

The Flyfords Flyer The Flyfords Family of Churches News

Sunday 16th November 2025 The Second Sunday Before Advent

Malachi 4.1-2a; 2, Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

Dear Friends,

As we stand on the threshold of Advent, these readings invite us to be people of patient hope. To keep showing up, keep tending the light, keep believing that the dawn will come. The healing warmth of God's love still rises over every weary heart. So this week, as the days shorten and the nights grow cold, hold onto that promise: the light is coming. It always does.

You remain in my prayers and I hope you continue to keep safe and well.

Please continue to check on A Church Near You website for updates and news in the Flyfords - https://www.achurchnearyou.com

If you would like a call from me during the week, please let Caroline know on; 07514 901344 or email flyfordfamilies@gmail.com or you can call me direct.

Blessings, Emma

Services

16 th November	9.30am	Grafton Flyford	Holy Communion
16 th November	9.30am	Drakes Broughton	All Age Worship
16 th November	3.30pm	Pirton	Evening Prayer
23 rd November	9.30am	Drakes Broughton	Holy Communion
23 rd November	4pm	Grafton Flyford	Evensong
30 th November	4pm	Naunton Beauchamp	Carol Service
30 th November	6pm	Drakes Broughton	Songs of Praise
7 th December	9.30am	Stoulton	Joint Churches HC
7 th December	10.30am	Drakes Broughton	Café Church
7 th December	3.30pm	Pirton	Holy Communion
14 th December	9.30am	Drakes Broughton	Holy Communion
14 th December	TBA	Naunton Beauchamp TBA	Holy Communion TBA
14 th December	6pm	Naunton Beauchamp	Carols on the Green
14 th December	6pm	Stoulton	Carol Service
19 th December	7.30pm	Abberton	Carol Service

Services at Pershore Abbey can be seen on their pages at:

A Church Near You at - https://www.achurchnearyou.com

Morning Prayer continues to be streamed each Wednesday at 10am from the Rectory.

Past and present videos can be seen by following the link below:

https://www.facebook.com/1417165101886766/live/

There is no need to log-in, just click on the word video in Facebook's menu.

A weekly Reflection is available by contacting Caroline on 07514901344 or by email at flyfordfamilies@gmail.com



THE FLYFORDS COFFEE MORNING

A monthly event for all members of the community, at the Flyfords Hall, Grafton Flyford.

Second Thursday of each month, anytime between 10am and 1pm.

NEXT ONE ON THE 11th DECEMBER

Come along to a fun and friendly coffee morning in the well-furnished hall. An opportunity for a chat, a cuppa and cake with friends, in a safe environment.

Plenty of room for parking and easy access to the hall. Simply come along on the day, we look forward to seeing you!

The Flyfords Hall team



NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP

Coffee and Chat

Saturday 6 December 10.30-12.00 in the church

Come and join us for a drink and cake and catch up with friends and neighbours. The book swap is looking for replacements so please bring any summer reading that you have finished with and pick up a new book.

MORE FROM NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP...

<u>Friday 5 December:</u> 6.30pm WREATH MAKING We enjoyed it so much last year, we have booked Kate again to help us create a lovely festive adornment for the door. Approximate cost £40.00 including a glass of Fizz and nibbles. Places are limited and will be open to villagers first with any guests put on a waiting list.

Please give your name to Mandy Pyne. <u>aj.pyne@btinternet.com</u> before 15 November.

WHAT'S ON IN DRAKES BROUGHTON...

BARNIE BEARS BABIES AND TODDLERS GROUP In DB church every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 10am -12midday.

HOMEMADE SOUP AND SOCIAL In DB church 1st Tuesday of the month from 12 noon.

ART GROUP In DB church on Wednesday morning 10.30-12.00: As always it will be a lovely mix of people knitting, sewing, maybe sketching or painting...or just chatting and drinking coffee.



Remembrance: Who is my neighbour?

At the Remembrance Sunday service in the Cathedral, Bishop Martin preached on the question asked of Jesus: 'Who is my Neighbour?' He has written this opinion piece for local media based on that sermon.

Jesus told a famous story in response to the question, 'Who is my neighbour?' which you might know: A good Samaritan stops and helps a complete stranger who had been beaten up and robbed.

In Jesus' day Samaritans were looked down on and often despised. That Samaritan who stopped and helped is the true neighbour, Jesus says.

Think for a moment. If you had been robbed and beaten up, would you mind who cared for you? Would you worry what colour they were, or how they'd arrived in this country? I know I would be happy to receive kindness and help from whoever was offering it.

At Remembrance time we remember all who have served this country in time of war. In the recent war in Afghanistan many British soldiers were killed and wounded, and we remember them year by year. Many Afghans also served alongside our soldiers. They and their families faced death once the Taliban took over and some have been so grateful to be able to find safety in the UK.

One such family were happily settled in our area until they found themselves with a mob surrounding their house, simply because people had said (wrongly) that they were asylum seekers. In the end they had to be removed for their own safety. After giving up everything to serve alongside our troops, was this the best our country could offer them in return? Were we being the good neighbours Jesus called us to be?

I love my country, and I am proud to be British. I know we can be better than this! As I remember our fallen British soldiers with pride, who died trying to bring a better world, I also remember those from other lands who fought alongside our troops. Can we be good neighbours once again?

Please pray for the COP30 Climate Conference



Climate COP30 begins in earnest today, 10 November and runs to 21 November in Belim in Brazil, in the heart of the Amazon. An Anglican delegation is attending led by Archbishop Marinez of Brazil.

Jo Chamberlain, the Church of England's National Environmental Policy Officer attended a previous climate COP in Glasgow in 2021. She writes:

"As Christians, our faith tells us that creation is precious to God, yet it's being damaged by human choices. We are called to love and protect God's creation - a beautiful yet broken world made through and for Jesus. There's also an issue of justice. Those least responsible for the climate crisis are suffering the most from its effects. As God's image-bearers, we are called to act with compassion towards our global sisters and brothers. To follow Jesus today means caring for both people and the planet God made."

Climate COP30 is set in the Amazon which is home to over 60 isolated indigenous ethnic groups. It is hoped that their voices will be heard, and that COP30 can deliver on the finances promised so that all suffering the effects of loss and damage can make the transition to renewable energy, to help them adapt to the changing climate.

As a church we are called to support COP30 with prayer. You can find resources to help you do this at https://www.cop-prayer.uk/. You could also engage with campaigns such as the Anglican Communion's Lungs of the Earth campaign. Why not also register your church to be an Eco Church or progress your award by paying particular attention to Global engagement over the time of the COP30 meeting. Find out more about Eco Church on the Earth campaign.

Diocesan Small Churches Choir

At the celebration service for small churches service held in the Cathedral last May, a number of singers expressed a wish to be able to sing together more often. Mark and Linda Blackwell from Fladbury (Nr Evesham) felt called to use their experience to try to set up a choir made up from singers from the small churches across the Diocese to sing at occasional services at Worcester and other cathedrals.



Interested to find out more? Then click on the Title link above.

BE SURE TO VISIT THE DIOCESE OF WORCESTER WEBSITE FOR VARIED INFORMATION AND NEWS ARTICLES, PLUS A WEEKLY SERMON PODCAST

There are also a variety of Training Opportunities available to all. The list is updated frequently.

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DAILY HOPE phoneline of hymns, reflections and prayers

0345 6462206

The phoneline has previously operated on a free service, but now has a new number which will be charged at the same rate as a standard UK telephone number

Prayer Diary

The Prayer Diary is produced three times a year and made available to parishes as a booklet. The daily prayers are also posted each day on the Worcester Diocese homepage and their social media channels.

Click on the link below to read and download your copy.

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A number of hard copies will be available in church.

If you would like The Flyfords Flyer and/or the weekly Reflection to come directly to your Inbox then please contact Caroline on 07514901344 or by email at flyfordfamilies@gmail.com

We will be happy to add you to our mailing list.

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