All Saints Church Awbridge November 2026



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God"
Matt 5 v9

November is 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. We have just held our special Remembering Service where families were invited to light a candle and remember those special to them. It is a time also to remember those who have died in wars and given their lives, and we are still witnessing many who are suffering through wars currently. Our Remembrance Day events take place on Sunday 8 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. Coffee will be served in the school afterwards.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our **Quiz Night** in October it was a great evening of entertainment regardless of how many answers we did or didn't know!
We have just had our first **Children's Film Club** of the season show, at half-term, about a brave bear and in November the **Cinema Club** will be back for Grown-ups on Wednesday 25 November from 2.00 pm, following Lunch Club, entry and refreshments by donation.

150th Anniversary Events:
Our next anniversary event is another **Pearly Gates the Rehearsal,** this time interviewing the Bishop of Winchester, which will be on Saturday 14 November from 7.00 pm at Awbridge Church, entry by donation, refreshments available.

Awbridge Christmas Fayre
We are busy planning our Christmas Fayre for Awbridge which will take place on Friday 27 November 2.30 pm – 5.30pm at Awbridge Village Hall, we hope visitors can drop in before and after school pick-ups. New stalls will include special chocolate, Awbridge WI and an Awbridge School stall, as well as Artisan Crafts, Christmas Tombola, Festive refreshments, Children's craft, games, activities, also home-made cakes/ preserves. Do come along and join in. Donations beforehand, would be very welcome, for Christmas tombola prizes of Festive food /drinks and treats/toys, as well as new or pre-loved Christmas Decorations, jigsaws and puzzles. Boxes for donations are in church. Home-made cakes and preserves would be most welcome on the day.

Advent The season of Advent, starts on Advent Sunday, as preparation for the feast of Christmas, to mark this we are having a special **Advent Carol Concert** from 6.30 pm on Sunday 29 November, with the Eldon Singers. Entry by donation and mulled wine available.

Another Advent event will be **The Star of Bethlehem** - an inspirational talk about the facts and history of The Star by Professor Julian Evans OBE. This will be on Friday 4 December from 7.00 pm at Awbridge Church. Entry by donation, refreshments available.

Our Christmas Lunch this year will be for Awbridge Church Lunch Club members and friends and will take place in the Church Rooms on Wednesday 2 December from 12 noon; £10 per person. Please contact Sarah Keith for more information 01794 340707.

Christmas Food for Southampton City Mission Basic Banks: For the last few years we have collected Christmas Food items for Southampton City Mission, the same charity which we collect for at Harvest time. We will collect Christmas food items on Sunday 6 Dec and at the Family Breakfast service on 13 December. It is always a challenging time for many families, so some festive treats would be lovely, please bring items with long sell-by dates.

Eco News for November: It is now time to help our birds in the garden with feeders and food for them, why not make your own bird seed feeders with fir cones or coconut shells for hanging outside, the Ark have already made theirs and we will have some in the churchyard. For our Christmas Fayre we are looking for pre-loved Christmas Decorations for our Eco Stall, so if you don't need all of yours, please donate them to our stall, boxes will be at the back of church before-hand.

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Services and Events in November

Sunday 1 November	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 8 November	10.15 am Remembrance Sunday Service at Awbridge School followed by wreath laying ceremony at 11 00 am 6.30 pm Deanery Contemporary Worship at Awbridge Church
Saturday 14 November	7.00 pm Pearly Gates the Rehearsal with the Bishop of Winchester
Sunday 15 November	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 22 November	9.30 am Morning Worship
Wednesday 25 November	2.00 pm Cinema Club at Awbridge Church
Friday 27 November	2.30 pm Awbridge Christmas Fayre at Awbridge Village Hall
Sunday 29 November	10.00 am United Benefice Holy Communion for Advent Sunday at St Peter and St Paul's King's Somborne 6.30 pm Advent Carol Concert with the Eldon Singers

Regular Activities

Coffee Hub	Every Tuesday in the Church Rooms from 9.15 am – 11.30 am
Prayer Meeting	Before Coffee Hub on 3 & 17 November from 9.00 am
Awbridge House Group	Weds 11 & Tues 24 Nov from 7.30 pm at Chanwel House Please contact Lynda Tucker - 07884 492314
Lunch Club	Wednesdays 11 & 25 Nov 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
Craft & Chat	Fridays 6 & 20 November from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm in Awbridge Village Hall Committee Room Please contact Sue Franklin - 01794 322185

Useful Church contacts

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