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THE PARISH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI BARKINGSIDE

A parish church in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, part of Redbridge Deanery in the Barking Episcopal Area of the Diocese of Chelmsford

A warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors to St. Francis Church
Please do join us for refreshments after the 10.15am Mass

Today's service has been sponsored by Wendy Smith, together with flowers in memory of Juliet Smith

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT – YEAR A

Remembrance Sunday
8 November 2026



They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

Laurence Binyon

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.15am Parish Mass
with two-minute silence
Today's Celebrant is Revd. Rosemary Potton

Collect of the Day

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.**

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos (5.18 - 24)

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70

R. You are my helper and deliverer.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord make haste to help me. Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced. **R.**

Let those who say to me 'Aha!' and gloat over me turn back, because they are ashamed. Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say for ever, Great is the Lord!'. **R.**

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me speedily, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (4.13 - 18)

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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 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. 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.

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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25.1 - 13)

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

The kingdom of heaven will be like this.
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 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." 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. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Post Communion Collect

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

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Just an ordinary bloke

He was just an ordinary bloke, the lad from next door, comparatively local, and just one of many.

He was born in January 1894, lived at Sewardstone, Waltham Abbey, and his father was employed at the Royal Small Arms Factory.

By the time of the 1911 census, the family was living in Romford Road, Forest Gate, but within weeks appeared on the passenger list for SS Megantic from Liverpool to Halifax and Portland, and the family settled in Canada.

In August 1915 our ordinary bloke signed on, becoming a member of the Second Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment of the Canadian Army, and then part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, dying on 3 September 1916.

He is remembered in the 2nd Canadian Cemetery, Sunken Road, Contalmaison.

[Contalmaison is a village in the Arrondissement de Péronne, Somme, Hauts-de-France].



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: -

…the sick and suffering and those who care for them, those who are alone, isolated and vulnerable, and especially for

Connie Barnes, Vicky Berrill, Helen Forbes, Brian Good, Judy Harvey, Liz Leatherbarrow, Stevan Piper, Graham Sandy, Sofia Savvas, Adrian Shelton, Pauline Sheridan, Christine Street, Norman Street, Anita Watts, Mary Vadsala.

PLEASE ADVISE DAVID L. OF ANY ALTERATIONS.

[This list is being revised; please see the "new" one at the back of church and complete accordingly]

… *the recently departed, including:* Ian Monks *Priest*

….*those whose anniversaries of death occur this week, including:*

11th Thomas Hawkes, Juliet Smith
12th Cecil Gooden
13th Ivy Walker, Hilda Rocket
14th Derek Marriott

….*all those living or working in:*.Thurlow Gardens, Tomswood Hill

A COPY OF READINGS for 22 November (Chinelo) is now available. Please collect from the back of church.

REMINDER

The next PCC meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 2 December at 7.30pm. Members, please note in your diaries.

WELCOMERS AND READERS

Rotas for December to February inclusive will be available from Sunday 22 November.

OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sun 15th **2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
10.15am Parish Mass

FUTURE DATES AT ST. FRANCIS FOR YOUR DIARIES

22 November **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT
10.15am Parish Mass

29 November **ADVENT SUNDAY**
10.15am Parish Mass

Wed. 2 December **PCC MEETING** at 7.30pm

Mon. 14 December **CAROL SERVICE**
with Fairlop Brass at 7.30pm

Christmas Services: A handbill listing the services during the Christmas period will be available shortly.

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SOME GAVE ALL

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