

Royston Parish Church

where all are welcome and God's love is shared

Sunday 2nd November 2025 - All Saints' Day

If you would like regular copies of the Notice Sheet emailed to you please email the parish office at admin@roystonparishchurch.org.uk.

Sunday 2nd November

09:00 - 09:45	Communion Service that is quiet and reflective
10:30 - 11:40	Communion Service with music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments
18:00 - 19:00	Service for All Souls'

Monday 3rd November

19:00 - 19:30	Carbon Literacy Course set up
19:30 - 21:30	Carbon Literacy Course

Tuesday 4th November

09:00 - 09:30	Morning Prayer (incorporating prayer requests that have been left in church)
---------------	--

Wednesday 5th November

11:00 - 11:25	Communion Service that is quiet and reflective, followed by refreshments
13:00 - 15:30	Knit and Natter (where all are welcome to meet and chat)
18:00 - 19:15	Chorister Practice
18:30 - 20:00	Choir Practice
19:00 - 21:00	Men's Group at Wetherspoons (turn up at any time, all men are welcome to drink & chat)

Thursday 6th November

09:00 - 11:00	Tots in Church
13:00 - 15:00	Church Cleaner
14:30 - 16:00	Ladies' Group (all ladies are welcome for refreshments and chat) Visiting speaker from Air Ambulance
19:00 - 21:00	Bell Ringers Practice

Friday 7th November

09:30 - 10:00	Celtic Prayer
09:30 - 10:00	Celtic Prayer (A simple form of Morning Prayer from the Northumbria Community)

Saturday 8th November

10:00 - 11:30	Church Café (Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate only £2 - Free Biscuits)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Time Concert for Remembrance

Sunday 9th November

09:30 - 10:30	Communion Service with music/choir, children's groups/toy area
10:45 - 11:45	Remembrance Service at War Memorial
15:30 - 17:00	Tea Time Praise

Please note: Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday.

NO 9 am or 10.30 am service. Both services combined into 9.30 am Communion Service followed by 10.45 am Service at the War Memorial.

We pray for all Christians worldwide:

For all Christians in Canada and USA

For all who are worship at Melbourn Baptist Church: Robin and Jenny Hughes

For the work of our mission partners: Royston Home Start

We pray for the community of Royston:

For our local health centres

For all our local Civic amenity centre and Sewage Plant

We pray for our world and ECO projects:

November is World Vegan month. We pray that we may reduce our Carbon Footprint by choosing foods that have less impact on the planet.

We pray for the sick and suffering:

2nd November	9th November	16th November	23rd/30th November
Lee Cockerill	Chris Christou	Val Brown	Peter Coates
Pat Pritchard	Paul & Pat Tidey	Angie & Ken Rushall	Emma & Phil Heath
Harry Sime	Mike Brown	Paula Walker	Peter Foster
Maria Turi	Marion	Keith & Elaine Edwards	

We pray for those who have died in the faith of Christ:

Deceased	Bereaved
----------	----------

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Arthur Wallace	Ann Milton	Malcom Hill	Paul Wallace
----------------	------------	-------------	--------------

UPCOMING EVENTS :There are a number of events coming up over the next few months to look forward to.

8th November 12.30 pm - Remembrance themed lunch time concert.
Free entry, retiring collection in aid of Church Funds, refreshments available.

20th November 7 pm -Julian Prayer meeting at 11 Middle Drift

23rd November 5 pm - Evening Praise. An informal time of worship,. If you would like to take part of leading the singing or accompanying the songs, there will be **rehearsal at 3 pm**. Please contact andy.moorley@gmail.com for advance copies of music.

11th December 7 pm -Julian Prayer meeting at 11 Middle Drift

NOTICES

THE LADIES GROUP have invited a member of the Herts and Beds Air Ambulance to come and speak to us about their very important work. This will be on Thursday November 6th at 2-30pm. We would like to extend the invitation to all the Ladies and Gentleman of the congregation plus family and friends. Tea and cake will be served following the talk. All are welcome, so tell your friends.

PUMPKIN SOUP: We are hoping you will be able to help us do a Harvest to Christmas Pumpkin Soup again this year. At the back of Church are bags with Pumpkin in and a recipe.....please help yourself and convert into soup for us, and then return by Friday 28th November evening to welcome visitors into the church. Thank you in anticipation!

IS CREATION CARE MISSION OR MISSION DRIFT? That is the theme for this year's London Institute for Contemporary Christianity's John Stott London Lecture. We have an online ticket to the event which will be shown at The Vicarage. It is taking place on Thursday 20th November at 7pm. Please email Steven if you would like to watch this lecture with him.

NEURODIVERSITY AND THE CHURCH COURSE: This course, hosted at Westminster College in Cambridge, will explore the challenges of living with neurodivergent conditions such as autism or ADHD in the context of Church life. It will look at how we can recognise and appreciate people's diverse giftings in church life and how we can live out our lives together as a church community. It will take place on Saturday 8th November between 9.30am and 5pm, and we will be following it online at the Vicarage. If you are interested in following part or all of this day then please email Steven.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE: We have Christmas Tree bits to bring down from the attic in the vestry on Saturday 15th November from 10 am. Richard Marias is coordinating this, but would be very grateful for some extra hands to make it a lot easier. If you can offer this help please contact Richard on 07533 669100. Thank you.

ALSO: Chris is looking for helpers to dress the Christmas Tree starting from Saturday 22nd November to Friday 28th November., ready for the light up on Saturday 29th. If you available to help from Monday 24th until Friday morning please contact Joanne for more information and times. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - We will be having a Christmas raffle to raise money for church funds, and need donations of goods that will be used to make a selection of luxury Christmas food and drink hampers. Items need to be well within date, as the raffle will be drawn in December. Please can donations be left in the kitchen before Saturday 22nd November, as that's when the hampers will be assembled. Thanks in advance from the Events committee.

MINCE PIES - The Events committee is seeking donations of boxes of mince pies for events throughout Advent. Please make sure they have a good shelf life. They can be left in the kitchen. Many thanks.

SUNDAY READING SHEET 2nd November—ALL SAINTS' DAY

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, *Ephesians 1:11-22*

GOSPEL

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. *Luke 6:20-31*

If you wish to make a donation to the church, then please hold your phone's camera over this image then touch the link that appears:

