# Sunday 15th November

## Safeguarding Sunday

United Benefice of Aspenden, Buntingford and Westmill

Welcome to our churches of St Mary's Aspenden**,** St Peter's Buntingford and St Mary the Virgin Westmill. Whoever you are, wherever you've come from, you are welcome! If this is your first visit, please do introduce yourselves to the clergy and stay for coffee after the service to meet others

**Deuteronomy 10. 17-19** (NRSVA)

17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of
lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is
not partial and takes no bribe, 18 who executes
justice for the orphan and the widow, and who
loves the strangers, providing them with food and
clothing. 19 You shall also love the stranger, for you
were strangers in the land of Egypt.

**Luke 10. 25-37** (NRSVA)

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.
'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal
life?' 26 He said to him, 'What is written in the law?
What do you read there?' 27 He answered, 'You shall
love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with
all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all
your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' 28 And
he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do
this, and you will live.'
29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus,
'And who is my neighbour?' 30 Jesus replied, 'A man
was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell
into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat
him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 Now
by chance a priest was going down that road; and
when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place
and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a
Samaritan while travelling came near him; and
when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He
went to him and bandaged his wounds, having
poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on
his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took
care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii,
gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of
him; and when I come back, I will repay you
whatever more you spend." 36 Which of these three,
do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell
into the hands of the robbers?' 37 He said, 'The one
who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and
do likewise.'

**Collect**

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and
revive in us new hope that all creation will one day
be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.

**Remembering in our prayers:**

Lil, Evelyn, Jackie, Christine, Kathe, Jenny, Russell, Hilary, Phyllis, Jane, Ailsa, Lisa M, Debbie, Pauline F, John P, Madeline, Penny, Jean.

## Church Services & Morning Prayer

**Sunday 15th November – Safeguarding Sunday**
9:30am Holy Communion – St Mary's Aspenden
11am Holy Communion – St Peter's Buntingford

**Morning Prayer** – Held 9am to 9:30am, weekly on Tuesday at St Peter's Buntingford, Wednesday St Mary the Virgin, Westmill and Thursdays at St Mary's, Aspenden. For further details chat with Kirsty or Sarah.

**Sunday 22nd November**
9:30am Sung Eucharist – St Mary the Virgin Westmill
11am Morning Worship – St Peter's Buntingford

**Sunday 29th November**
9:30am Holy Communion – St Mary's Aspenden
11am Café Church, 'Waiting with Open Hands' exploring Advent using clay with our guest speaker, Susie Betley – St Peter's Buntingford
6pm Advent Service – St Mary the Virgin Westmill

**Sunday 6th December**
9:30am All Age Worship – St Mary the Virgin Westmill
9:30am Morning Worship – St Mary's Aspenden
11am Holy Communion – St Peter's Buntingford

**Sunday 13th December**
9:30am Sung Eucharist – St Mary the Virgin Westmill
9:30am All Age Worship – St Mary's Aspenden
11am All Age Worship – St Peter's Buntingford

## News & Notices from our Churches and Community

**Job Vacancy Benefice Administrator**

We are looking to appoint a part-time Benefice Administrator. Please see our website for the Job Description and further details. For an informal chat, more details or an application pack, contact Rev'd Kirsty Wainwright.

**Monday Morning Coffee at St Peter's Church**

Held weekly at 10am – 12pm every Monday except Bank Holidays.

**Little Lambs, St Mary the Virgin Westmill** Held weekly on Wednesday 10am – 11:30am term time only, for pre-school children and their grown-ups.

**Choc Stop** Term-time Thursdays at 3.15pm outside St Peter's Church. Hot Chocolates and chat for young people on their way home from school.

**St Peter's Charitable Giving**
We would like your input on any local charities for our church giving, including our giving at Christmas. Please give your suggestions to Steve as the Treasurer, Kirsty, or the Church Wardens, Tracey and Mark by 15th November.

**Aspenden Christmas Tree Festival bookings are open.** This is the 3rd year and we are hoping to see the church filled with wonderful, creative and festive Christmas trees.
Saturday 12th December 10am – 4pm and Sunday 13th December 11am – 4pm.
If you would like to enter a Tree for the festival, please scan the QR code or visit our website for further information.

**Buntingford Live Pilgrim Cello, 21st November, 7:30pm at St Peter's Church Buntingford.**
Author and cellist Kenneth Wilson tells the story of his bicycle tour of all 42 English cathedrals and will perform the cello music that he played along the way. Licensed bar. Please book your tickets through Buntingford Live website of follow the link below.
https://buntingfordlive.org/events/pilgrim-cello/

**Lights of Love Friday 27th November – 6pm** Manor house car park for switching on the lights.
**Late night shopping Refreshments and Gift Stall, Friday 27th November 4pm – 8pm St Peter's Church** St Peter's Church will be open for festive refreshments from 4pm – 7pm and will be holding a gift stall. If you can offer help and or donate quality gifts for the stall this will be very much appreciated. Please speak to Tracey.

**Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir, Saturday 28th November, 7:30pm St Mary the Virgin Westmill.** We are delighted to welcome the WGC Male Voice Choir back to Westmill, with guest soloist Amelia James. To book your tickets at £15 per person please scan the QR Code.

**Advent Service, Sunday 29th November, 6pm at St Mary the Virgin Westmill** A reflective service of bible readings, poems and music as we start our Advent journey to prepare ourselves for Christmas.

**Advent Group at St Peters Buntingford** Each Tuesday evening during December we will be watching an episode of the 4 part BBC Nativity followed by discussion and prayer. Everyone is welcome. Meeting on Tuesdays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December.

**Christmas Fayre, Saturday 5th December, 2pm - 4pm at St Mary the Virgin Westmill** With Christmas just round the corner join us at our Christmas Fayre, stalls will include Mulled Wine and Mince Pies, Tombola, Craft, Gifts to name but a few.

**Christingle Service, Sunday 6th December, 4pm at St Mary the Virgin Westmill** A jolly service for all ages. We will assemble and light a Christingle to remember Jesus, the Light of the World. All donations will go to The Children's Society.

**Carols by Candlelight, Thursday 17th December, 7:30pm at St Mary's Aspenden** A truly beautiful traditional carol service. The church will be decorated and lit with candles to get you prepared for Christmas. There will be bible readings, choir and congregation carols. Please come early as this service is very well attended. Doors open at 7pm.

**St Peter's Community Carols, Saturday 19th December, 5pm in Layston Gardens, High Street, Buntingford -** Come along and join us for carols, readings and the Christmas story. Festive refreshments will be available. Wrap up warm and bring a torch.

**Quiet Christmas, Sunday 20th December, 4pm St Mary the Virgin Westmill** You are welcome to come to this quieter service, away from the busyness and bustle. This service is especially for those who find this a difficult season. There will be a couple of carols, prayer and some time of reflection on the Christmas message.

**Eco Church Tip** 2nd before Advent: think about making this Christmas more sustainable- recycled wrapping paper and printed paper tape, no glitter on cards, decorations made from paper or from nature eg pinecones- try and ditch the plastic!

**Find all our latest services & news here:**
www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-012BK/

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