



Remembering Service this Sunday

	South Cotswold Team Ministry Sunday 2nd November 2025
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Clergy

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SERVICES

Sunday 2nd November – All Saints' Day

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

10.00 am Common Worship Holy Communion

Sidespeople: Jenny Hewes and Jilli Connell

Readings: Fiona Gilroy

Intercessions: Meg Ralph

Offertory: David/Sally Salter

Prayer Rota: Ruth Blackwell and Mary Mawle

Coffee: Sarah Bottomley

3.00 pm Remembering Service

6.00 pm Prayer and Praise

Monday 3rd November

5.00 om Community Prayers

Thursday 6th November

10.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

10.50 am Remembrance Service

Sidespeople: Michelle Harris, Jilli Connell, Heather Gorton

No Coffee

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Readings for Sunday: Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1.11-end; Luke 6.20-31

This Sunday we enter into our November season of remembering, through the special services of All Saints' (1st November) and All Souls' (2nd November). The distinction between the two is a fine one, made sharper for us because we're celebrating them both on the same day; All Saints' at the 10am, and All Souls' at our annual Remembering Service at 3pm. At All Saints' we are celebrating the faithful following of Jesus, and bringing to the forefront of our minds that promise that Jesus gives us – that through that faith we will have a place in the Kingdom of Heaven, and the gift of eternal life. All Souls' is a more personal, pensive service – we allow ourselves to slow and remember those closer to us, and our celebration of faithful lives is coloured by our own close-held grief. Sorrow and celebration mix at All Souls'.

But in both these ways of remembering we hold before us the promise and call of our Lord Jesus. The promise is a great one, the greatest one, indeed – the pearl beyond price. We are promised that through our faithful following of Jesus, death is no longer something to fear. His resurrection will be ours, and we will have a place at his side in his eternal kingdom.

The call – well that is harder. Because Jesus shows us clearly just how difficult that faithful following might be. As we follow him we are not protected from the dangers of this world – we should expect hunger and tears; and the painful experience of being hated, excluded, reviled and defamed. Our faithfulness – lived out in our strivings to love, to do good, to bless and to pray even and especially for those who hate us – will be misjudged and misunderstood, time and time again. But even in the middle of that we can be, and are, happy – knowing the final joyful end that we move towards.

Those who walk this hard path, well, they are the Saints, *hoi hagioi* as St Paul calls them in Greek, and they are we. We stand in the middle of a truly great 'cloud of witnesses' – 2,000 years of lives lived for Jesus. Some are great and obvious, saints whose names we still hold despite all the time that has passed. Some are small and simple. All are precious, and all are saints – called, blessed and sent into a world that can be truly unwelcoming. Their call is ours. Their promise is ours. Their blessing is ours.

And Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, well that is for us too. May it encourage and ring in your heart through this week:

"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." (Eph 1.17-19)

The road isn't easy, but then, what thing of true value ever is?

Rev'd Caroline

Join us for Morning Prayer via Zoom on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9am every week. Click below for the week starting 3rd November.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82168687276?pwd=bLnz9hVRNO4EPnfoDIgy0IDWz50W1C.1>

Meeting ID: 821 6868 7276

Passcode: 829504

From Heather - fairfordpcc@gmail.com or heathergorton31@gmail.com

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My office hours are 10.00 to 1.00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I am also continuing to work from home so you can contact me at either the office or home. The office is closed on Mondays and Michelle will be in on Fridays from 10.00 to 12.00.

If you are sending in your articles, photos etc. for the bumper copy at the end of the month I will need them by 12 noon on the last Wednesday of the month. For the weekly newsletter I would still like articles in by Wednesday midday.

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Please remember the following in your prayers:

Those who are ill: Grace Slack, Hannah, Laurence Burgess, David and Glynnis Langley

Those who have died: Ronald Cole

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Community Prayers

All are welcome to come and pray together for the world, the nation and our community along with any prayer requests that are placed in our prayer box in the Lady Chapel. We meet every Monday at 5pm for 30 minutes in the Chancel. Please use the north door.

(Please also note we do not always meet on Bank Holidays, please check notices above for clarification)

For further details contact Rev'd Canon Denise Hyde

denisehyde15@gmail.com

Remembering Service 2nd November at 3pm

This is a simple, quiet and reflective service, remembering our loved ones who have died. During the service the names of those who have died during the past year from this parish will be read out before God. If you would like to add other names to this list of your loved ones who have died, please contact Rev'd Denise. Contact details - denisehyde15@gmail.com or 01285 713285

Prayer/Thought for the Week

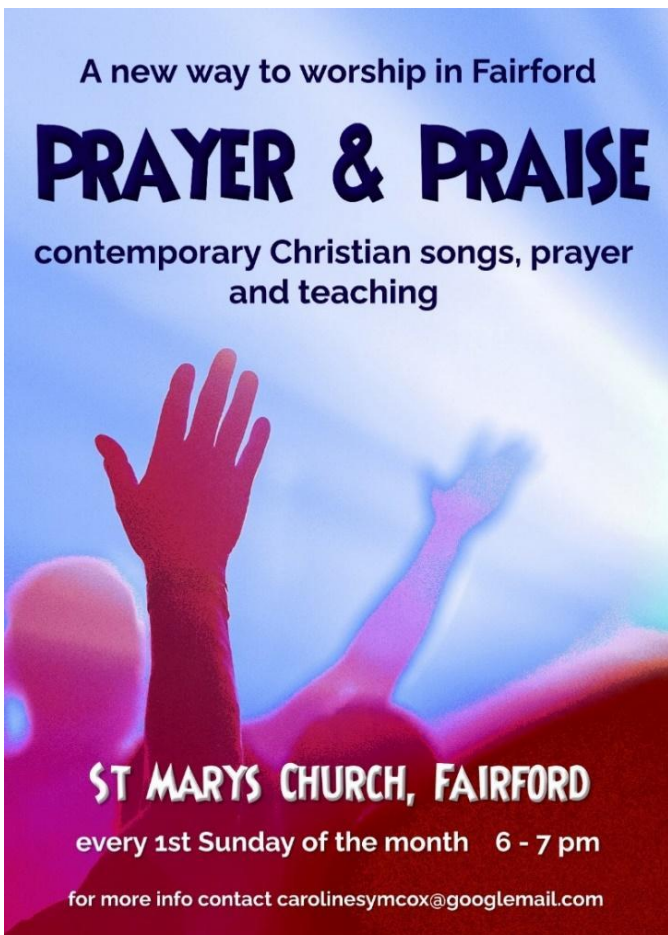
November is by tradition a month for remembering.

When we love someone, we take them into our hearts. That is why it hurts so much when we lose someone we love, we also lose a part of ourselves.

Dear Lord, thank you for your love and Grace, remind us that when we reach out in faith you will always be there to help and sustain us. Thank you Lord for giving us hope in our darkest moments with the assurance that you know the plans that you have for us, plans for our good and not to harm us. Help us to seek quiet places where we can hear your voice. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN

If you have a favourite prayer, hymn, or scripture that you would like to see in this slot please send or give it to Ann @ nichollsander@btinternet.com

Next Prayer and Praise – Sunday 2nd November



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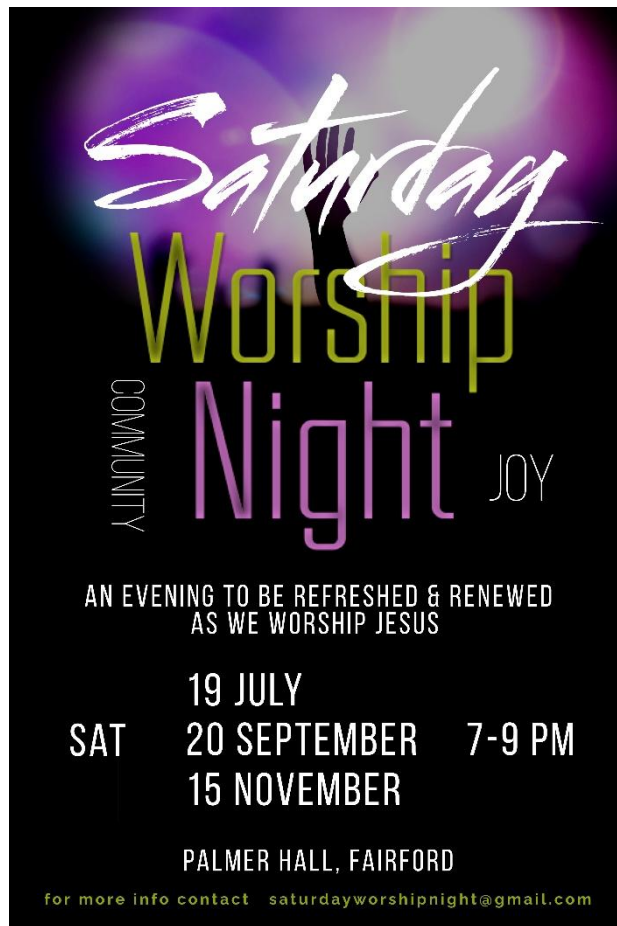
Prayer and Praise – first Sunday of the month 6 – 7 pm

We are delighted to invite you to our contemporary-style service at St Mary's. Everyone is welcome.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbours to church, especially those who have never been to church, those who haven't been for years or those who have never found a church that feels 'just right' for them. We very much look forward to seeing you at our next service.

For more information please contact:

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pa.wilkins@hotmail.co.uk



NOTICES

Used Cards

Thank you for all those who have donated their used Cards to The Cobalt Unit. They continue to be very grateful for all cards. If you have any, Birthday; Thank you; New House etc. – they can be recycled to raise funds for The Cobalt Unit to help diagnose Cancer and Dementia. Please put your cards (there is no need to cut off the written bit as they put a cover over this) in The Paper Recycling box in The Corpus Christi Chapel in St Mary's Church Fairford. *Thank you in anticipation. Carol Thompson*

Dates for your diaries

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- **Remembrance Sunday, Sunday 9th November,** starting 10.50am in church, or 10.30am outside the Hyperion House Nursing Home.

St Mary's Church Website - Sermons and Readings

Just in case you haven't found them, the sermons and readings are now on the website. These are audio versions of both Caroline's and Vicky's sermons together with the Bible reading references for the week in question and the article from the Parish Newsletter based on the readings written by either Caroline or Vicky.

For those using a desktop layout the menu Sermons and Readings can be found in the right hand column under the Search button. If you are using a mobile phone the right hand column menus can be found at the end of an article.

The button [Sermons and Readings](#) will take you to a page listing all the current sermons (from mid-September) from which you can select the one you wish to read and listen to.

Doug Crowley

Items for Ukraine

The people taking a van to Ukraine no longer have room for bedding, clothing or shoes. They are VERY grateful for all the items on the blue poster here. We will continue to take them to the Ukrainian Church in Gloucester who are transporting them to Ukraine. If you have a question about any other items, please phone us on 0779 555 4102

Thank you.

Geoff & Hope

Advance Notice - The Fairford Christmas Day Lunch will of be taking place as usual in the Community Centre on - no surprises! - 25th December.

Further information and contact details will be available towards the end of October.

Amanda and Mervyn Cully

Fairford & District Choral Society Christmas Concert will be held at 7pm on Saturday 29 November at St Mary's Church, Fairford. The choir will be performing Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols accompanied by Reuben West on the harp. The choir will be joined by Fairford Primary School to perform Wassail by Alexander L'Estrange. The Musical Director will be Nia Llewelyn Jones. Tickets are £15 and available from Fairford Opticians.

Music at St. Mary's - update

An evening of Schubert with Roderick Williams OBE and the Carducci String Quartet held on 23rd September at St. Mary's Church, Fairford

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this wonderful concert. To hear the Carducci perform once more in St. Mary's Church was already a gift, the value of which increased considerably with the addition of Roderick Williams' beautiful voice.

St. Mary's was one of only eight venues across the UK to perform this interpretation of Schubert's "die schöne Müllerin" and our wonderful acoustics and the intimacy of the setting made it truly magnificent. Roderick Williams expertly involved the audience in the story of the lovestruck young miller and swept us along by involving us intimately in every twist and turn of the folly of young love.

The entire event made £6,695.50 and will contribute just shy of £3,500 after costs once all monies have been collected.



We plan to play host to a series of musical concerts this year to raise money and the profile of our beautiful church.

29th November – Fairford & District Choral Society Winter Concert

13th December - Coln Choir Concert

This is an exciting programme, and it needs good organisation. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help make these events a success. If you would like to help with making these concerts a success in raising money for the church. Please speak to a member of the PCC to find out more or to express an interest. Your PCC members are (in order alphabetical): Doug Crowley, Jackie Cullum, Fiona Gilroy, Alison Godsal, Sheila Hughes, Jane Emma Peerless, Meg Ralph, David Salter, Michael Vann



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THURSDAY

30TH

OCTOBER

**Wire & decoupage insects- might even be some
spooky spiders**

No experience needed.

All materials supplied.

- ➔ Just bring your chat and laughter
- ➔ Fairford Community Centre 7pm-9pm

Contact Mary Ann for more details

07555738138



The Jane Kidd Eco Talks

Presented by
St Mary's Eco Church Group Fairford

Thursday
30th
October

**'Building with Cannabis-
Industrial Hemp'**
A talk by architect Jeremy Blake



Farmor Room
Community Centre
Fairford
7pm refreshments
7.30pm start



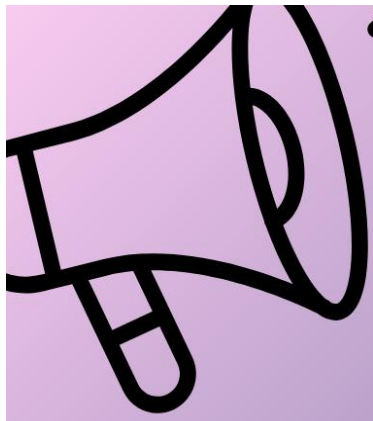
Future Talks

- Thu 27th Nov
- Thu 29th Jan
- Thu 26th Feb



Advanced booking is not required

There is no charge, but donations to help cover costs would be gratefully received



BIG NEWS



The Warm Welcome Room & Warm Working Space is back from 1st of October but also a Quiet Corner café every Wednesday from 3rd October!



WARM WELCOME ROOM IS BACK

When: Every Monday, Tuesday and pop ups on certain Fridays!
10am-2pm.
Help yourself to refreshments-FREE!
From 1st October until 1st March.

Where: Fairford Community Centre, High Street, Heritage Room.

Also available a Warm Working Space - this is designed for people working from home to come and be in a community space. Please book for desk space!

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Contact Mary Ann for more information 07555738138



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Edinburgh Fringe Review



Quenington Village Hall

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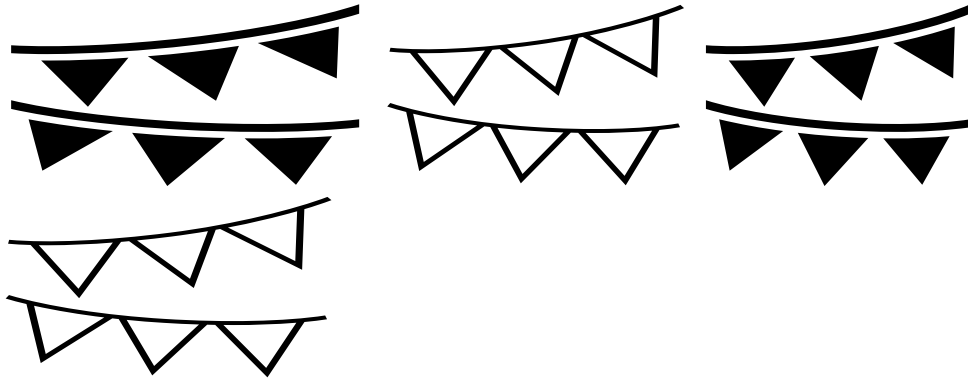
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Tickets from queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com or Cole Community Store
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www.stratfordtheatrecompany.org.uk



Tickets are available from Val Trafford.
Raising funds for Quenington Village Hall



CRAFT & CAKE

You're invited to come and buy handmade crafts and cake!

All sales support local charity

HELP MADINA

Saturday, 29th November



2 - 4pm



Fairford Community Centre

Free entry for everyone!

Charity Raffle

Cash sales

See you there – don't miss out!