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LAST MONTH'S
FIGURES

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

Dear Friends,

It is at this time of year that ceremonies and services remembering servicemen and women who lost their lives in past and current conflicts will take place across the UK, as communities pause to remember the fallen.

Many I'm sure will have heard the story told from the First World War when soldiers stopped fighting on Christmas day. The Germans began by placing candles on their trenches and on Christmas trees, then continued the celebration by singing Christmas carols. The British responded by singing carols of their own. The two sides continued by shouting Christmas greetings to each other. Soon there were trips across the 'No Man's Land', where small gifts were exchanged and the story goes that a football match was played, opposing forces side by side.

I think its always good to remind ourselves that often these wars aren't between soldiers, they're between governments. An opposition soldier is only doing exactly the same as a British soldier, trying to protect his country, and family, and many have no choice in the matter.

As we remember those who fought for our freedom there are many people today still who are living in places torn apart by war; places devastated by disaster; places where there seems to be little hope or peace. Let's not forget them.

I believe that as Christians we shouldn't take life and that war isn't Jesus' way of overcoming aggression and injustice. He commanded us to love our enemies.

It is a great sadness to think that the 1914-1918 War was supposed to be 'the war to end all wars'. Still here we are today in the midst of terror attacks once again!

Let's continue to pray and work together so that wars should be no more, that future generations shouldn't have to suffer from man's inhumanity to man. Instead of taking up arms to kill we should attempt to negotiate and find means of reconciliation- Wars we know do not result in lasting peace.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27

Every Blessing
Captain Carol

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1	60
Week 2	42
Week 3	48
Week 4	40
Week 5	56

AVERAGE 49

OFFERINGS

Envelope giving	£ 1905.69
Collections	£ 170.68
TOTAL	£ 2076.37

INCOME & OUTGOING

Income	£ 3760.92
Expenditure	£ 3118.30
SURPLUS	£ 642.42

God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind how hate and war diminish humankind, we pause - and seek in worship to increase our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

Hallow our will as humbly we recall the lives of those who gave and give their all. We thank you, Lord, for women, children, men who seek to serve in love, today as then.

Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,

high hope to share with all the newly born, strong love in our pursuit of human worth: 'lest we forget' the future of this earth.

So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power,

teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower. May we, im-passioned by your living Word, remember forward to a world restored.

Fred Kaan (born 1929)





SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

November

- 7 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H
- 14 Sally, Helen, Sheila S.
- 21 Shirley, Sheila A, Paul, Lisa
- 28 Karen, Adrian, Peter

December

- 5 Christina, Gael, Jackie
- 12 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H
- 19 Sally, Helen, Sheila S.
- 2Jan Shirley, Sheila A, Paul, Lisa

PRAYERS for Saffron Walden

1. Please continue to remember those who are unwell and those with family members who need extra care & support.
2. We continue to pray for Roy suffering with cancer as he gets more poorly.
3. For those who are feeling more frail—Hazel & June.
4. We thank God that Trevor is starting to feel stronger.
5. We praise God for his continually blessing our worship together we are blessed by our love for one another as part of His family.
6. We pray for our Christmas events that people will come closer to the love of God & know that love we share.
7. For our Youth 'Cell group' starting at the end of November.



PRAYERS for others

1. Thank You Lord for the Sacrifice of lives in the service of their country so that we can know freedom today.
2. For our servicemen and women fighting today in Afghanistan and other areas of our world.
3. For wisdom to those who lead our country to govern wisely and peaceably.
4. Please pray for a venue for next Year's VBS.

UNITED CHURCH PRAYERS

For the month of **November**

We are invited to pray for
All Saints, Ashdon

We pray for leaders and members of
this Church.

Christmas Concert

Thursday 9th December

7.30pm

Saffron Walden Town Hall

'A CHRISTMAS ADVENTure'

With Guests

'Cambridge Citadel Band'

'Our Children' &

'The Singing Group'



Christmas Day

We will be once again be asking those who would otherwise be alone to join us for Christmas day.

The day starts with our service at the URC at 10.30am and then lunch and party with a packed tea to go home with.

Please look out for those who may benefit from coming.



To book a place please see Capt.Carol/Karen

Christmas Cards

As with Last year Sara has agreed to provide a picture poster for our Notice Board. Space will be available to add a greeting to one another for the Christmas Season as an alternative to sending cards



for those who choose to do so.
Thank You Sara!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER

- Fri 5th Harvest Festival URC Hall with Katherine Semar Juniors 1.30pm Parents welcome
- Sat 6th Christmas Fayre SA
- Mon 8th PCC Meeting 7.30pm
- Tue 9th Carol to lead Cameo 'Our Furred & Feathered Friends' Junior Soldiers 6pm 7.30pm Pray for Schools service New Life Church 7.30pm
- Sat 13th URC Christmas Fayre
- Sun 14th Remembrance Sunday
- Tue 16th Junior Soldiers 6pm
- Sun 21st Service 10am followed by JAM Club
- Sun 28th Advent Carol Service St.Mary's 6.30pm

Sunday November 28th
Meeting led by Chris Blair
(Divisional Youth Officer)
10am

Tues 30th Junior Soldiers 6pm

DECEMBER

- 7th Cameo trip to Scotsdales
- 9th Town Hall "A Christmas ADVENTure" 7.30pm
- 12th Carol Service 'Highfields' 4pm
- 19th Corps Carol Service 3pm
- 21st Cameo 'Carols with Carol'



Helen Irwin, Kathryn Gill & Rona Cruikshank have now received their commissions and we are pleased to welcome them officially as **Young People's Workers of The Saffron Walden Corps.**