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| **Thought for the Week**Monday, 9th November 2020 |

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| Personally, November is a month of mixed emotions; joyful ones with the thrill of fireworks and the beauty of frosty mornings, fallen leaves and autumn sunshine, and also a time of reflection and sadness as I remember those in the life of my family who are no longer alive. I usually find comfort in the ‘All Souls Day Service’ we traditionally have where we join together to light a candle and read out names of those we are remembering. This year we have had to be more creative and, instead of a service our parish has come up with a lovely idea. The church has given out a pinch of For-get-me-not seeds which I am looking forward to planting and enjoying in the year to come. As we sow our seeds, we have been encouraged to think not only about remembering our loved ones but also to remind ourselves of what we are going through this year. Every one of us has lost something – the touch of a friend, the longed-for holiday, a job, a relationship, savings, and for some, their homes. But we must also not forget the things we have gained in this time: new friendships, a feeling of community, time in the outdoors. So, during this season of ‘remembering’ I wonder what precious memories you will make for yourself or for others in this new ‘lockdown’? What will you choose from this season of change not to forget? |

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| *The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us;***Psalm 115:12***“Life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one. In the depths of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge of the beyond; and like seeds dreaming beneath the snow, your heart dreams of spring. Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity.”***Kahlil Gibran** |

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