Sunday Worship

8.00am.	Holy Communion	1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
10.30am.	All Age Worship	1st Sunday
	Mattins	2nd Sunday
	Parish Communion	3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays
4.00pm	Holy Communion	2nd Sunday
6.30pm	Evensong Arley Chapel	3rd Sunday

Week-day and other activities

Holy Communion on 1st Wednesday in month at 10.30am
Celtic Evening prayer 1st Thursday in month 7.00pm in the Lady chapel
Forest Church 4th Sunday in month 2.30pm (but not August or December)

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Services and Events for November and December

Sunday 1st
8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am All Age Worship
4.00pm **Service of Commemoration** where we remember those who have died
Wed 4th
10.30am Holy Communion with refreshments afterwards
Thurs 5th
7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer
7.45pm Discussion group with refreshments

Sunday 8th
10.30am **Remembrance Sunday** – special service and reading of names at the Lych Gate, Refreshments after the service in church
4.00pm Holy Communion
Wed 11th
10.30am Craft and Natter in the Old School – all welcome
10.55am Armistice Day – prayers at the Lych Gate with 2 minute silence.

Sunday 15th
8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel

Sunday 22nd – Stir up Sunday (make your Christmas Puddings)!
10.30am Holy Communion
2.30pm Forest Church – venue tbc – dress for the weather!
Wed 25th
10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School – all welcome

Sunday 29th – Advent Sunday – Lighting of the Advent Wreath
8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Holy Communion – United Service with St Marks Antrobus at Great Budworth

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Sidespersons Rota – November 2026

1st Sunday 1st November ALL Saints Day – 22nd after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion BCP Robert Steele, Marian Steele
10.30am All Age Worship – All Saints Anne O'May, Rebecca Brierley
4.00pm Annual Memorial Service Maggie Earl, Robert Cross

2nd Sunday 8th November – 3 BEFORE ADVENT
10.30am Remembrance Sunday Margaret Cross, Robert Cross
4.00pm Holy Communion Common Worship Shirley Humphreys

3rd Sunday 15th November – 2 BEFORE ADVENT 24th after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion BCP Pat Hart
10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship Anne O'May, Robert Cross
6.30pm Evensong at Arley chapel xxxxxxxxxxx

4th Sunday 22nd November – NEXT BEFORE ADVENT Christ The King
10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship Margaret Cross, Maggie Earl

5th Sunday 29th November ADVENT 1 YEAR B BEGINS
8.00am Holy Communion BCP Robert Steele, Marian Steele
10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship Robert Cross
Lighting of Advent Wreath Anne O'May

December

1st Sunday 6th December ADVENT 2
8.00am Holy Communion BCP Pat Hart
10.30am All Age Worship – Toy Service Anne O'May, Rebecca Brierley

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Rota for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Intercessors

November 2026 **Year A**

1st Sun	**1st November All Saints Day (White)** **8am HC BCP** Revelation 7. 9-end SL338 LL380 1 John 3.1-3 SL340 LL381 Matt. 5. 1-12 SL341 LL382 **10.30am All Age Service**	**4pm All Souls Service**
2nd Sun	**8th November 3rd Sunday before Advent (Red)** **Remembrance Sunday** **10.30am Special Service Sheet**	**6.30pm HC CW** Amos 5. 18-24 SL380 LL426 1 Thess.4. 13-end SL381 LL427 Matt.25. 1-13 SL382 LL428
3rd Sun	**15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent (Red)** **8am HC BCP 10.30am HC CW** Zeph.1.7,12-end SL384 LL430 **J Martin** 1Thess. 5.1-11 SL386 LL433 **S. Gray** Matt.25. 14-30 SL387 LL434 **INT M Cross** **EM S. Gray**	**6.30pm EP BCP Arley** Psalm 89 1 Kings 1. 15-40 Rev.1. 4-18
4th Sun	**22nd November Sunday before Advent Christ the King (Red)** **10.30am HC CW** Ezekiel 34. 11-16,20-24 SL388 LL435 **K Arlitt** Ephesians 1. 15-end SL391 LL438 **J Martin** Matt. 25. 31-end SL391 LL438 **INT Officiant** **EM S Ollier**	**No Evening Service**
5th Sun	**29th November 1st Sunday of Advent (Purple)** **8am HC BCP, 10.30am HC CW** Isaiah 64. 1-9 SL393 LL441 **J Martin** 1 Cor.1. 3-9 SL394 LL442 **S. Gray** Mark 13. 24-end SL395 LL443 **INT Officiant** **EM S. Gray**	**No Evening Service**

From the Vicar

Remembering, remembering.....November is such a month for the business of remembering, as well this year as looking forward, with the season of Advent beginning on the last Sunday of the month. Amid bonfires and firework displays we look back to 1605 and the failed gunpowder plot in celebrations across the country, and we also celebrate and give thanks for the lives of countless Christian saints and martyrs who have inspired and encouraged Christians, including ourselves, down through the centuries.

Most poignantly of course we remember and give thanks for our loved ones at All Souls Tide, lighting candles at the annual Commemoration Service and offering prayers of comfort and hope. This service brings many people together, including those whose loved ones have died during the past year but also many from previous years. And then, a week later on Remembrance Sunday, we commemorate and remember the fallen from the two World Wars of the 20th Century, as well as more recent conflicts. Gathering outside the Church Lych Gate and listening to the names being read out, and then the Last Post and the Reveille being played, is such an incredibly powerful and emotional experience. More than a century after the end of the First World War we can only hope and pray that this very poignant and moving part of our local and national life continues into the future.

Thinking about remembering, I am struck by two moments/events/aspects which took place during the lifetime of Jesus. The first was at the Last Supper when Jesus broke the bread and poured the wine and invited the disciples, and us today, to "do this in remembrance of me" and the second came from the lips of one of the two thieves crucified alongside Jesus: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". Jesus' response is equally striking: "Truly I tell you, this day you will be with me in paradise".

All in all there is so very much to remember and give thanks for in this coming month, and may we all be touched and blessed in some way as we remember, but also as we move forward, in faith, hope and love.

The Revd Alec Brown.

Service of Commemoration – Sunday 1st November 4.00pm

Join us for our special service, as we remember those whom we love, but see no longer. During the service, there will be a time of reflection, as the names of those who have died are read out, and loved ones can light a candle in their memory.



From the Registers

Marriage – congratulations to Katie Evand and Rick Holt whose marriage was blessed at St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall on 24th October.

Funerals – rest in peace Louise Macaulay and George Walker, whose funerals took place on 9th and 15th October respectively, and Fred Deakin, whose cremated remains were interred in the Churchyard on 30th October.



Church Teas 2026

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who hosted the teas in the Parish Hall throughout the season, your support is so much appreciated. Thank you also to all those who came to partake of the teas, some who came along every week. We see and enjoy so many lovely cakes, thank you.
Due to your consistent help and support, we raised £5900 this year.
Thank you again, we couldn't do it without you all.

Your feedback and snippets you send are important, if there are any comments on the parish magazine or if you would like anything particular in the issue then please let me know.

The views of our contributors are, of course, entirely their own, and do not necessarily represent those of the P.C.C., the Editor, members of the congregation or parishioners in general.

Articles for December 2026 edition send to Rob Cross: robcross43@gmail.com by ***20th November*** *please*

We are available by phone or email if you want to talk to us. We can offer a chat or prayer or both. If you have Facebook, have a look at the church page, @greatbudworthchurch where Christina posts prayers and reflections

We keep you all in our prayers. Stay well.

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If you don't wish this to happen, please let the person you speak to know at the time of first contact.

Creation Care

As winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence). Why not gather your housemates, friends and family to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work for you all - you'll go further together!



Autumn News from School

As the autumn leaves start to fall, there's lots happening in school and plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks.

The children have been enjoying their weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Hath-away, making the most of being outdoors and learning through exploring the natural world. We've also been busy practising our songs for the Harvest Festival service at church, where we'll come together to give thanks for the harvest and all the good things we have.

It's been lovely to welcome our new families to our weekly celebration services in school. These are a great way for us to come together as a school community, share the children's achievements and celebrate the many things they've been getting up to each week.

On Friday 9th October, we wore yellow to raise awareness of mental health and the importance of looking after ourselves and one another.

There are some exciting trips coming up, too! Class 2 are looking forward to visiting Knowsley Safari Park, while Class 1 will be heading to the farm with their friends from Antrobus. Both trips will be a great chance to explore, learn and enjoy new experiences together.

Our Christian value this half term is **Generosity**. We'll be exploring what this means in everyday life and encouraging the children to think about how they can show kindness, help others and make a difference through even the smallest acts.

As always, we're grateful for the support of our families, church and wider village community and we look forward to sharing more news with you as the term goes on.

Thank you

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Dear Friends,

November is a month that invites us to pause. As the days grow shorter and the evenings draw in, the world around us seems to slow down. The trees stand bare, the gardens become quieter, and we find ourselves reaching for warmer clothes and turning on the lights a little earlier. It is a season that encourages us to look inward, to reflect on what matters most, and to make room for both remembrance and rest.

For many of us, November brings memories of people we have loved and lost. At the beginning of the month, we celebrate All Saints' Day and remember All Souls' Day. We give thanks for the saints whose faith has inspired generations, and we hold in our hearts those dear to us who have died. Some of these memories bring smiles and gratitude; others may still bring tears and a sense of longing. Often, they bring all these feelings together.

There is something deeply comforting about remembering within the life of the Church. We do not have to hide our sadness or pretend that grief has an easy answer. Instead, we bring our memories, our questions and our love before God, trusting that nothing can separate us from his love in Christ. As Jesus wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus, so we are reminded that tears are not a failure of faith. They are part of being human, and God meets us in our sorrow.

Our Remembrance Sunday service offers another opportunity to pause and reflect. We remember those who have died in war and conflict, and we give thanks for the courage and sacrifice of all who have worked for peace and the protection of others. We also remember those who continue to live with the consequences of conflict, whether through bereavement, injury, displacement or the lasting effects of trauma. As we observe the two minutes' silence, may it be more than a moment of looking back. May it renew our commitment to pray and work for a world in which justice, reconciliation and peace can flourish.

Remembering is important, but so too is caring for ourselves and for one another. As the nights draw in, some people look forward to the cosiness of autumn and winter, while others find the darker days difficult. We may feel more tired, less energetic or more aware of loneliness.

Those giant autumn house spiders

We've all been there – quietly relaxing at home, when suddenly a HUGE thing with LONG legs scuttles right by you. You can't help but jump, and if you are normal, scream.

What just scared you was a fully grown adult male *Eratigena atrica*. They are among the largest spiders in Central and Northern Europe.

It has not just come in from the cold. It has been living warm and cosy, hidden in your house for weeks. Now it has left its dark hiding spot to race across your carpets and walls and bed with a definite purpose in mind: it is looking for love.

For autumn is mating time for the big spiders, and there are also females living in your house, safe and secure in cracks, lofts and behind furniture.

If you think giant house spiders are big, you are right. With a body length of 1.6cm, their leg span can commonly reach up to 7.5 cm. And heaven help you if you find you are sharing your house with a cardinal spider (*Tegenaria parietina)* – their bodies are up to 2cm long, and their long hairy legs can span up to 12cm. If *that* thing runs down the couch towards you, you'll notice it! And giant house spiders are fast. They can hit speeds of up to half a metre per second.

The good news is that giant house spiders are as scared of you as you are of them. They are disease-free, and their bite is extremely rare and harmless. They even pay their rent by eating your flies, mosquitoes, and other small bugs.

So, try and be kind to them, and let them live with you – they don't like the cold outside very much. Just lift your feet as they gallop across the carpet…

December

Wednesday 2nd
10.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshments
Thursday 3rd
7.00pm Compline for Advent – followed by the discussion group at 7.45pm with refreshments
Other dates for Compline and discussion group 10th and 17th December.
Friday 4th
2.00pm Great Budworth School Christingle Service in church
Sunday 6th
8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am All Age Toy Service (bring along a new toy for gifting to a charity)
Sunday 13th
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm **Arley Chapel Nine Lessons & Carols**
Tuesday 15th
7.30pm Equali Choir Christmas Concert in church
Wednesday 16th
5.30pm Great Budworth & Antrobus Schools joint Carol Service in Great Budworth Church
Thursday 17th
10.00am Cransley School Carol Service in church

Sunday 20th
8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Holy Communion
4.00pm **Great Budworth Nine Lessons and Carols**

Thursday 24th **Christmas Eve**
4.00pm Crib and Christingle Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Friday 25th **Christmas Day**
8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Family Communion
Sunday 27th
8.00am Holy Communion BCP tbc
10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship

Perhaps this month we can give ourselves permission to take things a little more gently. We might make time for a walk in the daylight, share a cup of tea with a friend, pick up the phone to someone we have not seen for a while, or spend a few quiet moments in prayer. We might light a candle in memory of someone we love, read a familiar Bible passage or simply sit quietly and allow ourselves to be still.

Self-care is not only something we do for ourselves. It also means allowing others to care for us when we need support. Within our church community, we can look out for those who may be feeling isolated, offer a listening ear without needing to find the perfect words, and make space for people whose experience of this season is different from our own. Sometimes the most loving thing we can do is simply to be present.

The Christian story reminds us that darkness never has the final word. We worship a God who knows the depths of human sorrow, who walks with us through the shadows, and whose promise of resurrection gives us hope beyond what we can see. This hope does not mean that we will never feel sad or afraid. Rather, it means that even in our sadness and fear, we are not alone.

As we journey through November, may we find time to remember with gratitude, to grieve with honesty, to care for ourselves and one another, and to hold on to the quiet hope of Christ. May the light of God's love shine in the darker places of our lives, bringing comfort to the bereaved, peace to the troubled, strength to the weary and welcome to all who seek it.

With love prayers and blessings Christina

Forest Church 22nd November 2026 2.30

Join us at St Mark`s Antrobus for our final Forest Church of the year.

Remembrance Sunday

Please join us for our Remembrance Sunday Service
On Sunday 8th November at 10.30am
During the service we will walk out to the war memorial (Lych gate) For our Act of Remembrance. You may remain in church if you feel unable to join us.
There will be refreshments after the service



National service for Remembrance

This year **the national service for Remembrance** will be held on 8th November, and include the annual march past involving up to 10,000 veterans and eligible participants.

It will be followed by formal two-minute silence on Wednesday, 11th November.

This year Remembrance marks several significant milestones:

The 110th anniversary of the 1916 Battles of the Somme and Jutland, as well as the introduction of wartime conscription.

The 70th anniversary since the Suez Crisis of 1956.

The 25th anniversary since UK armed forces first entered Afghanistan, following the 2001 deployments.

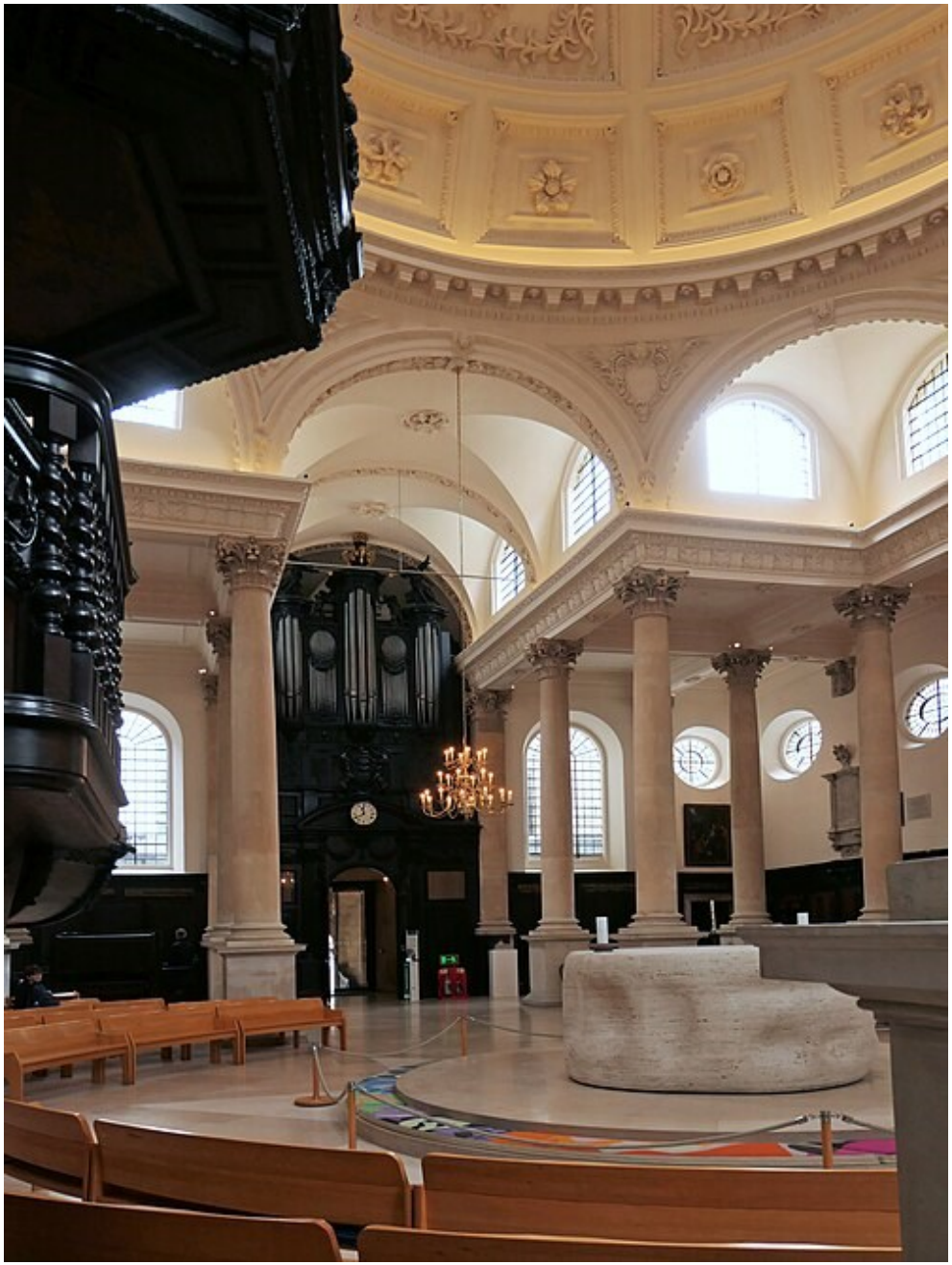
'He gave us eyes to see them' – the altar

In 'The Temple' the reader travels through the poems of George Herbert and makes a pilgrimage through the church to arrive finally at the altar where Love bids us welcome to make our communion.

For the poet and for us, the altar is a sign of Christ: His presence in the sacrament of His body and blood. At the Reformation stone altars gave way to wooden holy tables, but in 1972 a stone altar was created for a London church that was designed not only as a sign of Christ, but as a reminder of the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem – the place where Abraham was ready to offer Isaac.

The altar is a focus of offering. Its sculptor was Henry Moore who began his work 300 years after Sir Christopher Wren designed the new church of St Stephen, Walbrook in 1672. Neither Wren nor Moore were afraid of innovation and experiment. As a result, Wren created one of the most beautiful of London churches, famous and admired throughout Europe, with its central dome carried on 12 columns. His concern was that in worship all should hear and see, just as Moore's concern was to show the altar at the heart of the church, and consequently a church that is at the heart of the city.

The placing of that altar led to a lengthy court case in 1987, and opinions may still vary over this marriage of stone and building. But it remains as a focus for offering and worship, just as the church of St Stephen stands nearly 350 years after it was rebuilt. Both take us in faith and prayer to an earlier age when Jesus shared a meal with His disciples in the Upper Room. We rejoice that the same Jesus welcomes us to the Eucharist now at this altar of St Stephen and at the altars of all our churches. *The Revd Michael Burgess*



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The poppies of Remembrance

In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae’s poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.

‘In Flanders’ fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
that mark our place: and in the sky
the larks, still bravely singing, fly
scarce heard amid the guns below.’

November anniversaries

9 November - Margery Kempe

Here is a saint for any out-spoken, emotional person who also struggles with depression and human failings in the quest to live their best life.

Margery Kempe was born in 1373, the daughter of a wealthy businessman in King's Lynn. She married John Kempe and had 14 children. She described herself as "not lettrid", for she could not read or write.

Margery Kempe was far from the usual 'saint' of the Late Medieval Ages. She was not a recluse. She had not defended her virginity. She was not a submissive wife. Instead, she must have been stormy to live with, as she was known to be very emotional, and at times, very rude. In fact, her emotion engagement with the liturgy deeply unsettled the established local clergy, who distrusted her flare-ups.

Margery began her spiritual pilgrimage with depression - probably brought on by the birth of her first child. She was so ill that she had been forcibly locked away in a room by her spiritual director, when she saw a vision of Jesus. He said to her: "Daughter why have you forsaken Me? I never forsook you." Margery was then reassured that her depressive guilt and fear were misplaced, and that Jesus was actually welcoming her into a personal relationship with Himself.

In 1436 Margery dictated her famous book, 'The Book of Margery Kempe'. It was a sort of spiritual autobiography, and for centuries only edited bits of it were published for people to read. Then in 1934 a complete manuscript was found, and it led to a re-evaluation of Margery herself.

After years of being remembered as a devout mystic, Margery emerged as a more complete, more human woman from these pages. She loved clothes. She envied other people. She sometimes had fantasies, and sometimes few scruples. But she was also honest in her growing relationship with Christ, and finally found in Him a fulfilment she could find nowhere else. That fulfilment helped her on her journey to gradual transformation.

She has been called 'the embodiment of an honest soul on a quest for God.' She died in 1440, aged 67, a good age in those days.

The championship trophy for badly timed death, goes to a pair of British writers.

Aldous Huxley, the author of *Brave New World*, died the same day as **C. S. Lewis**, who wrote the *Chronicles of Narnia* series.

Unfortunately for both of their legacies, that day was November 22, 1963, just as John Kennedy's motorcade passed the Texas School Book Depository.

Huxley, at least, made it interesting: At his request, his wife shot him up with LSD a couple of hours before the end, and he tripped his way out of this world.

Remembering Alexander Litvinenko

Twenty years ago, on 23rd November 2006, Alexander Litvinenko, Russian-born British intelligence agent, journalist and writer, died. He had been poisoned by radioactive polonium. His death is believed to have been ordered by President Putin.

Litvinenko was a former officer in the Soviet and Russian security services (KGB and FSB), reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was a whistleblower, having discovered many connections between Russian law enforcement agencies and mafia groups; his attempts to publicise this were rebuffed, and he gradually realised the entire system was corrupt.

He fled with his family to London in 2000 and was granted political asylum. His experiences in Russia were valuable to MI6, and he worked in exile as a journalist and consultant. He wrote *Blowing up Russia*, which accused the FSB of organising apartment bombings in 1999 that led to Putin's ascendancy. He also accused Putin of ordering the assassination of Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya in 2006.

He said that "all the bloodiest terrorists of the world" were connected to FSB-KGB, including Carlos 'The Jackal' Ramírez and Saddam Hussein.

Litvinenko's poisoning is believed to have happened when he met former Russian agents Andrei Lugovoi and Dmitry Kovtun at a bar in Mayfair. A 2016 UK public inquiry concluded that it was "probably approved" by Putin. When Russia refused to extradite the two men, the European Court of Human Rights ruled Russia responsible for the murder.

Litvinenko was buried in a lead-lined casket at Highgate Cemetery with Christian, Jewish and Muslim rites, including a Christian and Muslim prayer being said by an imam and Orthodox priest. He told his father he had converted to Islam while in Britain. His father commented: "At least you're not a communist."

His wife Marina continues to live and work in London as an active critic of Russia.