## Trendlewood Church News for Sundays 9th and 16th November



#### Minister's musings

#### Remembrance



This is the time of year we remember ....

Remembering the loss of loved ones over the years or remembering those who have given their lives in war.

It means so much and right that we stop to:

pause; think; reflect; pray.

But why? - the poem by Analissa Range helps us think:

to remember the fallen is not to remember how they fell but to remember why and for what

to remember the fallen is not only to remember their actions but to remember the dream for which they fought

to remember the fallen is not to remember how they fought but to remember who they fought for

to remember the fallen
is to remember their reason
to remember their dreams
and to remember those they fought to save

to remember the fallen we continue their fight we carry their dreams and we finish what they start

To ponder:

As Jesus says, in John 15:13 ...

"greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends"

#### **Prayer Focus for the coming week**

People	Roads
Rosemary Lea-Wilson	Avening Close, Birdlip Close
Dave Manton Paul & Caroline Mason	Bibury Close, Chelvey Rise
Mission	Community
Hope for Life Katanga	For organisations serving the community such as the food bank, community transport, the larder, etc

#### **Sunday Services**

#### Sunday 9th November 2025 - 10.15am

Remembrance Sunday - Mike will be leading our morning worship to include a time of remembrance at 11.00am; Ruth Jolly will be speaking.

#### **Sunday 16th November 2025 - 10.15am**

16th November Bubble Church meets at 9.15 am for a 9.30am start. Our theme this month is 'Paul makes new friends', taken from Acts 18:1-23

The Post Bubble Church Prayer Gathering (PBCPG) - will be focused on Acts 18:1-23 [Paul in Corinth]; we will also be **sharing Communion together.** 

#### **Church Noticeboard**

#### **Advance Notice regarding Bishop's Visit**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November Bishop Michael will be visiting our churches and as part of this will be leading a service of Holy Communion at All Saint's Wraxall at 10.00am.

I would therefore like to invite Trendlewood Church to a joint service that day at All Saints. That means there will be **no service** at Golden Valley that day.

Please could you ensure everyone is aware of this change.

#### **Trendlewood Christmas Meal**

Saturday 13th December 2025 at the Trinity Centre 7.15 for 7.30 start.

A welcome drink, 3 course meal and tea or coffee. Please bring other drinks to accompany your meal. To cover costs, please pay £15 at time of booking indicating any vegetarians/vegans and food allergies.

Sign up sheet at church from this Sunday 9th November. Please sign up as soon as possible to aid planning and ordering. Deadline for signing up is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

If you wish to pay by BACS please email Pauline for details.

#### Advent 2025

This Christmas we celebrate Jesus, the greatest of wonders, coming to earth in the smallest of ways.

Throughout advent, we plan to explore four different themes through Bible reflections: discussion: video: etc

The dates will be Monday afternoons 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> December; 2.30pm to 3.30pm @ The Cross Tree Centre

The Themes are:

Wonderful plan: How Jesus' birth fulfilled the wonderful plan revealed in the Old Testament's promises of rescue

Wonderful news: How the incarnation is wonderful news amidst brokenness

Wonderful work: How we're invited to join in God's wonderful work

Wonderful to meet you: How we're called to bring that spark of small wonder into all of life

I am basing the sessions on material from the LICC (London Institute of Contemporary Christianity) – <a href="https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/small-wonder-a-christmas-devotional-journey/">https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/small-wonder-a-christmas-devotional-journey/</a>



#### **Christmas Dates**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 4.00pm – Bubble Church Christingle Service; (*There will be no morning service that day*)

We encourage folks to come to bubble church and or the carol service at Wraxall at 6pm

Christmas Eve – 4.00pm – Bubble Church Nativity @ Wraxall Church;

Christmas Day – 10.15am – Christmas Day Morning Worship

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30am – Gathering at home (venue to be decided)

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Shared lunch after church

#### **Christmas Foodbank**

Thank you for the recent Harvest food donations for the food bank. Now the foodbanks thoughts are turning to Christmas.

Our food bank collection in November will be for food for the Christmas hampers. The food bank plans to give food hampers to local people who need a little support .

The 4th Sunday of the month when we normally collect we will be at Wraxall. So you can bring food along to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at Trendlewood as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (at Wraxall).

The list of foods the food bank has requested are listed below. Please remember that all food must be well in date at least until after the end of December.

Cranberry sauce Tinned Salmon Tinned Ham
Hot chocolate Tinned Fruit Christmas cake
Mince pies Selection boxes Boxed sweets
Christmas pudding Christmas biscuits

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### Creative Arts in Ministry Day, Saturday 29th November 9.30 - 15.30 at Flourish House in Wells

This is a one day workshop for those who may be interested in how the arts can inspire us to engage afresh with God's story. Free of charge, no experience needed, just a willingness to have a go! A couple of us have already signed up to attend. If you're interested to learn more or book a space please click on this <u>link</u>.

#### A message from Elaine ...

Can anyone offer accommodation to a young Ukrainian woman please? She is working as a Teaching Assistant at Nailsea school.

# LEST WE FORGET

Somerset Square, Nailsea. Last Post Bugle Call at Ham followed by a 2 minute silence.



Please join our local church leaders in commemorating the sacrifices of members of the armed forces and of civilians in times of war.

TUESDAY
11TH NOVEMBER
2025

A link to Manna the diocesan magazine

https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/60638a2c87045/content/pages/documents/manna-november-2025-a4.pdf

Our next newsletter will cover 2 weeks - 23rd and 30th November

Any items for the newsletter should be sent to welcome@trendlewoodchurch.org.uk by 9am

Tuesday 18th November