

**NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING  
SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**



***SENDING OUR WARMEST GREETINGS  
TO YOU TODAY!***



**Hope as we head into lockdown...**

This lockdown feels different to last time, doesn't it? For the first lockdown, we all dug in and got on with it, helping and encouraging one another through. This time, we go in not knowing when it will properly end. And we are weary. And it is getting dark. And what about Christmas...?!

As we enter this new lockdown, I pray for myself and for you that we will have the right perspective. The right perspective on why we are doing it, how we will get through it and what we are going to do as a church family to serve one another and our community.

Why we are doing it. Ultimately, we are going into lockdown to save lives by reducing the spread of the virus so ensuring our hospitals are not overwhelmed. From friends who work in the NHS, I understand that is not far off. So, as we stay at home, take heart that we are doing something Christ-like. Sacrificing our own desires for the sake of others. Sacrifice for the sake of others is particularly poignant this weekend, as we hold our Remembrance Service, and we are involved in it right now.

But how will we keep going? Jesus will help us. Remember, Jesus did it for us - he sacrificed his desires and his very life for our sake. Why? So that we might be God's children and have the certain hope of a glorious future - even beyond death! This is the hope we need to get us through. The hope that means we can lay down our desires, even our very lives because we do not need to cling to the things of this world when we have such joy to come. So we pray like the apostle Paul, that,

*'having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power towards us who believe...'* (Ephesians 1:18-19)

With that hope in our hearts, here's what we are going to do as a church family to 'know Jesus and make him known':

- Our **Sunday services** will continue to be Livestreamed on our YouTube channel from 10:30am every Sunday. We cannot meet together, however.
- Our **prayer meetings, catch-ups, Life Groups, Children's Church and Pathfinders** meet-ups will continue to be on Zoom.

- Although we cannot meet together in our church building for services or Life Group Altogether meetings, we invite you to **come to the church building for private prayer** between 3-3:45pm on Sundays and 11:15am-12pm on Wednesdays.
- Please do **continue to care for one another and your neighbours** through calling each other and offering help. If you need help, please let Sally know and we will arrange it for you.

Finally, **please pray for us all**. Please pray that we will get through this, not by clinging to the hope that Boris will save Christmas but safe in the knowledge that the first Christmas saved us and gives us hope to get through today.

With much love  
Mark

### **Praying for our Church Family**

If you have to self-isolate due to quarantining or being ill and would like us to pray or need help with shopping, please let us know.

**Hebrews 4:16** *“Let us then approach God’s throne with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

**Please pray** for Rachel King, and anyone who is ill or facing times of struggle currently. We also pray for our country as we start this new lockdown, for each other’s health and wellbeing.

### **A call to prayer for the nation**

*On Wednesday 4 November, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and Bishop of London called the Church of England to prayer for the nation throughout the month of November. We will provide the prayer for the week in the Notice Sheet, we encourage you to pray this each day of the week.*

Loving God,

At this time of crisis when so many are suffering, we pray for our nation and our world. Give our leaders wisdom, our Health Service strength, our people hope. Lead us through these parched and difficult days to the fresh springs of joy and comfort that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Zoom Meetups this week!**

**Weekly Coffee and Chat** – We invite you to join us on Zoom on Sunday Mornings at 11:45am for a coffee and chat.

**Meeting ID:** 835 6602 2069    **Password:** 851536

**Children's Church Zoom Party!** - Today at 12:30pm (08.11.20)

**Pathfinder's Zoom Meet Up!** - Today at 4pm (08.11.20)

Meeting IDs & Passwords for both of the above have been sent by email to parents or carers of children or youth who are already part of these groups. If you are new and/or would like your child or young person to join us, please contact us and we will gladly help them get involved! Email office@smhg.org.uk for the login details. Weekly Prayer Meeting

**Life Group Altogether Meeting** – Wednesday (11.11.20) at 10am. Due to lockdown, this will now take place on Zoom until further notice.

**Meeting ID:** 834 1016 8088                      **Password:** 404888

## **This Weeks Notices**

### **Church Workday**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November – we will be having a church workday from 9.30 - 12.30pm. Works will include gutter cleaning, tidying the grounds works, cutting back overhanging tree branches and de-weeding (all dependent on the weather being good).

### **Christmas Cards for Hope House**

Julie is once again making Christmas cards to sell in aid of Hope House. They are £2.50 for a pack of 6. If anyone would like to buy any, please get in touch with Julie on 07817652213.

### **Caring for each other over the phone**

As we start this second lockdown, we want to make sure that no one feels alone or forgotten. We have several church members who have volunteered to make phone calls to those who wish to receive them. These can be on a regular/ weekly basis or once a month, as often as you need. If you would like to receive a phone call from a member of the church family, please let Sally know by contacting the office.

If anyone would like to help in making phone call's and isn't already, please also contact the office.

### **Food Bank Needs for the Week (08.11.20):**

Due to the fantastic generosity of the local community and thanks to Manor Green, Corrie, Russell Scott and Linden Road school's collection during harvest, the foodbank is very well stocked for currently required items.

We are however, starting to collect Christmas items, in preparation for December.

***This week we are collecting advent calendars.***

**Thank you!**

### **Reading for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November:**

For anyone who would like to read ahead, reflect on, or know where to find our bible reading for next week, we will be reading from; 1 John 2: 18 - 27.



## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

*Lest We Forget*

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