All Saints' Church

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Sunday 8th November *Remembrance Sunday*

9.45am Holy Communion led by Revd John Kirkby

4pm Messy Church

Readings

Micah 4 vv 1-5
John 15 vv 9-17

Hymns

132 O God our help in ages past
707 Make me a channel of your peace
238 Lead us heavenly Father
470 Lord for the years

Thought for the week: Remembrance Sunday

Loving God,
as we work for peace – give us wisdom,
as we strive for justice – give us courage,
as we tear down the walls that divide – give us strength,
as we care for those in need – give us compassion.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Revd Ian Brown (RAF chaplain)

Blessings, Caroline

Morning Prayer at 9am and **Eucharist** at 9.30am continue on Tuesday mornings. Evening Prayer is on Fridays at 4pm. All welcome.

"Coffee, Chat and Toddlers": everyone is welcome to enjoy some fellowship and time together from 10 - 11.30am on Tuesday mornings in the Lower Hall.

Friendship Club meets on Tuesday afternoons in the Lower Hall. This week will be Hoy Bingo.

Annual Congregational Meeting: our annual meeting will be after the morning service on **Sunday 15th November**. Do please stay if you can. The Annual Report of the Church Council and the Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2026 will be received at this meeting. These will be issued by email this weekend, with a small number of printed copies available in church this Sunday.

Advent Bible Study: Revd Caroline will be leading a series of Bible studies for Advent on the theme of "Angels from the realms of glory". These will be on Zoom at 2pm on Wednesdays, starting on **2nd December**.

2nd December: An invitation to trust God
Luke 1: 5 – 20: the angel visits Zechariah

9th December: An invitation to share in bringing new life
Luke 1: 26 – 38: the angel Gabriel visits Mary

16th December: An invitation to confront prejudice
Matthew 1:18 – 25: the angel visits Joseph

23rd December: An invitation to cross boundaries
Luke 2:8 – 20: the angels visit the shepherds

Everyone is very welcome. For more information and Zoom joining details, please contact Revd Caroline on cwickens1985@outlook.com

Berkhamsted in Bloom/Eco Berko: everyone is welcome to help plant 2000 bulbs on The Moor (opposite the train station) on **Sunday 8th November** from 2-3pm.

Food pantry: a reminder that weekly donations to the All Saints' Food Pantry (open every day via the cupboard in the church porch) are very much appreciated, as there continues to be a regular uptake of the items we offer.

Service streaming: the link to watch the service on Sundays is: https://www.youtube.com/@Allsaintshp4/live

Prayer Requests

For: Jonathan and Ann Hayes; Terry; Doug Billington; Penny; Heather Gifford; Chris Billington

November takes us from All Saints' Day to Advent. A time of remembrance to a time of waiting for hope, peace, joy and love.

Our God in heaven has gathered in his keeping the saints of the Church through the ages and from every nation. As we celebrate those with 'Saint' before their name we also remember those who have quietly served Him and made sacrifices no-one hears about. We thank Him for the brightness of their witness and their inspiration to us.

All our laughter, all our sadness - Safe now in God's hands

All our anger, all our gladness – Safe now in God's hands

All our stories, all our memories – Safe now in God's hands

Those we remember, those we love – Safe now in God's hands

Remembrance – not just remembering but keeping the memory alive. As we reflect on past conflicts and the resulting injury, trauma, death, courage, fear – lives changed forever, we hold before God the violence and warfare of our own times. We pray that He will give us politicians and military leaders equal to the huge tasks they face – wise in judgement, calm in spirit, makers of peace

Christ the King came 'not to be served, but to serve……' We pray for all those organisations All Saints' supports at home and abroad: Embrace the Middle East; Karibuni Children; The Leprosy Mission; Phakamisa; DENS; The Way Inn; The Swan Youth Project.

God of the past who has fathered and mothered us – we are here to thank you

God of the future who is always ahead of us – we are here to trust you

God of the present here in the midst of us – we are here to praise you

God of life beyond us within us – we rejoice in your glorious love

We continue to pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Julia Wright; Corinne & William; Gary Andersen; Charlie; Graham Rule; Clare Hancock; Valerie Ruddock; Jenny Wells; Marnie Taylor; Lesley Whittaker; Mark, Nicola and family; Helen and Sarah; Marion and Julian; Jean Emsall; Ida; Audrey and Paul; James;