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REMEMBRANCE 2026

Sunday 8 November
10:45am
St Boniface Church

Preceded by procession
leaving the Scout Hut
at 10:45am

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER
4.00 PM

During the service the names of loved ones will be read out – those who died last year as well as those whom people would like remembered.
There will also be an opportunity to light candles in their memory.
You can contact Rev Tim Hayward via email at revtimhayward@stbonifacebunbury.org
If you would find it comforting to come along and sit quietly to remember those who are important to you, please do join us.



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Our prayers

Loving God,

We remember with gratitude all those who have given their lives in the service of others, and all who continue to live with the scars of conflict.

In a world still troubled by war, hatred and division, help us to learn from the sacrifices of the past, to cherish the peace we enjoy, and to work for a world where justice, reconciliation and compassion prevail.

Comfort all who mourn, strengthen all who serve, and inspire each of us to be peacemakers in our homes, our communities and our world.

May we never forget the cost of peace, nor lose hope in the possibility of a better future.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

At the end of September I went to Birmingham Children's Hospital to visit a young relative. Josh is my niece's son. He was born with a problem with his liver and at three had a liver transplant. He has been relatively healthy since, but has had periodic stays in hospital, however recently he has had much more of a problem. There was a threat that he would have to go on the liver transplant list again, he is eight and a half. This was a huge anxiety for his parents and wider family. There were three attempts at surgery to rectify the problem, but they had failed. The hospital decided to give it one last try in August. It was successful, but he was left with a drain that had to be moved at the end of September, which is when I went to see him.



I am sure everyone is wondering where this is going. The family live in Edinburgh. It is really difficult when families have a sick child and nowhere to stay, so far from home and with other siblings. It is very very stressful for them. Birmingham Children's Hospital has a Ronald McDonald House. It is the most fantastic place. It is an absolute refuge and families stay there for nothing.



Josh has had so many stays there that he almost calls it home. The charity has fourteen houses located as close as possible to a specialist children's hospital. There is a shared kitchen where families can cook, lounges and quiet spaces, a playroom, and laundry and private family bedrooms (I would liken them to a Travel Lodge hotel room). Each house is run by a dedicated team. The photo of Josh is the day he flew home to Edinburgh. He is making my sister in law and I a cup of tea in the Ronald McDonald kitchen. If anyone is looking for a charity to give to it is very worthwhile. **Ronald McDonald House UK**

The copy deadline for the Dec – Jan issue is Friday 13 November.
The magazine should be delivered from Saturday 28 November.
Please send notices to: parishlinkeditor@stbonifacebunbury.org

Remembering the past and praying for peace in our times



On Remembrance Sunday, as the familiar words are spoken, the Last Post sounds, and we stand together in silence, time seems to pause. We remember those who have given their lives in war, those who have returned carrying physical and emotional scars, and the families and communities who have lived with the pain of loss.

But this year, as we gather to remember, we do so in a world where conflict continues to bring devastation to so many lives. From Ukraine to the Middle East, and in communities across the world torn apart by violence, we are reminded that the horrors of war are not simply part of our history. They remain a painful reality for millions of people today.

Remembrance Sunday is therefore about more than looking back. It is also about how we choose to live today, and the kind of world we hope to build for tomorrow.

When we remember the courage and sacrifice of those who served in the two World Wars and in conflicts since, we honour people who often had little choice about the circumstances in which they found themselves. Many were young men and women who left behind families, homes, hopes and dreams. Some never returned. Others came home to rebuild their lives, carrying memories that would stay with them forever.

Their stories remind us of the extraordinary capacity of ordinary people to show courage, compassion and selflessness in the face of terrible circumstances. We remember not only those who fought, but also those who served in hospitals, worked on the home front, cared for the wounded and supported their communities through times of fear and uncertainty.

On Remembrance Sunday we remember because every human life matters, because the suffering caused by conflict is immense, and because we long for a world in which future generations will not have to endure the same horrors.

As Christians, we are called to hold together remembrance, gratitude and a deep longing for peace. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called

children of God" (Matthew 5:9). These words are both an encouragement and a challenge. Peace is not simply the absence of fighting. It involves justice, reconciliation, forgiveness and the willingness to recognise the humanity of those we might otherwise regard as our enemies.

This does not mean that achieving peace is easy, or that we should ignore injustice or suffering. Rather, it challenges us to resist hatred, to listen where there is division, to stand alongside those who are vulnerable, and to seek ways of resolving conflict without violence.

We may feel powerless when confronted by the scale of suffering in our world. We cannot personally bring an end to every war, negotiate every peace agreement or heal every broken community. But we can pray. We can support those who are suffering. We can welcome those seeking safety, challenge prejudice, nurture understanding and work for peace in our own families, workplaces and communities.

Perhaps this is one of the most important lessons of Remembrance Sunday: that the peace we long for across the world begins, in part, with the choices we make in our everyday lives.

As we stand in silence this November, we will remember those who died, give thanks for those who served, and acknowledge the terrible cost of conflict. We will also pray for all those caught up in wars today: for those serving on the front line, for civilians living in fear, for refugees forced to flee their homes, for those who are grieving, and for everyone working courageously to bring relief and reconciliation.

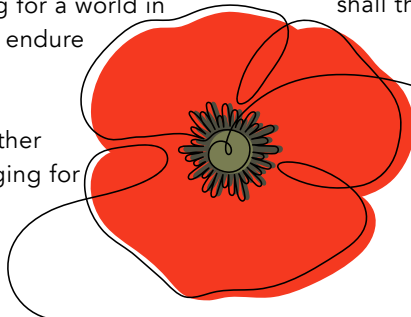
And we will pray for our leaders, that they may have the wisdom, courage and determination to pursue peace.

May our remembrance be more than a moment of silence. May it inspire lives of compassion, generosity and peacemaking. And may we hold on to the Christian hope that, even in a world scarred by conflict, the light of God's love continues to shine.

"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares ... neither shall they learn war any more." (Isaiah 2:4)

May that vision of peace shape our prayers, our actions and our hopes for the future.

Rev Tim Hayward



What's on



You are invited

Advent and Christmas

Services in the parishes of Bunbury and
Tilstone Fearnall

Sunday 6 December

4:00pm - Christingle Service at St Boniface
in aid of The Children's Society

Sunday 13 December

11:30am - Christmas carols at Calveley Chapel
3:00pm - Carol Service at St Jude

Sunday 20 December

10:30am - DIY Nativity and Sunday Brunch at St Boniface
6:30pm - Carol Service at St Boniface

Thursday 24 December

Christmas Eve

4:00pm - Crib Service at St Boniface
11:30pm - Midnight Communion at St Boniface

Friday 25 December

Christmas Day

9:30am - Christmas Communion at St Jude
10:30am - Christmas Communion at St Boniface

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St Boniface

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Church diary for November

Sunday 1 November	8:00am BCP Communion 9:30am Morning Worship 10:30am Holy Communion and Forest Church 4:00 All Souls Service	St Boniface St Jude St Boniface St Boniface
Wednesday 4 November	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 8 November	9:30am Remembrance Service 10:45am Remembrance Service	St Jude St Boniface
Wednesday 11 November	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 15 November	9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Third Sunday Brunch 4:30pm Evensong	St Jude St Boniface St Boniface
Wednesday 18 November	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 22 November	9:30am Morning Worship 10:30am Holy Communion	St Jude St Boniface
Wednesday 25 November	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 29 November	9:30am Morning Worship 10:30am Morning Worship	St Jude St Boniface



Candlelit Advent Coffee Morning

St Boniface Church

In aid of Crisis at Christmas

Thursday 10 December
10:00am- 12:00pm

Carols, cakes, tea and coffee

All are welcome!
We look forward to seeing you

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crisis.org.uk/fundraise

Decibellas

Join Decibellas choir for an evening of festive music, with much-loved Christmas favourites, fun modern songs and audience carols.

Stay afterwards for a glass of festive fizz!

Saturday 12 December 2026
7.30pm | Doors open 7pm
St Boniface Church, Bunbury

Adults £10 Children £5

Tickets available from Decibellas members,
decibellas.co.uk/boxoffice or via the QR code



Decibellas is a registered charity 11977363

Community News

Thank you to all those who decorated St Boniface so beautifully for the Harvest Festival.

The MacMillan Coffee morning held at St Boniface was very successful and raised over £1000. Thank you to all those who baked cakes, supported and helped, and to Anne James for organising the morning.

St Boniface 100 Club winners The club draws take place on the first Sunday of the month at St Boniface church after the 10:30am service. Congratulations to the winners! Numbers for October are 99, 56, 31.

Thank you to Kath Roden and her helpers for decorating Calveley Church so beautifully and for the refreshments before the service.

On Saturday 26 September a **Harvest Supper** was held at St Jude's church hall followed by a quiz; an enjoyable evening was had by all.

A Remembrance Service will be held at St Jude's on Sunday 8 November at 9:30am followed by refreshments in the church hall. All are welcome.

A Remembrance Service will be held at Tiverton war memorial on 11 November at 10:45am led by Revd. Mike Rogers. Refreshments in the village hall will follow.

A Carol Service will be held at St Jude's on Sunday 13 December at 3:00pm. All are welcome. Refreshments in the church hall will follow.

If you would like a Christmas message printed instead of sending **Christmas cards** please send it to the editor by Friday 13 November and send your donation online to Crisis at Christmas.

Christingle Service on Sunday 6 Dec. Can you help make Christingles on Friday 4 December at 10.00am? If you can, please join us at Elaine Crotty's house: Sunnybank Cottage, School Lane Bunbury.



🎄 **Christmas trees** that raise money for St Boniface. This Christmas, Grange Christmas Trees, a local family-run business at Iddenshall Grange just outside Tarporley, is supporting our church. For every tree bought there by someone who mentions St Boniface Church, £5 goes to church funds. Fresh Nordmann and Fraser Firs from 5ft, plus stands and wreaths. Choose yours at the farm or have it delivered locally.

Opening Saturday 28

November. Iddenshall Grange, Clotton, CW6 0EQ.

The Just Sing Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday 5 Dec at 2:00 pm at Tarporley Baptist Church

The Decibellas Christmas Concert will be held on the 12 December at St Boniface Church.

The November meeting of the WI will be the AGM and Quiz. New members and guests are warmly welcomed. For further information contact Lynda Davies 01829 863781.

On 14 November there will be **Craft Fair at St Boniface**. There will be 20 stalls. This event is independent from the Church but the refreshments will be in aid of St Boniface.

On Thursday 10 December there will be a candle-lit **Coffee Morning at St Boniface in aid of Crisis at Christmas**. Join us for carols and Christmas goodwill — 10:00am-12:00pm.



The Tree of Lights 2026 will be lit after the 4:00pm All Souls service on 1 November. For those wishing to sponsor a light on the yew tree in front of St Boniface, please make a donation by bank transfer to Bunbury PCC; Account No: 31297457; Sort Code: 40-44-03 and use the reference: TOL followed by your surname. To include a dedication in our book of remembrance, please email it to Kay at parishadmin@stbonifacebunbury.org.

Remembering Val Done



Born into a family of ten children, Val was part of a big, lively family from the very beginning. Growing up with so many brothers and sisters no doubt helped shape the strong, independent woman she then became.

Val lived in Bunbury her whole life, she was a familiar and much-loved face, and the presence of her whizzing about on her scooter with a smile on her face will be greatly missed, the village will not be the same without her.

In her younger years, Val poured many a pint and was always happiest in good company. She loved a game of darts and always enjoyed a chat and a laugh. Everyone has their own special memories of Val; whether it was sharing a laugh, a drink, hearing one of her stories, remembering her wild side or simply enjoying her company. Together, those memories paint a picture of the kind of woman she was.

Val was a dear friend to many and would always help anyone who needed her. She never hesitated to lend a hand, offer support and her kindness is something so many people will remember.

Family meant everything to Val. She was a devoted Mum, Sister, Auntie, Nanna, and Great-Grandma who filled their lives with unconditional love. She was always there with a

hug when it was needed, a listening ear, words of encouragement, or a sarcastic comment that would lighten the mood. If all else failed, she would always offer everyone a Werther's Original, that would make everything better. As a family we take comfort in knowing that her love, her laughter, her kindness, and the joy she brought into our lives will live on through all of us.

Our Val

**Mum, Sister, Nana, Grandma and Auntie too,
A loyal friend to more than a few.
With a heart so big and spirit so bright,
You filled our days with laughter and light.**

**You loved a fag, a brandy or two,
Simple pleasures that suited you.
Your sense of humour second to none,
You always knew how to make life fun.**

**As blunt as a bread knife that was your way.
You said what you thought come what may.
No sugarcoating no disguise,
Just honesty shining in your eyes**

**The Queen of Bunbury proud and true.
There'll never be another like you.
Riding your scooter through the streets with pride,
A smile on your face the wind by your side**

**Your love lives on in every heart,
Though now we've had to be apart
Your stories, laughter, strength and grace,
Will never time or distance erase.**

**So, here's to you our wonderful Val,
Mum, Sister, Nana, Grandma, Auntie our treasured pal.
Forever loved, forever near**



MILL NEWS

A Miller's Tale!

In August Bunbury Mill was donated a beautiful bench in memory of Elizabeth and Margaret Parker the daughters of the last miller at Bunbury, Tom Parker.

Their niece and nephew, Ruth Glover and Gareth Jaggard were joined by members of their family and long-standing friend, Mary Large, who came to cut the ribbon on the new bench and share stories of the Mill.

The inscription reads:

*In Loving Memory of Margaret & Elizabeth Parker.
Beloved sisters who grew up in Bunbury Mill. Forever
part of this place and forever cherished in our hearts.*

FROM SONG TO SCRIPT TO STAGE A MERSEY MOON JOURNEY



Becoming a playwright and theatre producer in my mid '60s was never in my life plan, but somehow that's what's happened!

I've been writing and performing my own songs for most of my life and it's been a rollercoaster ride that's brought me some fabulous adventures, if not the fame and fortune that the teenage me once dreamt of!

In 2006, I was decorating my daughter's bedroom when some words for a song came to me, along with the beginning of a melody. This is often how songs are born and you have to be quick or they go as fast as they came. By the time I'd washed up my brushes, I had more or less completed it in my head and rushed to write it down.

The song was "Under the Mersey Moon", a love song to my Merseyside home and the enduring spirit of its people, through good times and bad.

Somehow it resonated with people and soon became a mainstay of my live set, finding its way onto not one, but two, albums.

My wife and musical partner Sarah-Lou was one of the first to say she could imagine it as a stage musical. I dismissed the idea initially, but with her continued encouragement I warmed to it.

In 2022, I teamed up with Peter Davies, a Liverpool songwriter and author who had also been urging me to build a play around it. Gradually, a storyline and characters began to take shape. We wrote the script together over about six months and found we each had more than enough songs to bring it to life as a musical.

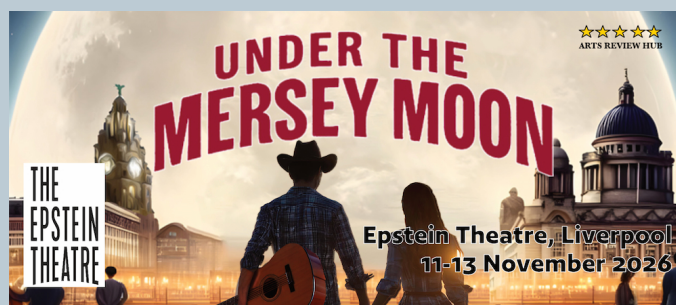


After many months of work finding a cast, director, band and, most importantly, a theatre, "Under the Mersey Moon" made its debut at the Floral Pavilion on the Wirral in February 2025. To our delight, it has since enjoyed two runs with packed houses, standing ovations and rave reviews.

It's now coming to Liverpool's Brian Epstein Theatre from 11-13 November.

It's an emotional story about a struggling songwriter who follows in the footsteps of his beloved grandfather to seek success in Nashville, the home of country music. There's a bit of my own story in there, I suppose, but really it's for anyone who's ever followed a dream – and I certainly have!

Jimmy Rae



Do come and see it if you can.

Tickets are available from www.epsteintheatre.com

Amerines and Bishops

The disappointing summer does bring its own rewards. The seasons are behaving differently now and the flowers you were expecting to have gone over are still giving a great display together with the seasonal plants for this time of year.

I don't tend to grow big blousy dahlias, however there are some varieties giving a great display right now. One of them is the dahlia Bishop series. The variety Bishop of Llandaff has dark copper leaves and colourful flowers. Well worth trying if you have a small garden. The varieties Bishop of Dover, Canterbury, Oxford, Leicester and York are smaller and bushier plants. Not as showy as the larger dahlias but they will give a wonderful display for many months.



The real star at this time of year is the Amerine. A cross between *Ameryllis Belladonna* and *Neirine Bowdenii*. They have stems up to a height 50 to 60 cm. and are in shades of pink, white and soft rose.

Amerines are hardy plants, I have had mine for about six years and they are now in a large clump which I will be dividing in the spring. The Bishop series of dahlias are a good planting companions with Amerines.

Our gardens have really suffered with the heat this year, however, they will soon come back and flourish again as they always do.

Happy gardening
Keith

A NEW CHAPTER FOR PECKFORTON'S HISTORIC ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

An important piece of Cheshire's local heritage has been carefully relocated following a major conservation effort supported by the village community.



One of Peckforton's most distinctive historic landmarks has begun a new chapter following the successful relocation of the village's Grade II listed Elephant and Castle monument. Carved around 1859 by local master stonemason John Watson, who also worked on Peckforton Castle, the remarkable sandstone sculpture depicts an elephant carrying an elaborate three-tiered castle. It is a striking example of Victorian craftsmanship and has been associated with the village for more than 160 years.

Although the monument has stood in the garden of Elephant and Castle Cottage for well over a century, it is believed to have originally occupied another location within Peckforton. Its precise original position, and the circumstances of its earlier relocation, remain uncertain.

The inspiration behind the sculpture is also the subject of local historical interest, with possible connections to the Corbett family, former landowners in the area, among the theories surrounding its creation. Whatever its original purpose, the monument has become an important and much-loved feature of Peckforton's heritage.

For the past 13 years, the responsibility for its preservation has rested with Alison Barlow, owner of Elephant and Castle Cottage. Recognising both its historical importance

and the challenges of maintaining such an unusual structure, Alison arranged regular structural surveys, generally every two years, to monitor its condition. The elephant had previously undergone restoration approximately 30 years ago, undertaken by Rogers Masonry of Nantwich.

For many years, subsequent inspections indicated that the structure remained relatively stable. However, around two years ago, concerns began to emerge about deterioration in the stonework and the monument's structural integrity.

Further assessment established that urgent support was required, prompting Alison to investigate how best to safeguard the sculpture for the future. What followed was an extensive conservation project requiring careful coordination between architects, planning authorities, specialist stonemasons and lifting contractors.

The monument's listed status, age, weight and delicate condition made the proposed relocation a particularly demanding undertaking. Specialist stonemason Luke Unsworth undertook the skilled stonework required as part of the project, while an experienced crane team was engaged to carry out the challenging operation of moving the historic structure.

Throughout the process, the project benefited from the encouragement and practical support of the wider Peckforton community. Conversations at a village hall social helped generate further involvement, with local residents contributing to the effort to secure the monument's future.

The successful relocation marks the culmination of considerable planning, determination and specialist work. It also represents an important achievement in the conservation of a distinctive piece of Cheshire's local history.

Alison has expressed her sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the project, particularly Luke Unsworth for his craftsmanship, the specialist crane team responsible for the move, and Neil Dyer, Chairman, for his involvement and oversight on behalf of the Parish Council. Alison is also grateful to the villagers, friends and supporters whose encouragement and assistance helped bring the project to fruition.

In a particularly fitting connection with the monument's past, Rogers Masonry, responsible for its restoration some three decades ago, has also produced the commemorative plaque marking this latest chapter in its history.

After more than 160 years, Peckforton's Elephant and Castle can now look forward to a secure future, preserving an extraordinary piece of village history for generations to come.

Sky notes:

The night sky in November at about 8:00pm

The Milky Way is the light blue shading across the middle of the chart; its centre is marked by the blue line (courtesy of in-the-sky.org)

Update on Jodrell Bank

Lots of people ask me for updates on the proposed closure of Jodrell Bank and its Lovell Telescope. In the last edition of The Link, I shared the good news that the Prime Minister said that "There must be a way to save Jodrell Bank, and I give a commitment today, at this despatch box, we will find it."

Yet just ten days later, Government Whip Baroness Ramsey confirmed that public funding for the e-MERLIN radio telescope network, which includes the Lovell telescope at Jodrell, will end in March 2028, with no commitment to save it. Thus, its future as a nationally funded research facility is far from secure after 2028.

November nights

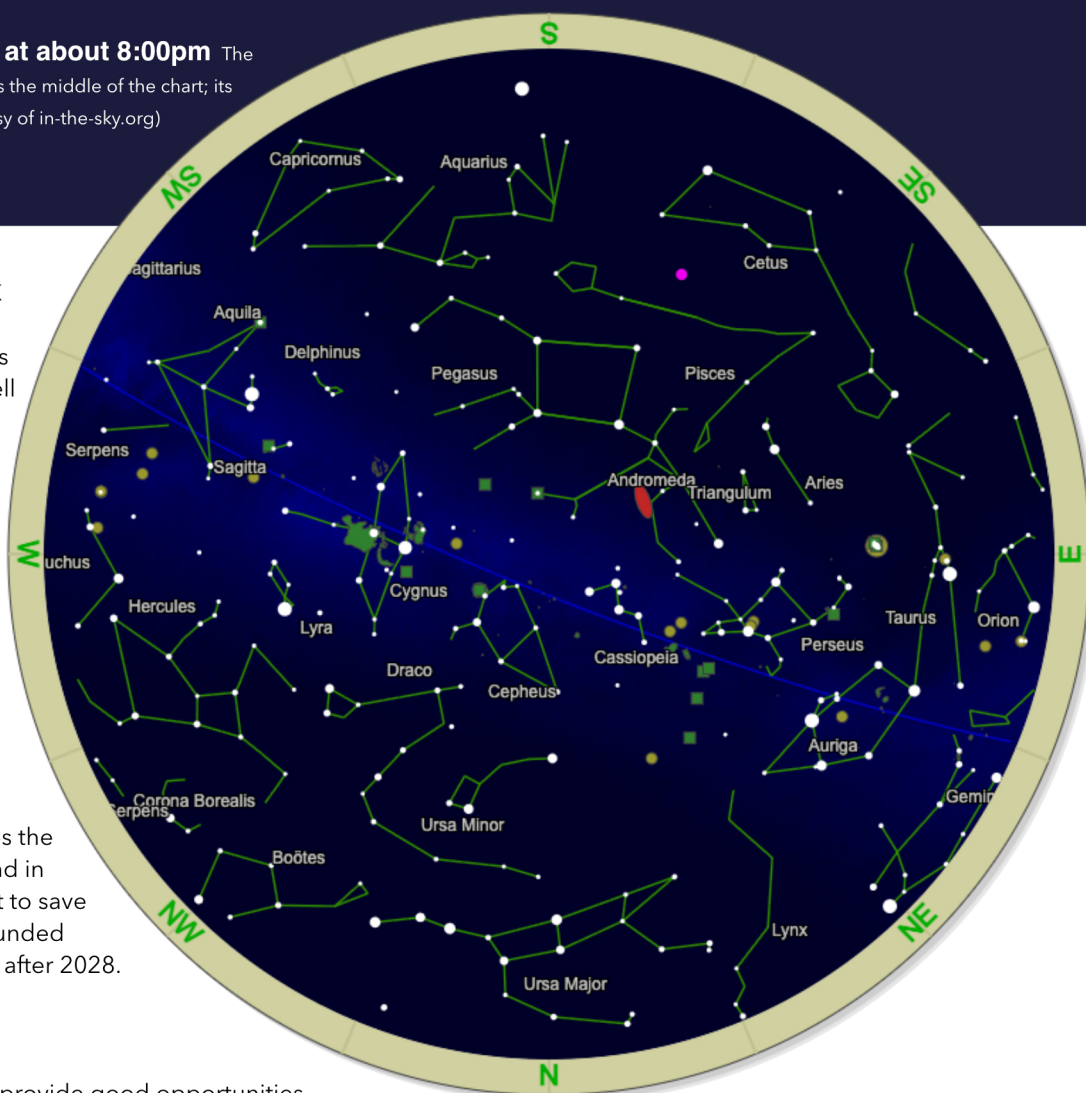
The long November nights often provide good opportunities to enjoy the night sky. Go out on a moonless night and look overhead for the gossamer band of the Milky Way. The accompanying chart shows it arching right across the sky. You'll need find a spot away from artificial lights to see it.

I moved to Bunbury because of its dark skies. However, although I can still see the Milky Way regularly, the growth of light pollution in the intervening 20 years now makes it much harder. We are still lucky in Bunbury: the majority of citizens in our country have been deprived of their birthright to see the stars in the night sky – as much a part of nature and any daylight scene on Earth.

The planets this month

Saturn is visible throughout the evening, setting around 3:00am. The Moon is near Saturn on **20 November**. A small telescope will reveal Saturn's rings.

Jupiter and Mars rise about 11:00pm. The Moon lies above the two planets in the early hours of **2 November**. Look for them before dawn. The following morning, **3 November**, the Moon passes close to them.



The two planets are again close to each other on **29 and 30 November**. Then on **16 November**, Mars and Jupiter lie close to each other in the sky. They are separated by a mere two Moon dimeters. Venus is also on show just before dawn. It reaches its maximum brightness on **27 November**, after it rises at 4:00am. At these times it is often referred to as the Morning Star.

A telescope for Christmas?

I often mention using binoculars in this column. They are wonderful for looking at objects in both the daytime and nighttime skies. In fact, they are ideal for scanning the Milky Way. A good size for astronomy is a "10x50" model – each lens is 50 mm across and they magnify 10 times. You probably already have some, somewhere.

Some seek to give a telescope as a Christmas present. Do buy from a reputable dealer that specialises in telescopes for astronomy rather than, say, a camera shop. Also beware that some online ads. advertise small telescopes that boast huge magnifications, but they often show blurry images.

Clear skies! - Bunbury Stargazer

Bunbury Aldersey School



On Friday 16 October the children from Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School journeyed to St Boniface church for a Harvest Service. This year the themes were the UN rights of the child and thankfulness, which is our Christian value focus for this half term.

Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School is an accredited Rights Respecting School and currently holds the gold certificate. A Rights Respecting School is a place where children can all feel confident with themselves and are encouraged to use their voice. It helps to build confidence and raise awareness of injustice in the world.

Together, young people and the school community learn about children's rights, putting them into practice every day. The Award is not just about what children do but also, importantly, what adults do. In Rights Respecting Schools children's rights are promoted and realised, adults and children work towards this goal together.

There are four key areas of impact for children at a Rights Respecting School; wellbeing, participation, relationships and self-esteem.

The difference that a Rights Respecting School makes goes beyond the school gates, making a positive impact on the whole community.



Children are healthier and happier

Children feel safe

Children have better relationships

Children become active and involved in school life and the wider world.

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers supporting our Harvest Service and sharing the work of the children around the theme of thankfulness and the Rights of the Child.

The children of Bunbury School proved that they are great ambassadors for change for the future with their messages of kindness, hope, generosity and love.

The children spoke clearly and confidently and for the youngest learners in Reception it was their first school service. Thank you to such a dedicated staff team who ensured the children presented and performed to such a high standard.

Thank you to all for the food donations which have been given to the local charity Chance Changing Lives.

Training Days for 2026

The practice will be closed from 1:00pm on Wednesday 11 November; it will reopen the following day at 8:00am
All training days for 2026 can be seen on our website.

Medication Wastage and Awareness

Over the next few months, our dispensary team will be working hard to tackle the nationwide problem of medication wastage with an awareness programme. Unused medicines cost the NHS millions of pounds every year and returning unwanted medicines **BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE BUILDING**, helps us to reduce waste, protect NHS resources and ensure that medicines are available for patients who need them.

We would therefore request that before leaving the dispensary, patients take a moment to check their bag and consider:

- Are all prescribed medicines included?
- Do the quantities supplied look correct?
- You understand how to take your medicines?

If there is an item in the bag which is no longer needed, please return it to the dispensary before leaving the building as once medicines have left the

Bunbury Medical Practice

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building, they cannot be returned to stock or supplied to another patient, even if the pack is unopened; they are destroyed.

We feel that by checking medication bags before leaving, will help to ensure patients receive the medicines they need whilst reducing unnecessary waste to the NHS.

It will also help if patients only tick the medication items they need on their repeat prescription slips. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE

With Christmas fast approaching, we want to make patients aware that we are only closed for three days over the Christmas period – Christmas Day and Bank Holiday Monday 28 December. We will also be closed on New Year's Day.

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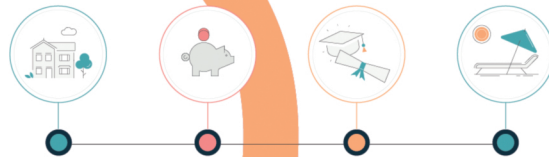
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