The Greenway Benefice Sunday Sheet

Holy Trinity Badgeworth, St Paul's Shurdington, and St Mary's Witcombe with Bentham

(Sunday services, readings and prayers are on this sheet, please look in the Three in One for other news and notices)*

Sunday 8th November 2026

Remembrance Sunday

Today's Services

8am	St Mary's	BCP Holy Communion
9:30am	St Paul's	Sunday Worship
10.50am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
10.55am	St Mary's	Service of Remembrance

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Lectionary Readings

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12–16

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
13 She hastens to make herself known to those who
desire her.
14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free
from care,
16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Wisdom of Solomon 6.17–20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for
instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving
heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

1 Thessalonians 4.13–end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and
sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not
grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we
believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15
For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that
we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16
For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet,
will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise
first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the
Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25.1–13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were
wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no
oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their
lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a
shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him." 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed
their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some
of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9 But the wise
replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us;
you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves." 10 And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with
him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11
Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord,
lord, open to us." 12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do
not know you." 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour.

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This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Vicarage Close.
- Our readers: Robert Poole & Vaughan Kerry, and also for Rob's funeral ministry.
- We are also praying for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that they may freely live in peace.

Shurdington Primary School

We are continuing our school links, and we pray for the staff and pupils.

Our Frontline Prayer

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of this community. We commend one another to you on our different frontlines.
Wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are, may the Holy Spirit guide us in all things so that we may do God's will in the world, in the service of Jesus Christ and with great joy.

In Church next week

Sunday 15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

9.30	St Paul's	Holy Communion
11.00	Holy Trinity	BCP Morning Prayer
11.00	St Mary's	Holy Communion

ECO tip for November

As winter creeps in, homes are really important.
God calls us to give nature a home, too. Now's the time to start feeding the birds again, and make room for hedgehogs to hibernate
More details in this month's Three in One

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