

Sunday 9th November 2025

Remembrance Sunday

10.00 a.m. All-Age Communion

4.00 p.m. Service of Thanksgiving for the Bereaved

Collect for Today

Lord of the nations, Saviour and judge of all: remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate, grant to those who have died in war your mercy and forgiveness and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who suffered and died, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Service Readings

10am: Psalm 46:1-7 (*p.529*), Ephesians 6:10-17 (*p.192*) and Luke 6:27-31 (*p.62*)

4pm: Psalm 23 (*p.512*), 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 (*p.175*)

Please pray for

... Rebecca Brown, Sylvia Holdsworth, Sue Jones, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell and Becki & Jonathan Salmon.

... the family and friends of Roy Wakefield who died earlier this week.

... the family and friends of Joyce Andrews as they prepare for Joyce's funeral on Tuesday.

... the family and friends of Joseph Zimmerman, Olivia Toubkin and Frances Queenie Gowers whose anniversary of death is at this.

... those who live and work in Cathedral Close, Curling Vale and Downing Avenue.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, in this Eucharist which we have shared, you have spoken your word of life and nourished us with the mysteries of Christ's body and blood; bring us with all who have died in combat or through the injuries of war, to know the joys of heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lived and died and was raised to newness of life, to whom be glory in every age and for eternity. **Amen.**

Dear Friends

Surely one of the most sombre lines in any sitcom comes at the end of Blackadder Goes Forth. When they're about to go over the top, from the trenches – and the guns stop.

And Captain Darling, played by Tim McInnerny, celebrates prematurely - "Thank God! We lived through it. The Great War! 1914 to 1917..."

With hindsight, we know that the 'war to end all wars' did not stop in 1917, and indeed that this war did not end all wars.

From our own perspective, it can be too simplistic to think of World War One lasting four years, World War Two lasting six. But for those who fought and navigated their way through it, they were wars without end. Never knowing when was the time they would ultimately be able to see peace, and thank God for it.

The examples of heroism, courage, service and self-sacrifice that we may think of - perhaps from those in our own family, or those in this parish - had to become a way of life for so many. They didn't choose it. Perhaps it could be said that the moment chose them.

I was reminded of such instinctive bravery this week, when I heard of the impulsive courage of the train guard and others who stood in the way of the train attacker near Huntingdon. Whether in a time of war or peace, these values are there to be embodied. Be equipped - as one of today's readings says - with the armour of God: wear truth, righteousness, readiness, peace and faith.

Christ is the model we can look to - living and dying for others, all in the name of love.

This Remembrance Sunday, we remember all of those who, like Him, laid down their lives for others - and we give thanks. Be blessed today, in gratitude.

Paul Young

Mission Focus for November: Clare and Andrew Koens, Papua New Guinea

Clare and Andrew Koens provide support to the Wycliffe Bible translators in Papua New Guinea. One of Andrew's tasks is looking after the motorbikes (including "the Jesus Video Bike" pictured in November's magazine) used by the translators to access villages and deliver hymnbooks, bibles and school supplies. Clare works in staff care, parent coaching and education. Their children Levi, Heidi and Eowyn are at school – please pray that more teachers can come so a full curriculum can be offered at their school. wycliffe.org.uk/.

Notices

Remembrance Sunday:

- Today at 10am, we'll be welcoming our uniformed organisations to join us in worship. We'll be remembering those who gave their lives for the freedoms that we enjoy today. There will be a cake sale afterwards, organised by the 4th and 2nd Onslow Village Brownies and the 1st Onslow Village Guides, in support of The Royal British Legion.
- At 4pm we'll be holding a Service of Thanksgiving for the Bereaved. At this service we remember those we love but no longer see. It's not too late to let us know of a loved one you'd like to remember – just tell Beverly.

Funeral of Joyce Andrews: Joyce's funeral is taking place here at All Saints this Tuesday 11th December. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Joyce's life with her family and friends.

Interment of Julie Banks' ashes: This will take place in the Garden of Remembrance here at All Saints, on Thursday 20th November at 3pm. All welcome.

Mental Health Foundation Fundraising Concert: Saturday 22nd November at 3pm. Michelle and students and alumni from the University of Surrey will be performing here at All Saints. The concert will be a fusion of classical and pop performers who are studying or have graduated from the Music and Media school. There will also be a bake and art sale in the hall from 2pm. Please support Michelle and this charity by buying tickets here: scanned.page/dv6fxu (where you can also read Michelle's reasons for raising funds for this charity).

Board Games, Jigsaws and Tea at Dray Court: Sunday 23rd November, 4.00-5.30pm. Do join us at Dray Court for fun and tea! Some games and puzzles will be provided, but do bring your own too.

Guildford Food Bank: During November we will be collecting items for the Guildford Food Bank. In December they are expecting to support over 400 client households, which is double the number they saw in December 2022! Please bring your donations to the box provided in church. The items they need this time are: sharing boxes of chocolates or sweets, bags or boxes of sharing savoury snacks, gift toiletries, tinned meat, tinned fish, laundry detergent, dried flavoured noodles, toothpaste. Thank you!

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and on Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 10th Women's Bible Study, 16 East Meads, 12.30pm
Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
- Tues 11th Funeral of Joyce Andrews, Church, 11.00am
- Weds 12th Wednesday Lunch Group, 12.30pm
PCC Meeting, Vicarage, 7.15pm
- Thurs 13th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am,
The Venerable Julian Hubbard presiding.
Men's Group 'Exploring the Way', 24 Bannisters Way, 8.00pm
- Fri 14th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
- Sun 16th BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 10th Ps. 20, Isaiah 5:8-24, Matthew 4:23-5:12
- Tues 11th Ps. 21, Isaiah 5:25-end, Matthew 5:13-20
- Weds 12th Ps. 23, Isaiah 6, Matthew 5:21-37
- Thurs 13th Ps. 26, Isaiah 7:1-17, Matthew 5:38-end
- Fri 14th Ps. 32, Isaiah 8:1-15, Matthew 6:1-18
- Sat 15th Ps. 33, Isaiah 8:16-9:7, Matthew 6:19-end

Service Readings for Sunday 16th November: 2nd before Advent

Malachi 4:1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 and Luke 21:5-19

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