

Notices for Sunday 9th November

Remembrance Sunday

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Remembrance Sunday, Sunday 9th November - 10.20am Parade and service in town

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO 10AM SERVICE AT ST MARY'S THIS WEEK. Instead we are encouraging people to support the town parade and service which will be led by Emily Sharman and Bishop Martyn at the Carillon tower in Queen's Park. You can find more information and download a service sheet here:

<https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/remembrance>

6pm Evening Communion at St Mary's, with Act of Remembrance at our War Memorial

In the evening, we will commemorate remembrance with a short service around St Mary's War Memorial at 6pm, leading straight into our usual evening communion service, followed by refreshments.

OTHER SERVICES & EVENTS

Monday Morning Group, Emmanuel Church, 10th November at 10.15am

Our next meeting is at Emmanuel church on 10th November: 'Israel - 3000 Years of Conflict', a talk by Richard Harries. We start with coffee at 10.15 and the meeting at 10.30. All ladies and gentlemen are welcome to this and to any of our monthly meetings.

Midweek Communion, Wednesday 12th November at Midday

Everyone is welcome to join us for a short service of communion followed by an optional simple but delicious soup lunch. This is a great chance to worship and get to know others within a small and friendly group. Please invite friends and think if there is anyone who might welcome a lift.

Praise and Worship Evening, Wednesday 12th November at 6.30pm.

Come and join Dave, Tanvi and Steve O'Rourke (Priest at St David's, Broom Leys) for an hour of praise and worship on Wednesday 12th November. We are also inviting the churches from our proposed Minster Community, and welcome anyone who wishes to come. We will start with tea and coffee at 6.30pm, with the service starting at 7pm.

Dedication Breakfast – Sunday 16th November 8.30am

Let's enjoy breakfast together as a church family as we celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of our church! It will be a self-serve breakfast bar so no need to arrive at 8.30am exactly. Choose from pastries from Olivia's, fresh fruit, granola, yoghurt, cereals and bacon butties. Please sign up [here](#) so that we know how many to cater for and don't forget to let us know about any dietary or access requirements.

We will be joined by some young people from Ashby Youth for Christ who are staying at St Mary's overnight Saturday and joining us for Sunday worship at 10am. Please come along to meet and welcome them.

Gospel Give-Away – Sunday 16th November 2-4pm and Saturday 22nd November 10.30am-12.30pm

A small group attended the training on Tuesday night and will be going out to deliver gospels and information about St Mary's door-to-door around Nanpantan on the dates above. We would be very glad of people to join a prayer group, meeting at St Mary's at that time, praying together before the team goes out, holding them in prayer as they deliver gospels, and joining back together at the end. Don't worry if you can't come for the full two hours, just come

when you can or pray wherever you are. Helena and Adele will also be prayer walking the area this coming Sunday 9th November 2-3pm, anyone is very welcome to join us.

Worship with a Classical Flavour, Sunday 16th November at 6pm.

We are delighted to welcome back good friends of St Mary's the JET trio for the last Worship with a Classical Flavour of the Year. Join us for a short service of Evening Worship, followed by refreshments and a wonderful half hour concert of music. Sunday 16th is our Dedication Sunday where we will be giving thanks for the past and looking towards the future with hope, there will be information about new activities and a finance update. Free admission, there will be a voluntary collection during the service.

Christmas choir – Rehearsals beginning Nov 23rd

Do you like singing and will you be available to help lead our traditional 'Carols by Candlelight' at 6pm on Sunday December 21st? If so you might like to join our Christmas choir, beginning rehearsals on Sunday November 23rd at 11.15am after the morning service. There will be 4 rehearsals over the following Sundays and we ask that you try to attend at least 2. All ages and abilities are welcome, enthusiasm and commitment more important than vocal expertise!!

Minster Community Bring and Share, Wednesday 26th November 7.30pm Thringstone.

The next Prayer and Share evening will be on Wednesday November 26th, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Thringstone. These evenings give the opportunity to get to know others across our 10 churches and to worship and pray together. People say they have found them helpful and inspiring – please come along if you are able. It would be good to share transport, so do let Adele know if you are planning to come and can offer, or would like to receive, a lift.

OTHER NOTICES

Funeral of John Gallon

Please pray for the family and friends of John Gallon whose funeral Adele will be leading at St Mary's on Monday 10th November.

Helena Wilkinson – our new Assistant Administrator!

In case you haven't heard the news, we are delighted that Helena has taken on the role of Assistant Administrator while Lucy is on maternity leave. Helena will begin work next week, working flexibly but normally 10am-12pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Helena does so much in a voluntary capacity for St Mary's we are very grateful she has taken on this additional role. Please pray for her and for Jasmine in this time of handover.

Messy Church Goes Wild in 2026

If you missed Hazel's presentation on Sunday 26th October, we are very excited to be launching Messy Church Goes Wild in the New Year, hosted both here in our woodlands and at Nanpantan Scout Hut. We are so looking forward to this new adventure and the opportunity to be present and invitational in our community. There are many different ways to get involved with this, please do speak to Hazel if you'd like to know more, and watch this space for further developments! You can see Hazel's presentation here: [Messy Church Goes Wild](#)

Minster Community Update

At the last PCC meeting, we voted to join our local Minster Community 'Beacon in the Forest' and to move into the next stage of working together. Pending agreement from other PCCs and the approval of the Joint Archdeaconry Mission Committee (JAMC) the Minster Community will be launched in January. We will let you know more once it is confirmed. Please pray for the continuing process, and come along to the Prayer and Share if you are able (info above).

Dave's Newsletter

Dave sends out a newsletter about life and ministry a couple of times per year. Here is the latest one: [Latest news from the Rolletts](#). If you are interested in joining the mailing list, please email dave@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk, and you will receive future editions directly.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Leicestershire Police Beat Surgery, St Mary in Charnwood, Monday 10th November 10am-11am

Leicestershire Police will be holding a Beat Surgery in our Chapter House on Monday 10th at 10am. This is a chance to meet your police force face to face, and ask them any questions or talk about any concerns you may have about policing in our local area.

Art Exhibition, St Mary-in-the-Elms Woodhouse, Saturday 15th November, 2pm-4pm

St Mary-in-the-Elms, School Lane, Woodhouse, LE12 8UZ are hosting an exhibition of art created by their Afghan women and children who have been staying at Garart's Hay. The money raised from donations will be towards an Afghan charity. Refreshments (including cake!) will also be served! [Fundraiser by James Gilchrist : KaBull's Run - Afghanaid and UKAVC](#)

Emmanuel Lunchtime Concert - Thursday 20th November 12:45_

Enjoy a concert of exquisite chamber music with flautist Joseph Geary and pianist Issa Diallo, students at the Royal Academy of Music, London. The programme features Poulenc's sparkling Flute Sonata, Bach's elegant Partita in C Minor, BWV 997, and Böhm's virtuosic Fantasie on a Theme by Schubert, op.21. Admission free, donations appreciated. Soup and roll lunch served from 12:00. For further information phone 01509 261773 or see www.facebook.com/emmanuelconcerts

Friends of Launde Abbey Updates

Information about the Launde Abbey Programme of retreats, quiet days and concerts for 2025 can be found here: <https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/events/>

ADVOCATE SLOT

In November we are supporting **A Rocha UK**, a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment.

Pray pointers for A Rocha:

- Give thanks that there are now early 20% of churches in England and Wales registered with Eco Church.
- Pray for those that are registered but yet to receive an award to see caring for creation as a priority and have the confidence to make small steps in the right direction as part of their worship and witness
- Pray for the 25 target places and species that are struggling with the effects of climate change habitat loss and pollution ask that the recording of these species may lead to some solutions to prevent decline.
- Give thanks that money was raised for Foxearth meadow towards the purchase of scythes to help us manage the meadows effectively. Pray for the newly-trained scything volunteers that they can use them safely and manage the meadow in the best way for the wildlife.