

## Dates for your diary

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday All Saints 11.30am Holy Communion at St. Columba's.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday All Souls 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

5<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 22 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

9<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

12<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 23 Remembrance Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Alison's Homegroup.

16<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 24 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

26<sup>th</sup> Last Sunday after Pentecost 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

30<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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## November 2017

### *Some random thoughts ....*



'For a couple of years I've been blaming it on lack of sleep and too much pressure from my job, but now I've found the real reason:

*I am tired because I am overworked.*

The population of this country is 58 million.

24 million are retired.

That leaves 34 million to do the work.

There are 20 million at school, which leaves 14 million to do the work.

Of this there are 7.5 million unemployed by the government, leaving 6.5 million to do the work.

Take from the total the 3,770,000 people who work for local authorities and that leaves 30,000 to do the work.

At any given time there are 20,000 people in hospital, leaving 10,000 to do the work.

Now there are 9,998 people in prison.

That leaves just 2 people to do the work.

**You and me.**

And you're sitting here reading jokes.'

*(From 'A Box of Delights' by J. John and Mark Stibbe)*

I'm sure we could write something similar for all the tasks to be done at St. John's! ..... We still need helpers for the coffee rota!

*Another random thought ...*

***Just a drip?***

Don't underestimate yourself. You may think that your influence is a mere drop in a bucket.

But one drop of cleansing disinfectant can neutralise a bucketful of poisonous material.

One drop of germ culture can turn a bucket of water into a deadly solution.

One drop of water into concentrated acid can create an explosion.

The drop in the bucket can be quite an influence ...

For good or evil.



**After Church  
Coffee and Tea**

*(message from  
Janet Benson)*

As you may know,

the number of people on the Coffee Rota has recently fallen. There have been no new volunteers, as yet, and so this means that for those that remain, the coffee duty is coming round every three weeks, or more often if the rota doesn't work out for some people.

In an effort to simplify things for both those who remain on the rota and anyone who might be thinking of volunteering, various ways of organizing coffee are being tried out. Various options have been considered but at the moment we are keeping cups and saucers and trialling a self service table for food, sugar, milk etc with drinks being served from the hatch.

The new waterheater has made a big difference, as we don't have to fill the boiler and empty it. There are often people willing to help with the washing up and sometimes help with putting out and putting away chairs. Every little helps and is appreciated.



**There is no Evensong Service in November.**

**Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup> 11.30am**

**All Saints at St. Columba's.**

**Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am**

**All Souls at St. John's.**

Please print the names of those you'd like remembered at this service and leave at the back of the church.

**Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Service**

Alison's Homegroup – **Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Leading Intercessions Training (led by Alison)**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm at St. Columba's.**

**Open to all.**

**Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Box at St. Columba's.**



Please remember that Stuart and Paul are gathering folk together for the choir for the Christmas services.