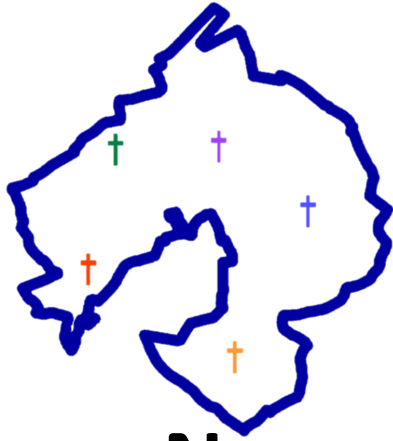




Parish of All Souls North Warwickshire

Austrey, Newton Regis,
Seckington,
Shuttrington with Alvecote
& Warton

November 2025 Church News

I always think of November as a month of remembering. As autumn deepens, the nights draw in and the year draws to its close, we are invited to pause—to look back with gratitude, to hold in prayer those we have loved, and to look forward in hope.

On **All Saints' Day**, we give thanks for all the holy men and women who have gone before us—those famous in faith and those known only to us. They remind us that sainthood is not about perfection but about love: living faithfully and generously in the light of God.

On **All Souls' Day**, we hold our service of memories, where we remember and pray for those who have died, trusting in God's mercy and everlasting care. Memory becomes a sacred bridge between earth and heaven, reminding us that love endures beyond death.

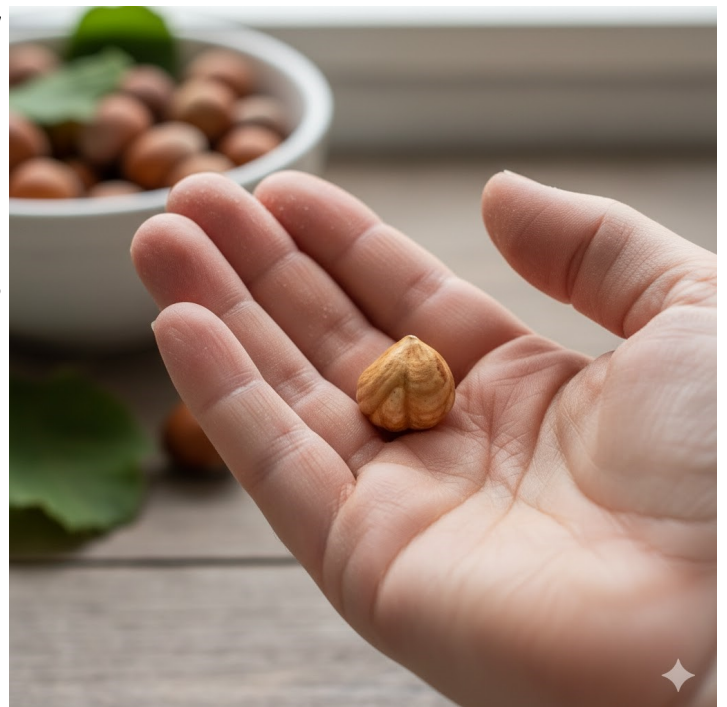
Remembrance Sunday then calls us to honour those who gave their lives in war. Their courage and sacrifice challenge us to be peacemakers and to build a world where justice and compassion prevail.

In all this remembering, we are drawn closer to the heart of God. The 14th-century mystic Julian of Norwich once held a tiny hazelnut in her hand and saw in it a vision of all creation. God showed her that **"it lasts and ever shall, for God loves it."** Everything that exists—every person, every moment, every memory—is held in that same love.

At the end of the month we turn toward Advent, as we do, we carry this truth with us. Remembering teaches us to live more gently, more faithfully, more aware of God's presence in all things. In remembering, we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, who gathers past, present, and future into the endless love of God.

Blessings

Rev'd Joanne



SERVICES & READINGS:

Nov 02 Festival of All Saints/4th Sunday before Advent 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-12 Luke 19: 1 – 10

8.30 am	AUSTREY	Holy Communion
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10.30 am NEWTON REGIS Family Worship

4.00 pm **AUSTREY** Service of Memories (Wisdom 3 : 1-9 John 6 : 27 – 40)

Nov 09	3rd Sunday before Advent /REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	Genesis 9: 8 – 17	Luke 12: 1 –7
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9.00 am NEWTON REGIS Remembrance Service

10.45 for 11am SECKINGTON Remembers

<u>11.15 am</u>	WARTON	Remembrance Service (following Act of Remembrance at Warton War Memorial)
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NO EVENING SERVICE

Nov 16 2nd Sunday before Advent 2 Thessalonians 3: 6 – 13 Luke 21: 5 – 19

10.30 am	AUSTREY	Family Worship
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6.00 pm NEWTON REGIS Holy Communion

Nov 23 Sunday next before Advent/CHRIST THE KING Colossians 1 : 11 – 20 Luke 23 : 33 – 43

8.30 am	WARTON	Holy Communion (BCP)
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10.30 am SHUTTINGTON Family Worship

6.00 pm SHUTTINGTON Evening Prayer

Nov 30 ADVENT SUNDAY **Isaiah 2 : 1 – 5** **Matthew 24 : 36 – 44**

10.30 am SHUTTINGTON Family Worship

6.00 pm AUSTREY Evening Prayer

FUTURE DATES:

Thurs 6 November 2 – 4 pm **Coffee & Chat** in Warton Parish Room

Sat 8 November 9.30 am – 12.30 pm **Austrey Big Breakfast** in Village Hall in aid of
St Nicholas Church

Sat 8 November 6.00 pm **Austrey Bonfire & Fireworks Night**

Sun 9 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – see service details

Tues 11 November 10.50 for 11.00 am Act of Remembrance at St Nicholas Austrey

Sat 15 November 7.30 pm Country Music & Line Dancing Evening Austrey Village Hall in aid of St Nicholas Church. Sold out!

Thurs 20 November 2 – 4 pm **Coffee & Chat** in Warton Parish Room

Fri 21 November 7 for 7.30 pm **Christmas Bingo** at Newton Regis Village Hall in aid of
St Mary's Church

Fri 21 November 7.30—8.30 Shiloh at All Saints Church, Seckington

Sat 29 November 10 am – 12 noon **All Souls Christmas Market** at Newton Regis Village Hall

Mon 1st December 7.30 PCC at The Vicarage, Austrey

Prayers for the world: we pray for the fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas to hold but above all for increased humanitarian aid to reach the citizens of Gaza. We pray too for a peaceful and just outcome to the conflict between Ukraine and Russia. We pray for aid to come to all suffering in our world today, whether through war, poverty, disease or climate change and we pray for all nations to act urgently to combat the effects of global warming. We ask your blessing too on all agencies working to help the vulnerable, the needy and the underprivileged, in particular our own Mission Partners.

Prayers for the nation: we pray for King Charles III and all the members of the Royal family, for the Prime Minister and members of his government as they prepare for the budget at the end of the month, that due consideration might be given to those struggling to cope with increased financial pressures in their daily lives. We pray for those working in the NHS and Social Care in the face of continued pressure on their services.

Prayers for the Church: we pray for the Church and its leaders, remembering especially Dame Sarah Mullally as she prepares for her role as Archbishop of Canterbury. We lift up too our Bishops Michael & Esther, our Area Dean Louise Shaw and all the clergy of the Deanery of Coleshill & Polesworth. We pray for Joanne in her role as Rector of All Souls, that you would grant her health and strength to carry out her demanding role as Rector of our parish.

Prayers our Community: we pray for God's blessing to be with all who live or work in our parish, for his love to surround all the staff & children in our 3 village schools, that they will return refreshed after the half term break.

Prayers for the sick: we ask for your loving and comforting presence to be with all who are ill or in pain at this time, whether at home, in hospital or in residential care. We pray especially for those experiencing mental health problems to receive the help and support they need but also that they would know reassurance and peace.

Prayers for the bereaved: we pray for all who mourn at this time. Draw close to them in their grief as they adjust to life without their loved ones; may they be aware of God's love and care in times of sorrow.

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way."

(2 Thessalonians 3 : 16)

For up to date information on services please check out [A Church Near You](#) (online) or your local church noticeboard. Baptisms, weddings and funerals can all be accommodated and enquiries should be made to the Rector Revd Joanne Dyer:
email: rector_all_souls@btinternet.com or tel: 07596 933488

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP During the month of November we focus our prayers on Mission Aviation Fellowship, which provides life-saving transport along with the message of the gospel to people living in some of the remotest areas of the world. If you wish to make a financial gift, please put it, clearly marked, in the offertory box or plate or contact Trish Richardson 01827 66282 or trishrich18@gmail.com

HARVEST THANKSGIVING: Thanks to all who donated items which have been distributed to Tamworth Food Bank and Birmingham City Mission.

BCM CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL: Donations of toys, games, puzzles and books (new, unwrapped, for ages from 0 to 15) will be accepted at any service in All Souls up to and including **Sunday 9th November**. Alternatively, you can choose a gift online (their Toy Link Amazon Wishlist 2025 includes many items needed) and have it delivered to **The Clock Tower, 2 Langdon Street, Birmingham B9 4 BP**. Otherwise you can make a donation online via **BCM's Toylink giving page**.

CHURCH FUNDRAISING:

All of our churches are showing their age and in need of varying amounts of attention so please support fundraising events wherever possible.

Fundraising is ongoing to support exploratory works to the nave roof at **AUSTREY** so please support the **Big Breakfast on Saturday 8th November**. Sittings available between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. Breakfast baps £5, full English £10 free hot drink. Tickets available online at <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NjU1OC0xNA/t> (booking fee applies) or call Heather on 01827 830548. We are also grateful to Hillary, Mandy and Austrey Village Hall who are also hosting an evening of country music and line dancing on **Saturday 15th November** in support of St Nicholas church. Tickets already SOLD OUT.

Work to repair to the church bells at **NEWTON REGIS** was successfully completed by the summer. However, there is always another project waiting in the wings – along with disabled access we need to check the roof is sound - so do support the **Christmas Bingo on Friday 21st November**. **SECKINGTON** is basking in the warmth of the new heating system, focusing on the final bit of fundraising before the next project. **SHUTTINGTON** has a recently formed fundraising team organising various events to support church restoration. A longer term project is the repair of the bell which dates from 1664. **WARTON** needs a new roof and is awaiting a schedule of works and estimates – suggestions for fundraising welcome.

ALL SOULS CHRISTMAS MARKET: On **Saturday 29th November** All Souls is hosting a **Christmas Market** from 10 am – 12 noon in Newton Regis Village Hall. As well as stalls run by the churches, one or two tables remain for hire at a cost of £10. To secure a table please contact Anne Bufton-McCoy on 07738 008900 or email anne@seckington.org.uk. Do come along and see what's on offer – there will be food, drink and local crafts.

***“And do not forget to do good and to share with others,
or with such sacrifices God is pleased.”***

(Hebrews 13 : 16)