

WELCOME to St. Johns



SUNDAY, 12th NOVEMBER 2017 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00am *Holy Communion*
10.00am *Service of Remembrance*
Revd Trevor Filtness
Preacher: Christine Hollis

Scriptures:

Micah 4: 1-5 (page 932)
Ephesians 6: 10-17 (page 1177)
John 15: 9-17 (page 1083)

This Week

Mon 13th	9.30am	Blue Moon Café
	10-10.30am	Little Fishes Nursery Rhymes & Songs
	7.30pm	Informal Prayer Hour in the Upper Room
Tues 14th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Wed 15th	11.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Prayers for Mission Possible
Thurs 16th	9.00am	Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th November 2017: 2nd Before Advent

8.00am **Holy Communion:** Revd Trevor Filtness, Preaching Zoe Skinner
Sidesman: Ian Hewitt

10.00am **Holy Communion:** Ministers as above, Welcomers: Carol
Milford & Marion Collin. Lesson Reader: Steve Protheroe.
Prayers: Mel Ainsworth. Chalice: Alan & Lyn Elliot

1.00pm Celebration and thanksgiving for marriage, Mr & Mrs Campbell: Revd T Filtness

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Please send items for next newsheet to the office by 10am Wed

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN CHURCH

Sunday 26th Nov at 6pm: Candlelit Advent Praise Service
Sunday 3rd Dec (Advent Sunday) at 3pm: Messy Christingle
Sunday 10th Dec at 3.30pm: In Loving Memory
Friday 15th Dec at 10am: End of Term School Assembly
Sunday 17th Dec at 6pm: Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols
Sunday 18th Dec at 6.45pm School KS2 Carol Service
Christmas Eve:
6pm: Carols Around the Tree
1130pm: Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 10am: Family Holy Communion

Please note that our usual 8am HC and 10 am Services take place except Christmas Day when there is no 8am Holy Communion.

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

From Advent Sunday I will be preaching a sermon Series based on the reflections in: *God with Us—Your Christmas Journey.*

This booklet has been produced by the Church of England and is recommended for use by Archbishop Justin. Contributors include Paula Gooder.

We will provide the booklets so that you can use them during the 4 weeks of Advent and during the 13 days from Christmas Eve to New Year. There is a small cost associated with the booklets.

Each reflection is accompanied by a picture, a challenge and a short Bible reading to help you make connections between the Christmas Story and your own life and to take the next step on your journey of faith.

I recommend that Home Groups and other groups also use this book during Advent. My sermons will introduce the weekly topic and I hope provide some more thoughts around the weekly Advent Theme. For those of you who use Social Media you can also join in conversations on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and visit Video Clips on U-Tube, for details please go to www.churchofengland.org/christmas If you use social media you can join in conversations now.

I hope you will be able to join in, **best wishes Trevor**

Church Library - Books for Christmas and Advent.

Please browse the selection of books specially written for Advent and Christmas. Be *challenged, inspired, encouraged* putting Jesus Christ first at this busy time of year.

Ann Mitchell

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Thank you so much for knitting!!!!!!

The next stage is to collect them in and tag them with our Christmas message. I have booked the Church Centre for Monday, December 4th from 2.00p.m. for us to do this.

Meanwhile, it would be good to know how many you have knitted, and to know how near our 250 Angel target we are, In case we have to do 'midnight knitting!!!

Happy Knitting and every blessing as you knit.

Mary Close

'IN LOVING MEMORY SERVICE' – 3.30pm Sunday 10 December: FLOWERS

Donations for flowers in memory of someone you loved and continue to love

Our Flower Team would like to display flower arrangements for this special service. If you would like to make a donation of money towards the cost of the flowers in memory of someone special to you, please take an envelope on the table at the entrance to the Church, provide the information requested and then give the envelope to either: Alison Myall at the 08.00am service and Pam Ewing at the 10.00am Service, or the Trevor if Alison or Pam unavailable

Donations will be needed in advance at the latest by Sunday 26 November Best wishes Ann Mitchell

MISSION SUPPORT & GIVING

Our Team supports several Charities, which are promoted in Church by Charity Champions (See Notice Board). In the forthcoming year three presentations are planned at the 10 am services and three Charities will be invited to provide these. If you feel this is something you could be part of please contact Jonathan Nash or Pat Groves.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

We plan to clean the church on Friday 1st December from 10 a.m. please do come and help us and enjoy the reward of lunch afterwards.

I hope you can spare a few hours and let me know at:

cynthiaraley@yahoo.co.uk.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Cynthia Raley

LADIES' BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

An invitation for all ladies to come to our Breakfast on 25th November and be waited on by the gentlemen of our church. Spend the morning having breakfast cooked and served to you before we begin the busy Advent season. Tickets on sale from the church office and Mike Coombe priced £5.00.

Mary Close

(Added incentive: Rev Trev will be helping the Man-MINKIES)



Pray for all those in our church family who have particular needs or are bereaved and also for our Young Church. Pray also for the apostolic mission of our church. If you would like prayers for yourself, for a person or situation of concern to you, please do ask at the end of the service.

We have a growing number of our church family who are, in one way or another, suffering with acute or persistent health problems or generally needing our prayers for their health and wholeness. Please pray for Lorna Skeet,

Eileen Stubbington, Lyn Elliot, Eunice & Bob Byrom, Dee Brien, Michael Page, Pearl Davies, Nicholas and the Hammett family, Ann Mitchell, Carole Fulker, Stuart Hall, Judy Notley, Vince Lear, Peter Bruce, Colin & Elaine Wood, Hilary Page & Bill Floyd. Also thank and praise God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) for His presence in our lives and the Good News of His Gospel.

Trevor