St. John The Evangelist - GREAT SUTTON -

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The weekly Newsheet for St Johns



1st November is both a day of celebration and Remembrance in our worship this year, as in the morning we celebrate 'All Saints' and in the afternoon we have our service for All Souls during which we remember before God, those whom we love who now rest with God.

Do you have a favourite Saint? There are a lot to chose from; have you ever wondered how people become Saints? In the Church of England names of people to be honour by inclusion in the Calendar are examinded by the Liturgical Commission of General Synod, which makes recommendations to the full Synod and these are then voted upon. However, those Saints who were canonised by the Church of Rome, before the Reformation are still held as Saints in the the Church of England – this is because the Church of England is the Roman Catholic Church Reformed, so there are many similarities in our liturgy and doctrine. . With every blessing for the week ahead. *Claire*

Services in Church this week:

Sunday 1st November

08:00 Eucharist
10:00 Sung Eucharist
12:30 Baptism – Arabella
15:00 All Souls

Wednesday 4th November

10:00 Eucharist -

Hymns & Readings for 1st November:

Rev. 7.9-17, (NT page 247)
1 John 3.1-3, (NT page 237)
Matthew 5. 1-12 (NT page 4)
Hymns for 10:00 service – 232, 391, 482, 229
Hymns for 15:00 service - 375, 394, 160

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What's on this week

Date	Day	Time	Event
2 Nov 26	Monday	19:00-20:30	Bible Study @Vicarage
3 Nov 26	Tuesday	13:00-14:00 14:30-16:00 19:30 – 21:00	Prayer hour @Hall Bible Study @Hall PCC @Vicarage
4 Nov 26	Wednesday	9:15-11:00 18:15-19:30	Stay and Play Church Brigade
5 Nov 26	Thursday	13:30-15:00 19:30	School Visit in Church Choir Practice
6 Nov 26	Friday		
7 Nov 26	Saturday	09:15	Prayer Group

For your Prayers: Prayer intentions for our parish and the world

Date	Day	Intention
1 Nov 26	Sunday	For our parish: For those who provide refreshments
2 Nov 26	Monday	Those living with mental health issues
3 Nov 26	Tuesday	Those who do not know the joy and hope of Christ
4 Nov 26	Wednesday	All who feel lonely or isolated
5 Nov 26	Thursday	All local businesses
6 Nov 26	Friday	All who work in the hospitality industry
7 Nov 26	Saturday	All who care for those who are unwell

We pray for all those who are unwell at this time or suffering with any other adversity. In particular we pray for:

Elly, Joy, Sam, Stuart,

We pray for the families and friends of the recently departed: John Preston, Marg James.

And for those whose years mind falls this week: William Ernest Carter, Alice Lyon, William Henry Johnson, Charles Frederick Hartley, Jean Jones, Frederica Joan Tilley.



New Bible Study: From 2nd November two Bible study groups will be starting. These will be on a Monday evening from 7-8:30 at The Vicarage and on a Tuesday afternoon from 2:30-4 at the Eleanor Hall. We will be starting with the Gospel of Matthew, we will be using the bible society's resources as a basis for our sessions. The sessions will be mirrored so you do not need to attend both. All you will need is a bible, a notebook and a pen. Sign up sheet at the back of Church.

New Weekly Prayer Hour: Starting from 3rd November we will be having a weekly hour of prayer meeting from 1-2 at Eleanor Hall. The purpose of this is to explore ways of praying together and to support one another in our spiritual lifes. will part discussion about different ways of praying and part practice of the method discussed. Sign up sheet at the back of Church or contact Rev Claire

All Souls Service: If you would to add anyones name to the list of names that is read out during our All Souls Service please add them to the list at the back of Church.

Prayers The list for November is at the back of Church. Each week the list will be checked on a Wednesday for additions to the monthly prayers.

Home Visits & Home Communions: If you know of anyone who would like me to visit them at home, whether they would like to receive Holy Communion or not; please do let me know. There are some cards are the back of Church, please fill in the name, address and contact telephone number and either give it to me directly ask whoever is on duty that day to pop it in my drawer in the vestry.

New Book Club: Do you enjoy reading? Our new book club is starting soon. Each month we will read a new book and then we will meet up at the start of the following month to have lunch and chat about the book. Our first book will be **The Unlikely Pilgramage of Harold Fry** by Rachel Joyce and we will meet up at the start of December for lunch and discussion. Sign up sheet is at the back of Church I will be ordering a copy of the book this week if you have requested one.

Bible Readings: Several people have mentioned to me that they liked having the readings included in Focus. Unfortunately there is no longer room to include them, but I have included the page numbers of them fromthe church bibles so you can still follow along. There is always a spare copy of the readings available so if you are reading and do not have your copy please do not panic.

Mark 5

As winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence).

For more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian

Church Unpacked

Why do we stand, sit and kneel in church?

We pray with our bodies as well as our lips, hearts and minds. Our posture, like our senses, can help us into the liminal space where we encounter God. Liminal spaces in our Liturgy are moments where the space between us and God seems more transulent.

We stand during certain points of the service as a sign of the significance of that moment. For example the reading of the Gospel and when we say the Creed. Also at the Dismissal; when we receive God's blessing upon us. Standing is a mark of respect. We kneel or sit to pray – because these postures reflect our reverence for the moment.

God knows the intentions of our hearts and the limitations of our bodies! How we pray with our bodies as much as are lips are between us and God – not our friends or other people in Church so please do what is right for you.

If you have any notices to go into next weeks Flourish please email Rev Claire with the details by Wednesday evening.

Chuckle Corner:

Vicar: And of course we know that God likes filter coffee.

Churchwarden: How do we know that?

Vicar: Because He-brews