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### Church E-News

from the Parish of Fladbury, Hill & Moor, Wire Piddle, Cropthorne & Charlton and the Parish of Bishampton & Throckmorton

# **Sunday 2nd November - All Saints Day**

11.00am - Holy Communion - Fladbury 3.30pm - All Souls Service - Charlton

## **Notice re Shoebox Appeal 2025**

Five Alive parish are inviting anyone who would like to join with children from our schools in Cropthorne and Fladbury in contributing to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal run by teams4U.

This charity works with local Red Cross in Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus and Romania to identify children most in need, and then delivers Christmas Gift boxes directly to schools, hospitals, orphanages and communities. Further information can be found at www.teams4U

Leaflets are available in all our churches with suggestions for suitable items to include. Some flatback boxes will also be available in churches or you are welcome to decorate your own shoebox. Maybe you could join with a friend to fill a box. Completed boxes can be brought to any church service, or taken to Jane Bugg at The Haven, Farm Street, Fladbury, Tel. 01386 860531 and we ask that they be returned by Tuesday 25th November please. Thank you.

Jean Ounsted

# Cropthorne Churchyard Clear-Up - Thank you

to the nine volunteers who worked in Cropthorne Churchyard last Saturday, filling a tractor trailer with green waste. What a difference it has made!

# **Fladbury Churchyard Clear-up**

#### Saturday 1st November, 10am - 12:00pm

Do please come along on Saturday when we will be having a final clear up of the year. Bring your own garden tools and gloves. Refreshments will be provided.

# **Bishampton Churchyard Clear-up**

### Saturday 1st November, 10am - 12:00pm

Be a saint and lend a hand on All Saints' Day to help tidy Bishampton churchyard. Bring your own garden tools and gloves. Coffee will be provided.

## **Sheila Newbury RIP**

Sheila lived in Fladbury and was a guide leader for many years.

Her funeral will take place at the Vale Crematorium on Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm.

# Would You Consider Giving a Legacy Gift to our Parish?

For many people, leaving a gift in your will, otherwise known as a legacy, is a final opportunity to make a lasting gift to God. It is also a way to make a lasting difference to the future of your church and community.

Leaving a gift in your will is an important decision to make and one that deserves careful thought and consideration. Writing a will is essential to make sure your estate is taken care of and goes to support the friends, family and causes that you care most about.

You can find out more from our <u>Legacy webpage</u>, or by picking up a <u>leaflet</u> which can be found on the tables at the back of one of the Five Alive Parish churches.

## **Prayer Requests**

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# **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Charlton Old Schoolroom

Saturday 1st November 11.00am -2.00pm

Lots of stalls including

pre-loved adult and children's clothes, Christmas goodies, crafts, plants, cakes, raffle

Bacon rolls and tea and coffee available

Children's competition - best hand-made Christmas decoration

Prizes for ages up to 6 and 7 to 13

Please leave donations of clean, good quality clothing in the church Please bring donations of cakes and raffle prizes to the schoolroom after 9.30am on the day

the Christmas spirit. When choosing decorations, why not think about the environment as well as finding a bargain? Opt for sturdy ornaments you can enjoy year after year, or, for a personal touch, try crafting your own using natural treasures like pinecones. Natural wreaths and garlands don't just look lovely—they can be composted once the festivities are over, making them a planet-friendly choice. If you're planning on a Christmas tree, consider getting one in a pot; you can plant it outside in January and watch it grow year after year. For wrapping presents, upcycle leftover fabric or paper scraps, and make sure any cards and wrapping paper can go straight into the recycling bin. Remember, glittery or foil parts might sparkle, but they can't be recycled. To finish off your gifts, use string instead of sticky tape—it's kinder to the environment and adds a charming, rustic touch. Have fun making your Christmas greener and more joyful!

Eco Church Team



### Sunday 2nd November - All Saints' Day

11:00 Holy Communion Fladbury 15:30 All Souls' Service Charlton

### Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Sunday

10:15 FLADBURY Remembrance Service with uniformed youth organisations & 10:50 Act of Remembrance on Village Green

10:15 CROPTHORNE Remembrance Service & 10:50

Act of Remembrance by War Memorial

10:45 WYRE PIDDLE Act of Remembrance by War Memorial

10:45 BISHAMPTON Act of Remembrance on the Green

### Tuesday 11th November - Armistice Day

18:30 LOWER MOOR Armistice Service

### Sunday 16th November

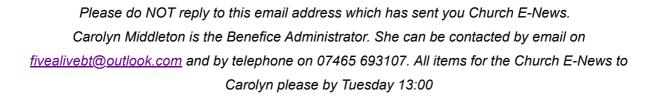
9:30 Holy Communion Wyre Piddle 11:00 Holy Communion Fladbury

### Sunday 23rd November - Christ the King

9:30 Café Church Charlton 11:00 Holy Communion Bishampton

### Sunday 30th November - Advent Sunday

11:00 Holy Communion Charlton 18:00 Advent Carols Fladbury





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