St. John
The Evangelist
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Flourish

growing in faith and community

The weekly Newsheet for St Johns

From the Vicarage

Many of us will gather on Sunday and Wednesday to remember those service men and women who have sacrificed themselves for our freedom. We also remember those who have and continue to protect our country and those who have suffered injury both mental and physical in the horrors of war. As an animal over, I also think about the animals who have died serving. It is a very emotional time for many people.
Remembering is so important.
After the first covid lockdown, when my son met with his friends, one of them brought him a gift of biscuits and he kept the box. One day I tried to throw it away and he said no Mum, I need it to remember. In the box he had written the number of days it had been since he had seen his friends and the words 'Remember what's important'. May we all do the same this week.
With every blessing for the week ahead. *Claire*

What's on this week

Services in Church this week:

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday
0800 Eucharist
1000 Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 11th November
1000 Eucharist
1100 Service of Remembrance

Date	Day	Time	Event
9th Nov	**Monday**	**19:00**	**Bible Study**
10th Nov	**Tuesday**		
11th Nov	**Wednesday**	**9:15** **18:15**	**Stay and Play** **Brigade**
12th Nov	**Thursday**	**19:30**	**Choir Practice**
13th Nov	**Friday**		
14th Nov	**Saturday**		

Readings Sunday 8th November

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.

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

13 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.

Matthew 25.1-13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: [1]'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.'

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**



Tuesday Prayer hour and Bible study

There is no prayer hour or bible study on Tuesday afternoon this week.

Christmas Fair

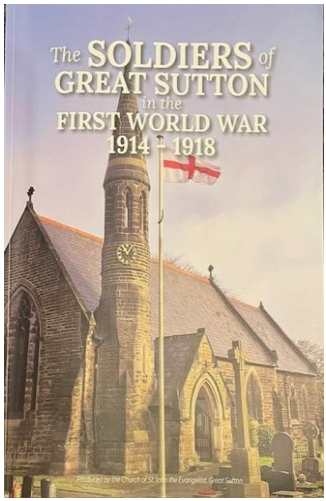
The fair this year is on Saturday 5th December, 1pm to 3pm.We are looking for donations of sweets, jewellery, any bottles, wine, cakes (on the day please).We are also looking for helpers on the day. Please speak to one of the fundraising team, Di Smith, Marj Cooper, Margaret Dear, Jacqui Terry or Chris Burrows if you can help or if you have items that you think we might be able to sell.
This is one of our major fundraising events for keeping our church open.
Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Copies of the book

The Soldiers of Great Sutton in the First World War

1914-1918

Are available to purchase at the back of church for only £10.



The St John's Eagle

This months Magazine is at the back of church for priced at 75p

Why not buy two this month and give one to a friend or neighbour.

Newsheet: Many of you have said you are missing the reading being in our weekly sheet. As we do not have any large print bibles, I have put the readings back in, but due to the extra paper can I ask that if you receive it via email you don't also take a paper copy home. So the paper copies are available to take home for those who do not receive it electronically.

Church Unpacked

Why does the priest wash their fingers with a few drops water before the Eucharistic prayer?

This is a symbol of purity with which the Priest should approach the Holy Mysteries. The preparation for this was to recite to themselves the last six verses of Psalm 26.The first words of this are 'I wash' which in Latin is 'lavabo'. The small bowl that collects the water is called a lavabo because of this. This custom was mention by St Clement, St Cyril and other early writers. The prayer used at this symbolic washing now is shorter. The Priest silently prayers 'Lord, wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.'

Mark 5

The leaves are well and truly falling. We can use them to help hedgehogs and other small mammals by creating a leaf pile in a quiet corner of our gardens for them to use in building their hibernate nests. Whilst fallen leaves in the garden my look untidy – a hedgehog is a gardeners best friend – they provide chemical free, pest control!



For your prayers 

Day	Prayer intention
Monday	For all who are persecuted around the world
Tuesday	For our King and royal family
Wednesday	For servicemen and women
Thursday	For a fairer sharing of the worlds resources
Friday	For Foodbanks those who run them, those who support them and those who use them
Saturday	For each person who lives in our parish

We pray for all those who are unwell at this time or suffering with any other adversity: Sam, Stuart, Esther Ferguson, Shelia Challinor, Joy Armes, Nice Kennedy, Linda Kinights, Elaine, Phyllis Johnstone

We pray for the family and friends of the late: John Preston, Marg James, Marty Foster.

Years Mind: John Hatton,Thomas Joseph Evans,Eva Graham, Richard Knight, Stephen Green, Sarah Mellor, Joyce Armstrong, William Rodney Hindley, Fred William Derek Jones, Alice Lillian Lewis, Phyllis Carter, Nellie Knight,Barry Desmond Roberts, Shirley Ann White, Gladys McCaffrey, William Gerrard Farrell, (Frank) Francis Barr, Michael Anthony Hollingworth, Glyn Anthony Jones.

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