

### St. Andrew's Church Woodside 13th November 2022

**Collect for Remembrance Sunday** 

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Message from Julie

On Remembrance Sunday we remember those who gave their lives for the benefit of others; who struggled to uphold the greater good and resisted the greater evil.

What are we doing when we remember?

- We remember the sacrifice\_of the Armed Forces from Britain and the Commonwealth, people of many faiths and of none.
- We pay tribute to the special contribution of families and the emergency services.
- We acknowledge innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict.
- We honour those who continue to serve to defend our freedom because, although the hope was that WWI would be "the war to end all wars" sadly that is a distant dream. Soldiers are still dying, or coming home disabled in body or mind.

Remembrance does **not** glorify war. War is cruel. War is failure.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. As Christians we are called to be people of peace. We are called to be peace-makers. And yet in the face of evil we are called to act. That was perhaps no clearer than in World War II where the principles of just war were so in evidence. In this fallen world, when faced with injustice and horror, the Christian must choose the side which has the least evil, and then must act with courage. It is this same spirit that we stand today with the people of Ukraine. It is why we must not remain silent on issues of justice. If we turn away for a quiet life we are peace-fakers not peace-makers!

## **Prayer Ministry**

One of our pray-ers will be at the front of church for those wishing private prayer following the Sunday service. They will also pray through all those named on the News Sheet, so that all those in the list are named in prayer each week. Sylvia will lead this after today's service.

# The church is open for public worship on Sundays

Following Church of England guidance on covid security, facemasks are no longer mandatory, but we are maintaining an area at the back of church for those who wish to be more socially distanced. Zoom Fellowship follows the service. Refreshments will be available in church after the service. For those not with us in church, the 10.30 Sunday service will be available live on Zoom meeting: 878 5926 2657, passcode 664663 or click on

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdad291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09

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We are here as God's family, to draw closer to God, to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.

## Practical help for the Community



Please continue dropping food items for Azalea into the trug in church. Rita from the Azalea Team has been in touch with thanks for our Harvest Gifts and on-going food donations. Appreciating our overall support, she tells us that God answers many prayers as Azalea works at the airport with Border Force. "Praise God!" (Copies of Rita's card are available at the back for you to view her full message.)

Noah provides for about 50 people daily! Fruit, crisps, biscuits & cake NOAH bars are requested for packed lunch items. Items may be dropped off at Nikki West's home, 43 Summer Street.

Luton Foodbank needs are increasing significantly. Your support provides aid to adults & children in great need. Please continue to donate food items: high protein items e.g. tinned beans etc, dry pasta, long life milk, etc. are all thankfully received. Please drop your items in the trug at church. Regular financial donations are requested too, tick the Gift Aid box where appropriate. Our next scheduled date for dropping off items at the Food Bank is November 25th.

*Items for Asylum Seekers:* Adult toothbrushes, Shampoo, Body Moisturiser, Shower Gel, Baby's Toiletries, Baby oil/moisturiser. New T-shirts S/M/L, Joggers S/M/L, Crop tops, Bras, Socks. Items to Julie please or put them in the box at the back of church.

# Warm up this winter, join the GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME in conjunction with St Andrew's Church for Hot Soup and a Sandwich at the Sun



£3 per person, Tea & Coffee will be available at additional cost
Open to all Senior Citizens, Tuesdays 12 to 2 pm
For more information call the Good Neighbour Scheme on 07513 372 415

NB: If you can offer some time on Tuesday afternoons, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church as St Andrews supports this new local initiative.

St. Andrew's Community Coffee Morning! - Saturday 26th November 10 to mid-day



Drop in any time for Tea, Coffee & Good Company.

Come and see Paula's lovely Artwork!

Plus: Mince Pies and for those up to it,
an opportunity to apply your Christmas Tree decorating talents!

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## Christmas Carols in the Village

The Christmas Lights Switch-On will take place on at the Village Hall on Sunday 27th November, time to be fixed. St Andrew's are invited to lead the Carol Singing around the Hall Christmas Tree, then in the Rising Sun. Singers of any ability are welcome to join our group so please speak to Sue Briggs or Peter King if you wish to join in.