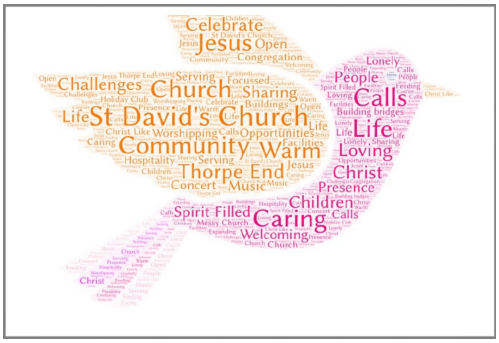

St David's Thorpe End Connect - November 2026

Dear all,

The clocks have gone back and the weather has turned chilly, autumn is well underway, with winter just around the corner. This is the time of year that I give thanks for our centrally heated church and spare a thought for those who worship in older, colder buildings!

November is a month of reflection and also for giving thanks. This starts on Sunday 1st November as we mark All Saint's Day. Whereas some choose to mark the evening before, Halloween focusses attention on the darkness and tries to scare. I prefer to focus on the light and hope as the sun comes up and to remember and give thanks for all those loved ones that have died and are entrusted to the eternal love and care of God. Please join us to light a candle during the service and maybe invite someone who does not usually come to church to join us as we mark this important Christian festival.

The next Sunday, 8th November, we turn to the more solemn, but equally important, Remembrance Sunday service. As always, we will join the nation in remembering the horror of war and the countless thousands of men and women who have died in conflicts past and present. This service is always poignant, and, for me, the moment we light the Easter candle and dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of peace and justice is a fitting response to those who gave their lives to restore peace and bring justice in times of war. Again, please join us and invite others who might appreciate this opportunity to remember.

As we remember the nations', and our own, dark times. We also remember the promises of scripture that God brings hope and light to the darkness. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that *"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light: on those living in darkness a light has dawned"* and that Jesus said *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"*. We are people of the light, not of the darkness.

With every blessing,

Ian

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Church Services

We meet for worship every Sunday at 11 am.

You are also welcome to join us on Zoom. Please click on the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82903517986?pwd=lDIV5ONE3l9wjq6ILxpbuuahWXFVym.1

Monday online prayer

We meet for prayer on Zoom at 10.15 am every Monday.

If you would like to join us, please click on the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81294743378?pwd=WklLVHc4cVdWUzZRT3ZOUWdKV1g1UT09

Wednesday quiet hour

We meet in the lounge between 7 and 8pm for a quiet, reflective service based around scripture, silent prayer and contemplation. All are welcome to join us.

Coffee, Cake and Company

A time of conversation and refreshments in the church hall. Everyone is welcome!

We are meeting on:

Friday 13th November - 10.30 - 12.30

Friday 11th December - 10.30 - 12.30

Dates for your Diary

Advent 2026 - More than a hymnbook! This advent, we will join together at The Rectory to study the Psalms. You are welcome to join us at on the 2, 9, 16 and 23 December, 7-9pm

Saturday 5th December 2-4pm - Christmas songs and craft for all the family - all are welcome!

Saturday 12th December, 3pm - The Theatre Ticket to Christmas. Join our musical journey to Theatreland with Susie Turner, Annette Jude and the Millan Singing Elves. Tickets £15 (£5 under 18s). Bringing Christmas cheer and raising funds for charity and the church.

Sunday 20th December, 6.30pm - Christmas carol service.

See Church Website for more information.

We take safeguarding very seriously at St David's and aim to make our church a safe space for all. If you have any concerns, or would like further information on our safeguarding policies and procedures please see Rev'd Ian Fifield, Vicar or Peter Soden, Parish Safeguarding Officer