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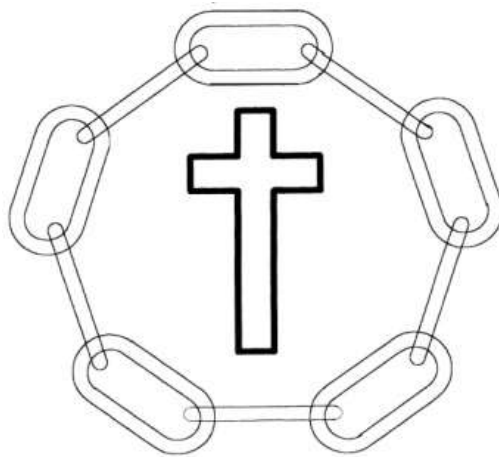
**BREAN**



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**BURNHAM**

# Minister Letter

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, we will be remembering those who have died in the poppy fields of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, in the bloodshed of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, and beyond. We remember the huge waste of life itself that war brings and the shame of all humankind that even these atrocities did not bring an end to warfare.

It is perhaps pertinent to remind ourselves of the effect that the first time two minutes' silence in this country had in 1919 on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month. A report from the Manchester Guardian captures the scene

*'The first stroke of eleven produced a magical effect.*

*The tram cars glided into stillness, motors ceased to cough and fume, and stopped dead, and the mighty-limbed dray horses hunched back upon their loads and stopped also, seeming to do it of their own volition.*

*Someone took off his hat, and with a nervous hesitancy the rest of the men bowed their heads also. Here and there an old soldier could be detected slipping unconsciously into the posture of 'attention'. An elderly woman, not far away, wiped her eyes, and the man beside her looked white and stern. Everyone stood very still ... The hush deepened. It had spread over the whole city and become so pronounced as to impress one with a sense of audibility. It was a silence which was almost pain ... And the spirit of memory brooded over it all.'*

Things have changed a bit since then, some cars no longer stop, and there is sometime frustration shown at being asked to wait. Many of those who fought and lost friends will no longer be with us to remember, but new conflicts have brought different memories – the need to remember remains.

This year, once again, we remember all those who have died, and who still die, in wars around the world. Each name, each body a proof of our continuing inability to live in peace (for whatever reason or whoever is at fault). I hope that you will all support a Service of Remembrance, lest we forget those for whom this Remembrance Day will provoke the same responses because of what still is happening today, and pray for a peaceful world.

*Steve*

## Deaths

*Gerda Elfriede Dixon* on September 30<sup>th</sup> Funeral Burnham 13<sup>th</sup> October



## Calendar

### OCTOBER

Sat 29th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham

### NOVEMBER

Sat 5th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning for Action for Children

Sun 6th 10.30 B/H Family Service at Burnham

Sun 6th Villages Link Churches service at East Brent

Tue 8th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Army Life Before & After - Major Tony

Sat 12th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham

Sat 12th 10.30 - 12.00 E/B Christmas Coffee Morning with Sale of Cards, Cakes & Plants.

Sat 12th 2.30pm BK Sing for Joy see page 5

Sun 13th 10.45? Brent Knoll Service at St Michael's

Sat 19th 10.30 - 3.30 BR Christmas Bonanza Sale at Brean see page 5

Sat 19th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H League of Friends Coffee Morning at Burnham Methodist

Sun 20th Joint Link Villages Services at East Brent

**Sun 20th LAST DAY FOR December - January LINK**

Tue 22nd 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Mrs Margaret Scott

Wed 23rd 12.00 B/H Shoppers Service at Burnham

Fri 25th 10.00 - 12.00 W/H Coffee and Chat at West Huntspill see page 9

Sat 26th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham

Tues 29th B/H Burnham Church Council

### DECEMBER

Thur 1st 7.00pm B/H Festive singing with "The Friends of Burnham Hospital" See Page 6

Sat 3rd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning

Sun	4th	10.30	B/H	Family Service at Burnham
Tue	6th	2.30pm	E/B	Link Villages Fellowship - Christmas Buffet Tea - Hand Bell Ringers (Collection)
Thur	8th	7.30pm		B & H Choral Society Christmas Concert at St John's Highbridge see Page 7
Sat	10th	10.00 - 2.00	B/H	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Sun	11th			Joint Link Services at Brent Knoll
Sat	17th	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	League of Friends Coffee Morning at Burnham Methodist

**B/H Burnham, BR Brean, B/K Brent Knoll, E/B East Brent, W/H West Huntspill**

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		Action for Children		
		Coffee Morning		
		Burnham Methodist Church		
		Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November		
		10.00 – 12.00		
		Christmas Cards,		
		Cakes, Bric-a-Brac A Raffle		
		Everyone Welcome		
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■ Church Lunch ■  
 ■ 9<sup>th</sup> November ■  
 ■ 12.30pm ■  
 ■ Steak & Kidney Casserole & Dumplings ■  
 ■ Dessert Apple Pie ■  
 ■ Tickets £5.00 From Dorothy ■

# Sing For Joy



*Sunday School Choruses of Yesteryear*

*Welcome*

*Come Sing and Enjoy*

*Plus Refreshments*

*Where: Brent Knoll Methodist Chapel*

*When: Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Time: 2.30pm*

## CHRISTMAS BONANZA SALE

at  
Brean Methodist School  
Room

on  
**19th. November**

at  
**10.30 – 3.30 pm.**

Christmas shopping,  
crafts, yule logs, white  
elephant, cakes, tea  
coffee and refreshments.

## *Burnham Methodist Church*

### *CHRISTMAS FAIR*

*December 10<sup>th</sup>*

*10.00 – 2.00*

*Cakes, Raffle, Lunches, Tea & Coffee and many  
other stalls,*

# **BURNHAM METHODIST CHURCH**

## **Festive singing with**

### **“The Friends of Burnham Hospital”**

Come and join us for a festive night of singing and entertainment. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December we are holding a musical evening at the Methodist Church in College Street. Doors will open at 6.30 for a 7.00pm start, we hope you can join us and get in the mood for Christmas.

Entry is free; however there will be a collection at the end should you wish to make a donation.

Refreshments will also be on sale in the interval.

All proceeds from the evening will be shared between the Methodist Church Roof Fund and The Friends of Burnham Hospital.

The entertainment will be provided by the U3A Concert Party. In addition your chance to see, fresh to Burnham, never heard before, a newly formed 8 piece instrumental group.

We shall finish the evening with a few carols where you can be part of the singing.

We hope you can join us to support two very worthy causes.

We are also *always* looking for donations of good quality bric-a-brac, unwanted presents, boxes of chocolates or biscuits and bottles (non Alcoholic) suitable for our ongoing raffles. You can contact Ceri to arrange a collection on 07977 191799 or 01278 323794.

If you want to see more information on The Friends of Burnham Hospital then please visit our website at [www.friendsofburnhamhospital.org.uk](http://www.friendsofburnhamhospital.org.uk) and you can ‘like us’ on Facebook.

# Christmas Concert

The Burnham & Highbridge Choral Society's popular Annual Christmas concert is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Highbridge. TA9 3HS.

They will be singing a selection of traditional Christmas music from composers such as Vaughan Williams, Handel, Stanford, and Holst. The choir will also be singing a carol written by one of its members.

The choir will be joined by a local brass group, who will be accompanying them this year. They will also be joined by soloist Andrew Wilson.

Why not come and enjoy some quality Christmas music.

The choir appreciate the continued support we receive from you, the audience each year.

Tickets cost £5.00, and £2.50 Children (Over 5 yrs), which are available from Material Needs (cash only please), Choir members, or may be purchased on the door.

The choir would like to take this opportunity to wish all their friends and supporters a very Happy Christmas.

The new Spring term will start on Thursday 5th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church hall, Burnham on Sea. New members are welcome.

# BREAN

[www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org](http://www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org)

So here we are heading in to November. The month of Carnival, and of Brean Bonanza. At least that's what the ladies are calling it. And they should know. It's been the result of three years' effort as they have brought their craft skills into play and in the process found ever more new ones to practice. On top of this the Bonanza sale will include other items that we have been given; and there will be a selection of refreshments too. This has been a joint enterprise between the ladies of the Methodist and Anglican churches in Brean (and one or two others who have no specific church allegiance). As for the men, well I guess that we shall be well in attendance on the day. So please come and support the venture – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am to 3.30pm. (P.S. - our thanks to East Brent who have changed the date of a function they had planned on the same day, in order to give us a clear run)

Our holiday visitors are now mostly all gone, perhaps just a few hanging on for Carnival. We have been blessed by those who have worshipped with us and who have shared in our coffee fellowship afterwards. Visitors help to give us new life and vision and set us up for the coming winter months

We've also been pleased to host the first of our winter joint services with East Brent and Brent Knoll churches. We look forward to our future services together, the next one being at East Brent on 20<sup>th</sup>, with Rev Pam Pembro as the preacher.

Congratulations to Jamie, the elder son of Steve and Morag Wood, and his bride Holly, who married at the end of October. May you be blessed in your future life together.

We duly held our Church Council during October. The advantage of holding the Council meeting after service on a



Sunday is that it reduces unnecessary chatter, since we are all wanting to get home for a belated lunch. It didn't stop some very helpful and constructive conversation however, on a range of matters, such as the Circuit Review, repairs to and decorating of parts of the church, worship and our plans for the future.

This month we start to think about planning for Christmas. Christmas puddings and cake, perhaps a start on the Christmas presents and cards lists and some of the other 'bits and pieces'; whether and who we are inviting or whether we are going away to friends and family (or on a cruise!). In Church too arrangements for carol services and Advent study groups (we share these with St Bridget's). Our coffee and carol morning is on 18<sup>th</sup> December and Family Carol service is on the afternoon of 24<sup>th</sup> December. So as we look forward to Christmas here's wishing you well too, in your planning for the Nativity season.

*Harvey Allen*



## **WEST HUNTSPILL**

**West Huntspill**

**Thank You to everyone who supported**

**The Macmillian Coffee Morning**

**We raised £401 12p**

**Our next Coffee Morning**

**will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10am – 12md**

**Plenty of Cakes, Coffee and Chat**

**Do Come and join us**



# BRENT KNOLL

[www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com](http://www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com)

As the nights draw in, the clocks go back and the days shorten, we all need a bit of cheering up on dreary cold days, don't we? So why not come along to our afternoon "Sing for Joy" on Saturday 12th November at 2.30pm in the church. We'll be singing those choruses that we loved from our Sunday school days and it does indeed promise to be a very joyful event. Rev Jim McKnight will be leading the afternoon which will be followed by tea, coffee and, of course, cake. Everybody's welcome and it really is a case of "the more, the merrier" so please come along and share the joy!

We will also be sharing two joint services this month. On 13th November will be joining St Michael's Church in the village to share Remembrance Sunday and we're looking forward to the Link Service at East Brent the week before.

Another date for your diaries - we will be holding our Christmas coffee morning here at the church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am. Teas, coffees and mince pies will be in abundance together with a guaranteed warm Brent Knoll welcome as we look forward to catching up with our Link and village friends.

It is hard to believe that the end of this month marks the beginning of Advent, so from all of us here at Brent Knoll, we wish you every blessing at the start of the season of joy.

God bless  
Rosemary Krull

# **EAST BRENT**

I'm afraid it is a very short piece from me as I have missed four Sundays from Chapel through holidays and Family ill health.

It was a really lovely service at Brean and we received a warm welcome and afterwards Coffee and lovely Chocolate biscuits!!! We wish Eileen a speedy recovery after a short stay in hospital and hope that she is soon back with us. Also we've missed Joan while Gordon & Jill are away on holiday.

Ann Bown.

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**SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

**EAST BRENT**

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

**WITH SALE OF CARDS, CAKES & PLANTS**

**10.30am to 12 noon**

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# BURNHAM

[www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk](http://www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk)

## STEWARDS COLUMN.

It's some time since my last Link update and what a busy time it's been. We are so lucky to live in a place where a range of activities meet the needs of a diverse group of people. Don't forget to come and be part of these – support, company and being involved is so important for us all.

So, here's an update on what's happening:-

- \* evening services every Sunday
- \* cafe church 3rd Sunday in the month
- \* tea/coffee and chat 3rd Monday in the month
- \* Wednesday group
- \* Church lunches
- \* Shoppers communion service
- \* and lots more

Details of the above are in the weekly notices, or please contact the Stewards for further information (a list of names is on the notice board at the back of the church)

We have now reached that time of year when our Christmas activities are happening and there is plenty to be part of as well as our usual services and events – please come and enjoy yourselves at the following:-

- \* 1st Dec – Friends of the Hospital and Burnham Methodist Church are hosting a special event to include music played by the Brass Band
- \* 10th Dec – Christmas Fair
- \* 18th Dec – Carol Service
- \* 24th Dec – Midnight Communion
- \* 25th Dec – Christmas Morning Service

We so look forward to seeing you all at Burnham, please call in and take part in our range of Services and activities.

Look forward to seeing you soon

Marian Kingsbury

		BREAN	BRENT KNOLL	EAST BRENT	BURNHAM	WEST HUNTSPILL
6th Nov	10.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	US St Bridget's	Trapp HC	Bennett HC	Luker  Bennett	Hill
13th Nov	10.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Marr	at St Michael's	Lester	Bennett  McKnight	Treble
20th Nov	10.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Allen	Pembro	Horlock	Treble FS  Patient Cafe	McKnight HC
27th Nov	10.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	McKnight HC  <b>Circuit Service</b>	Bennett  <b>Circuit Service</b>	Bridges  <b>at Burnham</b>	Marr HC  <b>Circuit Service</b>	Dallimore  <b>Circuit Service</b>

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DECEMBER - JANUARY 2017  
LINK is  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

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