

All Saints Church Awbridge November 2025



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for they will be called
children of God"*
Matt 5 v9



November is always a time for remembering, remembering all the saints who have gone before us, by following their example and how they impacted the lives of others by devoting themselves to following in Jesus' footsteps. It is also a time to remember those who have died in wars and given their lives, as we still sadly witness the many who are currently suffering through war. It is also a time to remember those who have died in our families and local community and at our recent special Remembering Service we could light a candle and remember those special to us.

We have a celebration of worship on Sunday 2 November at 10.00 am when the Bishop of Winchester will be attending to dedicate our new organ. We will be learning about St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, and the church will be decorated with themed floral displays. This year our Remembrance Day events take place on Sunday 9 November, with a service in the school starting at 10.15 am, followed by the wreath laying ceremony at 11.00 am at the village war memorial. Refreshments will be served in the school afterwards.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our **Jazz Evening** in September, with the brilliant music of Second Wind and a fabulous BBQ. Some of us have just completed the **Clarendon Way Sponsored Walk** – 15.4 miles starting at Broughton and finishing at Winchester Cathedral before enjoying well earned refreshments in the pub! Thank you to everyone who took part and all those who sponsored us. Both events have raised significant funds for the church.

The annual **Awbridge Church Quiz Night** is on Saturday 15 November in the Village Hall. The evening will include a ploughman's supper, raffle and licensed bar. For tickets at £15 pp please email James Alexander at jdalexander350@gmail.com or call 07785 724531. There will be the first **Cinema Club** on Wednesday 26 November at 2.30 pm - the film features an inventor, magician and chocolate! Refreshments included and donations very welcome.

An exciting new **Awbridge Christmas Fayre** organised by the church is on Friday 28 November from 4.00 pm at Awbridge Village Hall. Do come along and buy artisanal hand crafted Christmas presents, including the limited edition mugs and tea-towels celebrating the 150th anniversary of the church in 2026. Children's games, puzzles, activities and a Nativity puppet show, plus lots of decorations and a Christmas Tombola. Festive refreshments, homemade cakes and preserves. Donations would be very welcome for tombola prizes as well as cakes/preserves nearer the time.

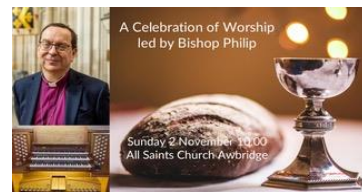
Our popular **Village Christmas Lunch** will take place in Awbridge Village Hall on Wednesday 3 December from 12 noon – just £10 per person. Do come enjoy the start of the Festive Season. To book please call Awbridge Neighbourcare - 0845 0946155 or Lynda Tucker - 07884 492314. We will be collecting **Christmas Food items for Southampton City Mission** at our services on Sundays 7 & 14 December. It is always a challenging time for many families, so some festive treats would be so gratefully received - please bring items with long sell-by dates if possible.

And finally, our **Eco News for November**: You may have noticed how our church meadow has changed over this year starting with spring flowers and moving on to summer and autumn. In September we cut off the flower stems (called arisings) to remove the nutrients which would otherwise enrich the soil too much. Some of the seeds have been collected to add to the less well grown areas. Hopefully we will have a wonderful display next year and maybe a flower event to show them to everyone...

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Church Services

Sunday 2 November	10.00 am	Holy Communion led by the Bishop of Winchester Celebrating worship and dedication of the new organ
Sunday 9 November	10.15 am	Remembrance Service in Awbridge School followed by wreath laying at the village War Memorial
Sunday 9 November	6.30 pm	Contemporary Worship for the Romsey Deanery
Sunday 16 November	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 November	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 30 November	10.00 am	Advent Sunday Holy Communion for the Benefice at St Andrew's Church Timsbury

Community Events

Saturday 15 November	7.00 pm	Awbridge Church Quiz Night in Awbridge Village Hall
Wednesday 26 November	2.00 pm	Cinema Club at All Saints Church Awbridge
Friday 28 November	4.00 pm	Awbridge Christmas Fayre in Awbridge Village Hall
Wednesday 3 December	12.00 pm	Awbridge Christmas Lunch in Awbridge Village Hall

Regular Activities

Coffee Hub	Every Tuesday in the church rooms from 9.15 – 11.30 am
Prayer Meeting	Before Coffee Hub on 4 & 18 November from 9 00 am
House Group	Tuesdays 11 & 25 November at 7.00 for 7.30 pm At Chanwel House, the home of Fred and Lynda Tucker Please contact Fred Tucker - 07740 027007
Craft & Chat	Fridays 7 & 21 November from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm in Awbridge Village Hall Committee Room Please contact Sue Franklin - 01794 322185
Lunch Club	Wednesdays 12 & 26 November from 12 noon in the church rooms Please contact Sarah Keith - 01794 340707
The Ark Toddler Group	Fridays, during term time from 9.15 am to 11.00 am in Awbridge Village Hall Please contact Lynda Tucker - 07884 492314

Useful Church contacts

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Welcome Pack

If you have recently moved into the Awbridge Area and would like to receive an Awbridge Village Welcome Pack please contact one of the church wardens – email and phone details above.