Pew Sheet for 15th November 2026

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Sunday 15th November
9.30am BCP Communion at Aston le Walls
10.00am Family Service at Eydon
11.00am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse
6pm Evening Prayer at Boddington

Tuesday 17th November
2-2.45pm Little Angels at Eydon

Wednesday 18th November
9.45am Morning Prayer at Byfield
11.45am Prayer Group at Woodford Halse

Thursday 19th November
6-7.30pm Rising Stars at Byfield

Saturday 21st November
5-7pm Youth Church at Woodford Halse

Sunday 22nd November
9.30am BCP Communion at Byfield
11.00am Holy Communion at Boddington

Wednesday 25th November
9.45am Morning Prayer at Byfield
11.45am Prayer Group at Woodford Halse

Saturday 28th November
11.00am – 2.00pm Christmas Fair at Byfield
Various stalls, tombola , tea, coffee, cake, Homemade soup and bacon rolls

Sunday 29th November
10.00am Holy Communion at Byfield
5pm Advent Carol Service at Aston le Walls

Wednesday 2nd December
9.45am Morning Prayer at Byfield
11.45am Prayer Group at Woodford Halse

Saturday 5th December
10.00am-1pm Big Breakfast in Byfield Village Hall. Last orders 12.30pm

Sunday 6th December
9.30am Holy Communion at Boddington
10.00am Café Church at Woodford Halse
11.00am Holy Communion at Byfield
3.00pm Patronal Festival at Eydon

As you may know this Sunday has been designated Safeguarding Sunday by the church of England nationally.

According to thirty one eight, the independent safeguarding charity which promotes Safeguarding Sunday, “Now in its 8th year, Safeguarding Sunday brings together thousands of churches from across the UK, all united by a shared commitment to creating safer communities. This year’s theme is ‘Love Protects’ – rooted in the powerful words of 1 Corinthians 13, reminds us that safeguarding isn’t just about policy or compliance, but is a natural expression of Christian love in action. Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity for your church to pause and reflect on your safeguarding journey – to celebrate the good work already happening, be honest about where things can improve, and commit to continuing to build safer places for everyone in your care. Together, we can help create safer places – because love protects. We know that safeguarding hasn’t always been done well in church contexts. But we also know that churches across the UK are working hard to protect and care for people. Safeguarding Sunday creates space to acknowledge both realities: to rebuild trust, raise awareness, and ensure everyone knows how to speak up and get help when they need it. At its heart, this day is about living out our faith. When we truly love others protecting them isn’t just a box to tick it's simply what love does.”

On this Safeguarding Sunday, I would like to thank those of you who hold a variety of roles in our church communities for your patience in completing the necessary paperwork and attending the necessary training. I would especially like to thank Lesley for all her hard work as our benefice safeguarding officer. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all of you to do what you can to help make these five churches places where everyone is safe and everyone is welcome. Every blessing, Clare.

Sunday 15 November 2026 Second Sunday before Advent

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

Zephaniah 1:7. 12-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 (or 90:1-8)

R *O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.*

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. **R**

You turn us back to dust and say:
"Turn back, O children of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are
but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night. **R**

You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**

For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance. **R**

[When you are angry, all our days are gone;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
The days of our life are three score years
and ten,
or if our strength endures, even four score;
yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,
for they soon pass away and we are gone. **R**

Who regards the power of your wrath
and your indignation like those who fear you?]
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 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! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 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. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 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.' 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.' 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.' 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.' 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; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 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? 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. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 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. 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.



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