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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 26th October - 18th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am - Morning Worship - Bishampton

11.00am - Holy Communion - Charlton

Harvest - Thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Celebrations through church services, brunches, lunches and suppers, decorating churches and halls, and for the donations from across our group of churches to Farming Community Network which total £1,879.33. It's been a particularly tough year for farmers with extremes of weather adding further pressure on health, farm viability, and social considerations. FCN is a charity which supports farmers and farming communities in England and Wales. Both Cropthorne with Charlton CofE School, and Fladbury CofE school families were very generous in their support of a collection of tins and packeted food for distribution through Pershore Food Bank, and their church services, both fun and thoughtful, were well attended and enjoyed by their families and school staff.

Sarah

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!

Sarah

A Season of Remembrance

All Saint's

Sunday 2 November is for our churches, All Saint's Day – a Festival to celebrate the lives of the saints. There will be a service with choir at Fladbury at 11:00am.

All Soul's

At 3.30pm on Sunday 2 November at Charlton Church, there will be a short reflective service to remember and give thanks for the people who have been saints in our lives, and a time to light a candle in their memory. Everyone is welcome. If you know of someone who has been bereaved and would like to come, please extend a warm invitation. If you have a loved one whose name you would like to be remembered in this service, please let Carolyn Middleton know fivealivebt@outlook.com; or 07465 693107 before Monday 27 October.

Fladbury Churchyard Clear-up

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

Thanks to everyone who came along to help clear the brambles in October together we made excellent progress. Do please come along in November 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.

Crophorne Church

Earlier in the year we reported that Crophorne's heating had terminally failed. We also reported work to repair the boundary wall onto the highway had been identified in the 5-yearly building inspection, so too repairs to the chancel roof. A structural condition report was commissioned and received on the boundary wall to assess the extent of the damage. Progress to prioritise work and undertake costings has been delayed by the need to appoint a new Church Architect for the Five Alive churches, which we are pleased to say has now been done. We can expect the architect to visit

and safety, being as it is along a public pavement and highway, is of highest concern. Thanks in large part to successive and successful Walkabouts, St Michael's fabric fund has £99,000.

Meeting people's requests for weddings, baptisms, and funerals during the winter months, we shall offer the choice of Fladbury and Charlton as alternatives or, a service at St Michael's without heating. Burials and interment of ashes can still take place at Cropthorne wherever the service.

There will be a service at St Michael's for Remembrance (without heating). Sunday services will resume when warmer weather returns in the spring, though with Christmas Crib Services at Charlton and Fladbury on Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass at Charlton, Christmas morning at Fladbury, and all the regular services there and elsewhere, worship and our welcome to worship, continues!

Sarah and Parish Wardens

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 [Legacy webpage](#), or by picking up a [leaflet](#) which can be found on the tables at the back of one of the Five Alive Parish churches.

New Neighbours?

Do have new neighbours in your area? The Five Alive has a parish welcome card specific to each of the five villages with details of local wardens and our churches. If you have new neighbours, please welcome them on behalf of the church. Ask Carolyn Middleton fivealivebt@outlook.com; or 07465 693107 for a printed card for your village and drop by with it to say "hello and welcome".

If you wish your name to be included in the prayers at church services and on the Church E-News, please let Sarah know, revsarahdangerfield@outlook.com or 01386 861669.

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

This week we are looking at the Buildings & Energy category in the Five Alive Parish Eco Plan which states that:

- We aim to reduce heat loss by keeping on top of basic maintenance and ensuring our buildings are wind and watertight.
- We will continue to buy 100% renewable electricity.
- We aim to waste less electricity, waste less gas/oil, tackle any food waste, reduce leaks and wasting water, and avoid unnecessary purchases.
- We will 'decarbonise' our heating where possible, moving to electric heating.

Eco Church Team



CHURCH SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2025

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

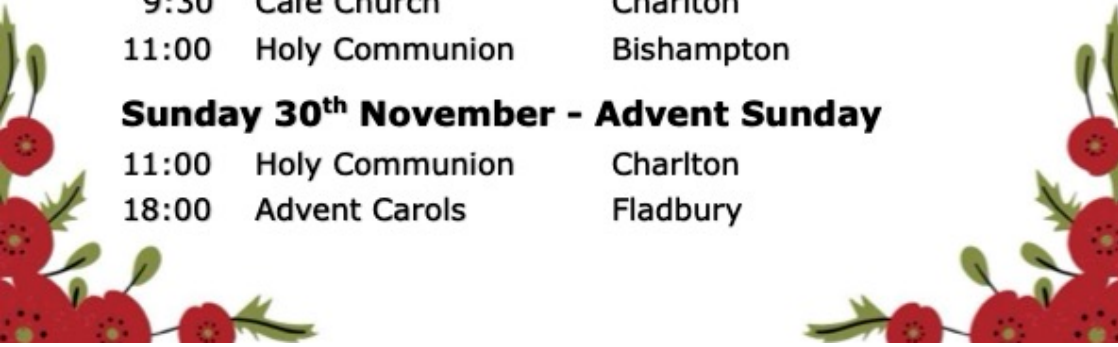
9:30 Holy Communion Wyre Piddle
11:00 Holy Communion Fladbury

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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