the Blessing of the Crib
Christmas Day	10.00	Christmas Day Eucharist
Sunday 29 th December	10.00	First Sunday after Christmas Eucharist



All Saints and All Souls

All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Halloween) is a feast day celebrated on 1st November by Anglicans and Roman Catholics. It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a

specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD. In 837AD, Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints, changed its name to Feast of All Saints and changed the date from 13th May to 1st November.

All Souls' Day is marked on 2nd November (or the 3rd if the 2nd is a Sunday), directly following All Saints' Day, and is an opportunity to commemorate all the faithful departed.

Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday

Armistice Day on 11th November commemorates the anniversary of the ceasefire which ended conflict on the Western Front in the First World War at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. The casualty toll from that war was a truly horrific 16 million dead and 20 million wounded. In France it is a national holiday and ceremonies are held at the Monument aux Morts in every town. In the UK and other Commonwealth countries we make a similar commemoration on Remembrance Sunday, the second Sunday in November, which is the nearest Sunday to Armistice day. We remember the fallen from all conflicts and the Royal British Legion cares for British Servicemen and their families from those conflicts. Poppies will be on sale at St Michael's in support of their work.

November *by Josephine Attar*

Falling leaves no longer green,
Days when night calls sooner
As the air grows cooler.
Nature's lesson for our lives,
What seems to die will
Later rise, the cycle never fails.

And yet those dying leaves,
In one last glorious moment,
(Maybe their best?)
Glow gorgeous flame and gold
Before they disappear and I have seen
That radiant light in fading eyes.

November - time to remember
Those who have gone before us
Into that eternal day from
Whence we came (and
Therefore must not fear)
Where we will meet again

Those who have gone before us.
(Just as we will see again
Those green leaves in the spring)
And we, like them, will know
The meaning of our brief, bright
Flicker, here, on this fragile earth.

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