PRAYERS: For your prayers this week.

Vocations and ministry:

We pray for those who have retired from active ministry, especially those helping in the vacancy.

The sick:

Marianne, Kylie, Merry, Alex, David, Jackie, Nic, Babs, Dennis, Graham, Sue, Mia, Carolyn, and Alan.

All those in hospital, having treatment and waiting for test results.

Those needing long term care and support: Pauline, Richard, Cindy, Pete and those caring for them. Others being cared for at home, the residents of Goatacre Manor Care Centre, White Lodge and other local care homes.

Those who have died:

We pray for Philip, funerals being planned, those we know and those we read about in the news.
We pray for all those who grieve.

Special intentions *(This is for people who may have plans or hopes for which they would like our prayer support)*

We pray for the King and all the Royal family.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we continue to pray for the Deanery of Guernsey. God, we pray for those in The Princess Elizabeth Hospital; we raise to you families who are going through hard times.

In our prayers for the Anglican Communion, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.We pray for our Benefice congregations, parishioners and our churches in this time of vacancy.

We give thanks for those helping at this time.

The Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill

Sunday 15th Nov
2nd Sunday before Advent





Clyffe Pypard	Communion - 9am
Lyneham	Communion - 10.30am
Tockenham	Morning Prayer - 10.30am

Future services:

Sun 22nd Nov	**Broad Town**	Benefice Communion - 10.30am and Patronal Festival
	Heddington	Deanery Evensong - 4pm
Sun 29th Nov	**Bradenstoke**	Communion - 10.30am

Keep in touch by going to: www.achurchnearyou.com and searching for your parish church.
Using the Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill Facebook page.
Getting your name added to the Benefice email list if it isn't already there – just email Elaine on beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk and ask to be added.

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: *1 Thessalonians 5.1-11*

[1]Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves know
very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
[3]When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction
will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman,
and there will be no escape! [4]But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for
that day to surprise you like a thief; [5]for you are all children of light and
children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6]So then let
us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7]for
those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at
night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the
breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
[9]For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we
are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one
another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 25.14-30*

Jesus said to his disciples, [14]"The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going
on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
[15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each
according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]The one who had
received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and
made five more talents. [17]In the same way, the one who had the two
talents made two more talents. [18]But the one who had received the
one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's
money. [19]After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled
accounts with them. [20]Then the one who had received the five talents
came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed
over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." [21]His
master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have
been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master." [22]And the one with the two
talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two
talents; see, I have made two more talents." [23]His master said to him,
"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in
a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy
of your master." [24]Then the one who had received the one talent also
came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,
reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not
scatter seed; [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the
ground. Here you have what is yours." [26]But his master replied, "You
wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not
sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27]Then you ought to have
invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have
received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him,
and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29]For to all those who have,
more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those
who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30]As for this
worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will
be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.