

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH in the parish of Warners End & Gadebridge

Hemel Hempstead Team

NOTICE SHEET FOR 8th-14th NOVEMBER 2026

REV'S RAMBLINGS

In the late 90's I was a Youth Worker at St Andrew's Church in Bedford. Every Remembrance Sunday, the Scouting and Guiding groups would gather for a Church Parade. There were 150 of them!

Once I gave each of them an uninflated balloon. During my sermon, I spoke about memory. Scientifically speaking water has a memory. It can change its form through heating, cooling, freezing and melting, yet return to its previous state. Rubber and latex have similar memory.

Then I asked all 150 children to inflate their balloons and let the air out. The noise was horrendous! Everyone wondered whether I had lost the plot. But I had a point to make. The balloon material returned to its original shape, just as before. However, our human memory gives us a choice. We can remember the past without simply allowing it to repeat itself.

I then produced inflated balloons bearing words such as Hate, Ignorance, Greed, Revenge and Bullying. Armed with a pin, I burst every one of them. Those balloons could never return to how they were before.

Remembrance Sunday calls us to do more than recall the wars. We must allow remembering to change us, inspiring us to pray, challenge hatred, confront injustice and work for peace.

If we remember the wars but do nothing to bring about change, are we truly remembering, or simply re-enacting?
May our remembrance shape our actions, our prayers and our commitment to a better world.

SUNDAY 8th t NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Service:	9.30am Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance	
Minister:	Revd. Austin Janes	
1st reading	Amos 5.18-24	Jan S
2nd reading	1 Thessalonians 4.13-end	Alison
Gospel	Matthew 25.1-13	Ty

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Welcome:	Will & Sue
Preaching:	Bob Day
Intercessions:	Charlie
Barista duty:	Barbara P&H

COLLECT PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER

Pray for 'Our Lady, Queen of All Creation'
Roman Catholic Church, Adeyfield.

WORLD PRAYER

Abolition of all modern-day slavery

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT.

We will be keeping the act of remembrance and 2 minute Silence after the sermon. We hope you will be able to join us as grieve all loss of life, stand along-side all who sacrificially strive justice and freedom, and to pray to God for peace throughout the world.

THIS WEEK AT ST ALBANS CHURCH
SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 10AM-12 NOON

Coffee, cake, conversation and lots more! Come and join us.

COMING UP…



Please let Sue O' know if you can help or donate

AND ELSEWHERE THAT DAY!!!



If you would like Home Communion, coffee with, or a visit from Revd. Austin, please call him on 01442 270585 or email revaustin@sky.com

REGULAR GROUPS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 9.30am.

Fun, games and craft based on the Bible readings. Contact Ann or Barbara (st.albanshemel@gmail.com)





First & Third Fridays of the month from 2–4pm.
Come and join in with the fun of making.
With tea, cake and a variety of crafts.
All are Welcome.



Come along to our monthly Saturday coffee morning.
Join us for a natter and refreshments.
Bring your friends and neighbours

BRAIN FIT AT ST ALBAN'S CHURCH

Every 2nd Thursday
2pm – 4pm

Join us to exercise your brain and sharpen your concentration and memory in our monthly game and puzzle group.

Don't worry if games are not your forte, come along for company, conversation, tea, coffee and biscuits.

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