

# CONTACT

November 2017



AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING  
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

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## Rector's Hour

Please note that the Rector will be available in the Vestry office on Tuesdays from 6.00pm – 7.00pm, for short meetings to sign passports, driving licence documents etc., or to arrange a lengthier meeting for another time.

## Rector's Recess

Whilst our Rector is always available to his congregation at all hours of every day, it is hoped that, where possible, the period between lunchtime Friday and Sunday Services may be void of contact so as to allow him family time, quiet reflection and preparation for the week ahead; emergency requirements and visits excepted.

# From the Rector

Storm Ophelia has been and gone. She took some slates off our roof, knocked over a telegraph pole and prevented Janice from flying out to London to see her sister. It was fierce, but not that fierce. Already I have heard conversations around the fact that “Ophelia” was nothing like the storm of 30 years ago, or the weather wasn’t as bad as it was in the great winter of 62/63. And do you call that winter? What about 1947 when we all froze and coal was still rationed?

And then there were the floods of 1953 around the East Coast of England; 307 killed, 361 lost at sea. Of course, that was the storm that did for the MV Princess Victoria, wrecked just along the coast from our Church with 133 fatalities.

We remember and at this time of year we remember with a little more focus. The nights become longer, the fire burns a little brighter and we prepare for the end of another year. As we get older we become a little more nostalgic, not necessarily for olden, better times, but nostalgic, perhaps, for people we once knew, places we once loved. Our heads tell us that we don’t feel a day over twenty something, but our bodies tell a different story. We remember when we could shin up trees and drainpipes, when we could dance all night walk the three miles home



and still get up to go to work or school in the morning. We remember when £20 would feed a family of 11, and give them pocket money, clothes, shoes and pay the rent for a week. We remember .....

And for some of us we remember, on these, long dark nights, friends, colleagues, comrades in arms, who have died that we might remember. We remember the friends, colleagues and comrades who now live with broken bodies, broken minds, broken families, that we can reminisce. We call to mind those young men and women living without arms and legs after the madness that was Afghanistan and Iraq. We remember. And this remembrance, for me at least, has nothing to do with nostalgia.

I remember, and if I’m honest I wish I couldn’t.

We remember at the going down of the sun; and in the morning we remember and, for some, we can’t help but remember. When you close your eyes tonight or tomorrow hold the dead, the broken and the remembering before God, and pray, too, that for some, tonight will be a night free from the nightmares of memories.

*Duncan*

## *We Remember*



# Church Services November

## Sunday 5 November

Welcome Team: Barry and Caroline Greenaway

Reader: Mae Burke

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	A Family Service *
6.00pm	Evening Prayer (Said)
* Coffee after 10.30am service in Church Hall. All welcome! Hosted by Dorothy Anne Crawford, June Walker, Helen Hall and Kathleen Cree.	

## Sunday 12 November – Third before Advent

Welcome Team: David and Dorothy McKnight

Reader: Barry Greenaway

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Parish Communion (The service will begin with our Act of Remembrance)
6.00pm	Compline

### Note:

The Office of Compline is said every Tuesday at 7.30pm

Holy Communion is celebrated every Thursday at 11.00am

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.30am in the Chapel at Mt Stewart House.

## Sunday 19 November – Second before Advent

Welcome Team: Noel and Maureen Taggart

Reader: Carol Walters

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Service of the Word
6.00pm	Evening Prayer (sung)

## Sunday 26 November – Next before Advent

Welcome Team: Noel and Maureen Taggart

Reader: Valerie Boyd

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Holy Communion

## Sunday 3 December

Welcome Team: David and Dorothy Mcknight

Reader: Peter Osborough

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	A Family Service for Advent and the 175th Anniversary of Groomsport Parish Church Preacher, The Most Reverend Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh*
6.00pm	Evening Prayer (Said)

Please note the Church is open every day for private prayer and meditation.

# Births, Deaths, Baptisms, Marriages & Announcements

## Holy Baptism

11 October - George McClurg

The father of Sandra Williams, George had been with us for just fifteen months when he slipped from this world, but in those fifteen months he had become a much loved member of our Parish family. He was buried at Holymount after a service in Down Parish Church.

13 October - Myrtle Brownlee

Quite rightly our Church was full as we gave thanks for Myrtle's life. She had been such a staunch support to many in the Parish family and been a tireless worker for the Church, for the Mothers' Union, as well as Probus. She had been ill for some time, but maintained her dignity and wit to the very end.

19 October - Ann Clarke

We were privileged to conduct the funeral of Ann Clark, cousin to Helen Parkinson. Ann and her husband Walter had supported many of our social events, and Walter is known to many through his involvement with local football teams.

We pray that George, Myrtle and Ann may rest in peace and rise in glory and we pray too for their families, especially Sandra, Frances and Walter.

## Announcements

Shopping Trip

Annual Shopping Trip to Newbridge Silver Outlet and Kildare Village Outlet – Saturday 3 February 2018

The bus has been booked and the annual shopping trip will take place on Saturday 3 February 2018. The bus will leave the Church at 8.00am and return around 8.00pm. Following a brief comfort stop at Apple Green we shall make our way to Newbridge Silver Outlet where people like to have lunch, do a little shopping and visit the "Museum of Icons" for which there is no charge. Around twenty minutes later we will arrive at Kildare Village Outlet.

Anyone wishing to join us should leave their name and telephone number (mobile if possible) along with £22 in an envelope with myself or the Church Wardens.

This event is designed for parishioners, villagers, family and friends and seats are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Any queries, please contact me on

07834 771075

*Heather Pentland*

# Harvest 2017



*A selection of pictures taken from our Harvest service. Many thanks to all that helped put on such a splendid display.*



We have attracted some new members, and we welcome them and hope they enjoy their time with us. We have had a Quiz, Bingo, Beetle Drive – we did have a good laugh at these.

Our next visitor is to be The Mayor and I am ashamed to say, I don't know his name, but will inform you in the next Contact.

Again if you would like to join our merry band please give me a call, if you don't have transport we can arrange that for you.

028 9146 5103

*Valerie Boyd*

Many thanks for all those who have given and continue to give to the magazine we are so very grateful.

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or via any of the Parish Officials.

*Tara Brown*



## Walking for Softies

September saw our first walk of the season to The Commons in Donaghadee. We had 12 members and afterwards we had tea/coffee in the Bridewell.

November's walk on Saturday 25th, is by the 9.57 am train to Marino and then to Ballymenoch Park and into Hollywood for tea/coffee.

Looking forward to seeing you there and if you would like to join us please give me a call.

028 9146 5103

*Ken Boyd*

# October Vestry Notes

The Community Carols will take place in our Church at 6.00pm on Friday 8 December. We have asked that the Village Christmas tree be placed outside our Parish Halls and that discussion is ongoing. However, wherever the tree is placed, we will still be hosting the traditional festivities in partnership with the Groomspout Village Association – and Santa Claus! These events will be part of our 175th anniversary celebrations.

The Preachers' book has been ordered.

All insurance cover for the time of the Church refurbishment has been checked and found to be satisfactory.

In April the Bangor Art Club Exhibition will be held in the Maxwell Hall.

Remembrance Sunday refreshments following the service will be shared between ourselves and the Presbyterians.

There have been eight new volunteers to help count Sunday collection. Following the FWO report shared with the Vestry, some changes will be made to improve and simplify the current method of recording.

Discussions with various church organ suppliers are ongoing. We await the decision of HLF in December. Duncan wished to put on record his thanks to the

hardworking subcommittee who are putting in many hours behind the scenes.

The central heating boiler has had a full service. William will follow up the quote for the railings in the hall foyer and will ensure the work is complete prior to the Christmas Fair.

Duncan outlined plans for the Parish Lunch on Sunday 3 December following the 175th Anniversary Service when the Archbishop of Armagh will be the guest speaker. Bill Percival Maxwell and his wife will also travel from England to be guests on this special day.

Women's Aid were most grateful for the produce they received following the Harvest. The Vestry was informed of the incredible ongoing work of MU in continually supplying emergency washbags to the Ulster Hospital and wished its thanks to be relayed to them.

Kate reported on a very successful and well attended Events meeting.

It was agreed we should have a Christmas Appeal with donations going again to the Children's Hospice.

A unanimous decision was taken by the Vestry that the Rector should be allowed a few days' leave at a time suitable to himself.

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## Events Update

### Quiz

Our Parish Quiz on 6 October was another great fun night for everyone. Eight teams battled it out, with a break at half time for delicious and well-deserved light refreshments. The craic as ever was infectious. At the end, two Teams tied for first place, the first time ever, with a third Team just one point behind. Fantastic! After a brief Decider Round, the Team known as "Dolally Land" was victorious, with "Rigsby's Lot" a close second, but in truth we were all winners that night. Next Quiz? In April, on a date to be confirmed. So watch out and don't miss it again!

**SORRY IF YOU MISSED IT!**

*Ian Sloan*



There has been a buzz of excitement around the village since the launch of ticket sales for the 2017 fashion show. We have all heard of the fashion shows of Paris, Milan and New York but Kate Murray and her team have certainly put Groomspport on the world map of chic.

During the week on the run up to the event, Kate and her team worked tirelessly to transform Groomspport Parish Church Hall into a high-end centre of fashion.

On the night of the event, the hall was full to capacity. There was great excitement in the air. The lights dimmed, the music struck up the show began. In the ever capable, and always entertaining, hands of Mae Burke, MC, the night ran like clockwork.

The woman models struck a pose for Vogue of Newtownards. They wore a range of casual daywear and eveningwear. Each outfit received a great reception from the audience. The clothes were kindly on loan, especially for the event, by Karen Agnew of Vogue.

For the first time we were treated to some male models who walked with confidence

and style in the fine attire of S. D. Kills of Newtownards.

The children were just adorable wearing Matalan fashions, and to be honest they nearly stole the show. That is until our very own Kate Maggie Moss took to the catwalk and gave Missy Moss a run for her money.

Just when we in the audience thought things could not get any better, we were all delighted to be treated to a musical interlude. Christine Evans played the Irish Harp to perfection and moved more than a few of us to tears. The mood was changed dramatically from the gentle lull of the harp to the hilarious sound of the Raven Micks who played an assortment of raucous toe tapping tunes on a variety of musical instruments, including a spade, which came all the way from Russia (allegedly).

The show paused for refreshments and the always-popular raffle.

What a massive undertaking to organise such a complex event. Congratulations, and admiration, to Kate Murray and all her team. In total, the event raised a staggering £2,000 for our beloved church.

*Helen Kennedy*

# GROOMSPORT PARISH CHURCH DINNER

In 2015 we celebrated the end of our tremendous triumph in mission 15 with a dinner at the stables in. 2017 is our 175th birthday which is being marked by the consolidated effort of our congregation to raise £250,000 to restore our beautiful little church.

To mark this milestone the events committee have arranged a birthday dinner to be celebrated at Bangor Golf Club at 7.30pm on Friday 24th November. The cost is only £25.

This is not a formal dinner gentlemen therefore are not restricted to dinner suits.

Ladies of course will be resplendent as usual.

Tickets are limited to only 100. "So make a dash with your cash to john before they're gone". Tickets will be issued on a strictly cash/cheque sale only basis.

You are advised at the time of purchase to indicate your wish for seating arrangements beside friends etc. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

Owing to numbers the chef is unable to facilitate special dietary requests.



*To This You Belong*

Groomsport Parish Church

1842 **175<sup>th</sup>** 2017

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DINNER

FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.30pm  
BANGOR GOLF CLUB  
DRINKS RECEPTION FROM 7.00PM

TICKET COST £25.



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**Make a dash with your cash to John  
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175<sup>th</sup>  
2017

Your ticket price includes...

- Drinks reception
- Dinner
- Musical entertainment
- Fantastic ballot prices
- Two prizes per table



**Homemade soup of the day & wheaten bread**



**Roast silverside of beef**

With crisp yorkshire pudding & red wine gravy

**Pan seared supreme of chicken**

With smoked bacon, mushroom & sauce

**Vegetarian option**



**Tea or coffee & Birthday cake**



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# Forthcoming Events

Heritage Exhibition

## Groomsport Parish & Village Heritage Exhibition



Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 3pm to 9pm  
Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Closed  
Monday to Friday \_\_\_\_\_ 12pm to 3pm & 6pm to 9pm

Saturday 18th  
to Friday 24th  
November

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## Planned Events 2017 / 18

**NOV 17** Dinner (Bangor Golf Club)

**NOV 18** TO **NOV 25** Heritage Exhibition

**DEC 02** Christmas Fair

**DEC 03** Archbishops Visit

**JAN 20** Mens Breakfast

**FEB 03** Trip to Kildare

**FEB 13** Pancake Tuesday



ALL proceeds from the above events will contribute to the Renovation Project.



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Groomspport Parish

# Christmas Fair

Saturday 2nd December



Doors open 1.30 – 3.30

This is the last opportunity in the Contact to provide you with full details about our forthcoming Christmas Fair.

Tables will be set up in the Canon Tyney Hall on the afternoon of Wednesday 29 Nov and in the Maxwell Hall and Avril Morley Room on Friday 1 Dec.

Donations can be left in the hall at any of the following times, but the earlier the better please to enable stall holders to prepare their stalls:

11.00am – 1.00pm or 6.00pm – 8.00pm on Thursday 30 November or Friday 1 December.

Any perishable goods which cannot be left during those times, should be left in the hall between 9:00am and 10.00am on the morning of the Fair.

Please note that this year all helpers will be wearing Helper badges and will be the only people allowed in the hall before the Fair opens.

Stall holders have been asked not to sell any items prior to the start of the Fair. This decision has been taken following the feedback meeting after last year's Fair.

Ian Sloan is doing a great job with publicity, but we would also ask you, the parishioners, to make sure you bring along as many friends and family as possible.

- **Crafts**
- **Toys**
- **Christmas Cake Raffle**
- **Children's Activities**
- **Silver and White**
- **Cakes**
- **Teddy Bear and Christmas Baubles**
- **Father Christmas**
- **Jams and Chutneys**
- **Tombola**
- **Unused gifts**
- **Luxury Draw**
- **Ladies' Accessories**
- **Elf on a shelf.**
- **Men's Accessories**
- **Coffee/Tea/Mulled Wine – shortbread and mince pies**
- **Half hourly draw**

Any queries:

Contact Heather Pentland  
07834 771 075

# Hall Usage - November

Sunday		
Every Sunday	10.30am	<b>Sunday School</b> Contact: Maggie Townsley & Helen Carter Mob. 07748 208649
Monday		
1st Monday of the month	7.30pm	<b>Select Vestry Meeting</b> Contact: Heather Pentland Mob. 07834 771075
2nd & 4th Mondays of the month	7.30pm	<b>Chattering Needles</b> Chattering Needles is a craft group whose interests include knitting, crochet, cross stitch card making etc. If you want to learn come along. £2 includes supper. For more info please contact me. Jenny 07748580541
3rd Monday of the month	8.00pm	<b>Mothers Union (Maxwell Hall)</b> Contact: Elaine Lester Mob. 07791 569432
Tuesday		
2nd Tuesday of the month	8.00pm	<b>Groomspout &amp; District Gardening Club</b> Contact: Yvonne McIlmail Tel: 02891 469420 E. y.mcilmail@sky.com
Wednesday		
Every Wednesday	9.30am	<b>You can with Ann Motivation &amp; Exercise class</b> Contact: Ann Parker Mob. 07854 787121
Every Wednesday	10.30am	<b>Keep Fit Exercise Class</b> Contact: Ann Parker Mob. 07854 787121
Every Wednesday	2.00pm	<b>Scrabble</b> Contact: Elaine Lester Mob. 07791 569432 E. elliewag57@yahoo.com
Every Wednesday	3pm-4pm	<b>Tai Chi For Health</b> Contact: Janet Wilson Tel: 028 91077948 Mob: 07703360385

Every Wednesday	5.30pm	<b>You can with Ann Motivation &amp; Exercise class</b> Contact: Ann Parker Mob. 07854 787121
Every Wednesday	6.30pm	<b>Keep Fit Exercise Class</b> Contact: Ann Parker Mob. 07854 787121
Every Wednesday	7.30pm	<b>Bible Study</b> (Avril Morley Room)
3rd Wednesday of the month	7.30pm	<b>Cookery Club</b> Contact: Heather Magill E. mag16ill@hotmail.co.uk
<b>Thursday</b>		
Every Thursday	2.00pm	<b>Evergreens</b> Open to all over fifty year olds and new members always welcome. Contact: Valerie Boyd Mob. 02891465103
Every Thursday	2pm- 5pm	<b>Groomsport Parish Art Class</b> Continues to meet on Thursday afternoons. All welcome. Further information Stuart Tanner: 07411178230 or Carol Barbosa: 02891456971
Every Thursday except 1st of the month	7.30pm	<b>Table Tennis Club</b> This is a game for everyone whatever your age so please join us. Contact: John Hand Tel. 028 9146 8061 Mob. 07540 375785
<b>Saturday</b>		
4th Saturday of the month	10.00am	<b>Walking for Softies</b> Venues vary. Meeting at 10.00am at chosen location. Contact: Ken Boyd Tel. 028 9146 5103

# Book Stall for November

By the time you read this, another Book Fair will be over; I hope you were able to attend and enjoyed the event. Once again I will clear many books from the shelves that have been sitting there for some time and replace them with fresh titles which have come out of storage for the fair, this means there will be many new titles to explore, just in time for the long, dark winter days.

## Farewell Tour of a Terminal Optimist by John Young

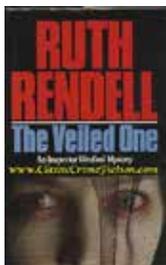


John Young is the son of Ken and Heather Young who have been members of our congregation for several years but owing to assorted health and family difficulties have not been attending recently. I was intrigued when this book

was left for me with a covering letter from Ken and read it with interest. Described as a book for young adults, it deals with the exasperation and frustration felt by seriously ill young people at the understandable restrictions their concerned parents and carers impose on them. Connor, aged fifteen has cancer, is bullied at school and has a dad in prison. These factors come together in a wild adventure which finds him careering across Scotland in the company of Skeates, the bully, in a desperate bid to see the dad in whom he believes and longs to talk to because no-one, especially his mother, will tell him anything. Without Connor's vital medication the escapade becomes increasingly desperate. I found the book really compelling, in places one

feels despairing, in others one wants to cheer on this unlikely pair because Connor, despite the tenuousness of his hold on life, is really living for the first time in years. Don't be put off by the "Young Adult" label, or the apparently depressing subject matter this is a life affirming read and a great adventure. Incidentally there was an article published in the Spectator about John in the September 14th edition.

## The Veiled One by Ruth Rendell



A good read for those who enjoy the murder mystery genre. Ruth Rendell is excellent at depicting apparently conventional people with very twisted minds. It is an Inspector Wexford mystery for those who follow the television

series. With its appropriate scattering of red herrings and twists, this will not disappoint.

## Me Before You by Jojo Moyes



I reviewed a Jojo Moyes recently "The Girl you left Behind" and although very different this too is a wonderful book. The active and successful Will Traynor has had his lifestyle suddenly altered by a devastating road accident which has left him a quadriplegic. The quirky Louisa has just lost her job in a café and struggles to find work with her total lack of qualifications

and relevant experience. Suddenly landing the job as a carer for Will, these two unlikely associates develop a relationship which under normal circumstances would have been unthinkable; both their lives are about to change. Lou faces a real challenge trying to befriend the truculent and depressed Will; he is irritated by her inane chatter as she seeks to get to know him. There is a

health warning about this book – you will need a box of tissues, despite that it is a marvellous and often funny story and worth all the tears it will surely engender.

Happy reading,

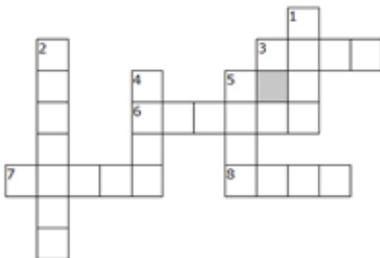
*Carol*

# Bible Buds

## Love Your Enemies

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:43-44

Based on Matthew 5:43-48



PRAY  
HATE

REWARDS  
FRIENDS

LOVE  
EVIL

GOOD  
ENEMY

### ACROSS

3. A warm feeling of affection for another person
6. Something good received in return for good behavior
7. Any person or group that is opposed to you
8. Something that causes harm; morally wrong; wicked

### DOWN

1. Something that is pleasing; morally upright
2. Persons you know and like very much
4. To talk to God
5. A strong feeling of dislike for someone or something



**Poppy, poppy what do you say?  
Wear me on Remembrance Day.**

**Poppy, poppy what do you tell?  
Many soldiers in battle fell.**

**Poppy, poppy what should we know?  
That peace on earth should  
Grow, grow, grow!**





# Thoughts of a Blow In...

The lazy (and occasionally sunny) days of summer seem very far away now. Half term is looming, the nights are drawing in and the days are getting steadily and appreciably cooler (and even damper than usual.)

People are already talking about Christmas; somebody told me they already saw a Christmas tree up while driving past a house on the ring road - and the leaves aren't off the trees yet!

This can be such a busy time of year for family routines that the autumn months can pass so quickly, with the back and fore to school and work and scurrying between the car and the front door to escape a soaking. However, all it takes is one bright day to appreciate the beauty of the season with the rich autumn colours of foliage and seasonal fruits.

A few weeks back, I was given some apples by a neighbour, from a tree that overhangs a couple of our back gardens, so it seemed an ideal opportunity to do some baking. The little ones next door were very pleased to have some apple and cinnamon cake made from their very own apples. There were delighted giggles galore at that!

Of course, with half term coming up there is also Halloween. I was reminded of this when visited by three creatures

of the night yesterday, on the premise of asking if their mum could borrow a spare dishwasher tablet.

When opening the door, I was greeted by a very over-excited skeleton, a vampire and was reliably informed that the third get-up was that of a zombie school girl. They knew they would get an appreciative audience for their new costumes, but I did have to point out that they were at least a fortnight too early!

I also had a lovely chat on the phone with my godson in England, thanking me for his birthday voucher. Time has passed scarily fast and I can't believe he is now a teenager with size eight feet! However, since most of his birthday money was spent on Ninjago Lego, I'm reassured that he isn't growing up too quickly.

I happened to come across a lovely verse by an unknown author that seemed to sum up the glory of the autumn.

*Just before the death of flowers,  
And before they are buried in snow,  
There comes a festival season  
When nature is all aglow.*

*Cynthia*

# Prayer Room

Around the prayer room were left several notebooks, pads and papers for people to write their thoughts on or copy verses that spoke to them; here is one:-

*O God of many names  
Lover of all nations  
We pray for peace  
In our hearts  
In our homes  
In our nations  
In our world  
The peace of Your will  
The peace of our need.*

George Appleby

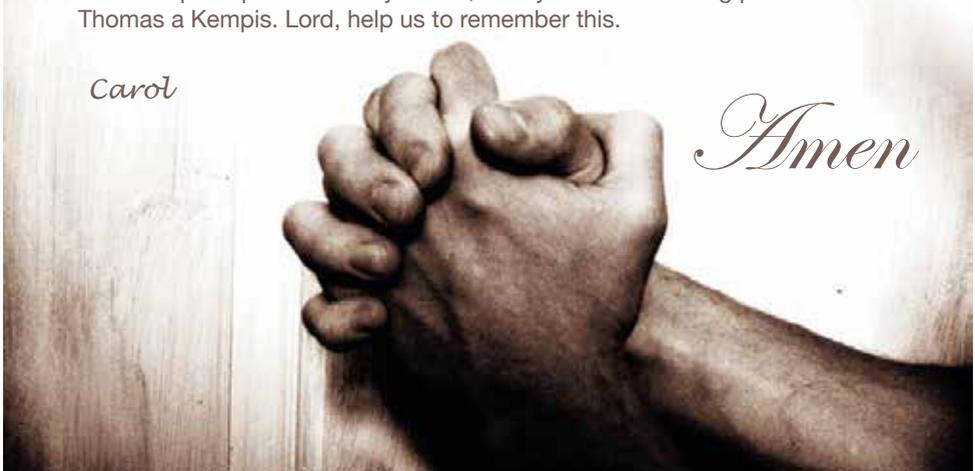


## Some “fish” prayers:-

- Thank you God. I pray for my family, far away but in my heart and mind always.
- I pray for all troubled souls, those in designer clothes and those in rags, those in big houses and those sleeping rough, those at war and those who only know peace; the old and the young, may they find balm in You Oh God.
- For all the victims of terrorism everywhere
- For love, joy and peace and an awareness of the Risen Lord
- In quietness and confidence lies Thy strength. God please walk with me daily.
- “First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others”. Thomas a Kempis. Lord, help us to remember this.

*Carol*

*Amen*





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