

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 18th November

10am Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th November

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd December

10am Holy Communion

6.30pm Advent Service

Sunday 9th December

8.30am Holy Communion BCP

10am Café Church

6.30pm Advent Service

Intercessory Prayer

Please inform the church wardens or a member of the ministry team if you would like to add anyone to the weekly intercessions or to receive communion at home.

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Highlights of the coming weeks:

Tuesday 13th November

2pm Coffee, Create & Chat

Wednesday 14th November

9am High Legh Prayers

7pm Rock Solid Youth Group

Wednesday 21st November

9am High Legh Prayers

12.30pm Parish Lunch

Saturday 24th November

2 – 4pm Afternoon Tea

with Lorraine Worsley MBE

Tickets £13 from Elaine or Liz

Tuesdays 4th, 11th, 18th December 2018

7.30pm Advent Film Group in Church Room.

A slightly different approach to our Advent group this year. We will watch the black and white film 'It's a Wonderful Life' right the way through on 4th December (with ice-cream and popcorn of course!)

As we watch we will make note of any issues that we feel need further discussion and during the following two weeks, we will discuss some of them in a semi-structured way and consider how they relate to our preparation during Advent to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to St John's



Sunday 11th November 2018

10am Remembrance Sunday Service

4pm Storytelling Service

Readings

Hebrews 9. 24 – end

Mark 1. 14-20

Today's Collect:

Third Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

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St John's Prayers

for this week

Please pray for:

Keith, Tom, Pat, Simon, Brian & Anne, Margaret, the family of Kath Wright, the residents of Golborne Lane and Shuldham Close, Little Acorns and Rock Solid.

Sunday

On 4th August to 11th November we have been part of the Hundred Days of Prayer called by King George V to mark the end of the two world wars. On this Armistice Day, our Remembrance Sunday, we give praise and thanks to God, our strength and our Redeemer. Lord God we are saddened at the thought of war, of the soldiers who must fight and those people who are killed. Today we remember their sacrifice with great sadness and thank them for what they did for us. Amen

Monday

A Prayer for young people on wearing a poppy

Dear Lord God. It must be difficult for the young to see the point of wearing a poppy or what difference two minutes silence makes, when we could be shouting protests!

But we keep these traditions to show that we are able to recognise the value of a life broken as being a precious gift for us; whilst when taking two minutes of silence we can reflect on how much freedom and peace we have inherited at the cost of many lives. So

as young and old come together on Remembrance Sunday we look to the future. We cannot change what has been, but do not need to repeat its mistakes. We pray that You, Dear Lord Jesus, take the very best of our lives, bind us into one people of faith and help us to share common values. Bless us this Armistice Day with the love of Jesus, caring for one another's dreams and hopes and with Your Holy Spirit turn them into reality. Amen

Tuesday - A Prayer for those affected by war

God of Justice and Peace. We pray for those injured or disabled by war; For those who have lost homes and security through conflict and those suffering grief for the death of loved ones, For those Who face danger and take risks for peace.

We pray especially for the children, the helpless and the elderly; for refugees and all who need aid and other help.

God of encouragement and Saviour of the despairing, Comfort those who are affected by war, and guide mankind in building a Just and peaceful community for all. Amen

Wednesday

Some 65 million men were mobilised across Europe during World War 1. Nearly a third of them – some 21 million – were wounded. Another 8.5 million were killed and some 7.7 million were taken prisoners of war. All of them had family and friends whose lives were changed forever by the events of 1914-1918. This year gives us the chance to remember, but also to pray and work for peace,

looking forward with hope. We pray for all touched by war and the consequences they live with every day. Amen

Thursday

Dear God Our Heavenly Father, bless us with Your Heavenly assurance, that You are in all things, the tragic and the beautiful, the nightmare and the dream, the light and the darkness. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Who is the Peace of the World, today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen

Friday

Dear God, we remember the victories of the two world wars won for us by others' sacrifices. Dear Lord Jesus, You also knew the sorrows, cruelty and pain of abandonment and death, and we acknowledge now that in dying for us You won the ultimate victory that on Easter morning You rose again, conquered sin and death, and showed us the path to our Loving God. Amen

Saturday - Psalm 107

Alleluia! Alleluia! The victory is won, and we are free from death. "Give Thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; and gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever!" Amen