

At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

St Mary's Church
• FAIRFORD •

South Cotswold Team Ministry
Sunday 8th November 2026

Clergy

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SERVICES

Sunday 8th November – 3rd before Advent – Remembrance Sunday
8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.50am Remembrance Sunday Service (parade leaves from outside Hyperion House at 10.30am)
Sidespeople: Andy Wilkinson, Jill Connell and Michelle Harris
Offertory: Heather Gorton Intercessions: Val Trafford
No coffee

Wednesday 11th November
10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Thursday 12th November
10.30am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 15th November – 2nd before Advent
8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Sung Eucharist
Sidespeople: Michelle Harris and Heather Gorton
Offertory: Wendy Close / Alison Cohoon
Prayer: Denise Hyde and Ruth Blackwell
Readings: Val Trafford Intercessions: Janet Edwards
Coffee: Andrena Miles and Liz Jefferies
12.00pm Baptism of Sienna Drake

From Rev'd Caroline – 01285 712467 – carolinesymcox@googlemail.com
Readings for Sunday: John 15.12-17

This Sunday we come to the third major moment of remembrance that we mark in this month, as we come together for Remembrance Sunday. Each of these times of remembrance has its own particular flavour, but of the three, Remembrance Sunday is the one that stands out as notably difference. At All Saints (1st of November) our remembrance has a flavour of joy, of triumph even, as we think of those people of faith who lived holy and transformative lives, honouring Christ even in the most difficult circumstances. At All Souls (2nd of November) our remembrance has a more personal sadness, but a personal warmth as well. We come together to remember people we knew personally, whose love and character impacted our own lives.

But here on Remembrance Sunday our time together has a flavour of lament. Of true, full sadness and profound regret. Sometimes I think this is missed by some. On occasion you might be misled into thinking that Remembrance Sunday is a celebration, a glorification of war and the people who fight in those conflicts. Of course, that misunderstanding could not be further from the truth. Our Acts of Remembrance, since they first began in 1919 in response to the horror of 'The Great War' – World War One – are not celebrations. They are commemorations. They are times for us to look fully and clearly at the terror and awfulness of war. They are times for us to think of those whose lives are mangled and transformed by war, leaving behind people who are often scarred in both body and mind. They are times for us to notice the cost and horror of war, and most importantly, to resolve to do better.

We gather in the church and at the War Memorial to remember the cost of war in lives given, and to remind ourselves of what an incredible, unspeakable cost that truly is. They are times for us to yearn for peace, and to voice our regret that that peace was not given to both those brave people whose names we read out, and those in our more recent history that may not be listed on the memorial, but whose lives are nevertheless touched by war.

We commit to do better. We commit to value peace. And we commit to cherishing and caring for those whose lives have been touched by violence and war. We do not devalue, and we do not forget.

May our lament and our commitment both be renewed this Remembrance Sunday.

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 9th November.
Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89157099539?pwd=XiULFcX8FGzuaihMzAt8PPnzgLU2TD.1
Meeting ID: 891 5709 9539 Passcode: 542260

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Those who are ill: Sheila Hughes, Grace Slack, Hannah, Tabi Berry, Elles de Grau

Those who have died: Shirley Lewis; Susan Hunt (funeral at 11am Tuesday 17th November at St. Mary's)

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. 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 the notice above for clarification).*
For further details please contact Rev'd Denise on 01285 713285 or denisehyde15@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests
Would you like us to pray for you? If you have a particular need or concern, please complete a prayer request slip and place it in our prayer request box it will then be included in our Community Prayers every Monday for a month.
Both the prayer request box and prayer request slips can be found on our new prayer table by the pulpit in the Nave or contact Rev'd Denise.

From Ann Nicholls
November is traditionally the month of remembering; do you remember each day what Jesus Christ did for you on the cross?

Lord God, thank you for always being willing to hear what's in my heart.
I know there are people in my life who need to experience your love, healing and guidance and I want to support them.

When I come to you, remind me to bring the needs of others as well.
Thank you for what you are doing in my life and how you are working in lives all over the world.

I particularly bring those in our world who have been wounded in body, mind or spirit to you, and pray for the healing and peace of mind at this time, each one individually known to you, bring peace Lord to our troubled world.

In Jesus' name. Amen

Safeguarding
Parish Safeguarding Officer - Val Trafford - val.trafford@me.com

Thanks to everyone who came to the safeguarding session led by Val last Monday 26th October. Despite some initial audio-visual hiccups, the session went very well, with several participants saying that they felt inspired to learn even more! Do speak to Val if you'd like to sign up for a future session or would like directions to online learning.

NOTICES

Calling All Stewards!
On Saturday, 14th November at 3.00pm, John Campbell (a fellow steward) has offered to give us a talk, in church, about the windows etc.

This is open to you all, with tea and cake afterwards.

Do please come and hear more about our historic church and meet other stewards.

Many thanks – Gill Peachey. 01285 711647

Coffee Rota: Volunteers Needed
We are currently a bit short of volunteers to serve coffee and biscuits after the 10 am service every week and would welcome a few new people on the list.

Currently our turn comes around about every two months. It's a good way to meet new people and is much appreciated. The coffee and tea are provided, so only milk and biscuits need to be brought on the day.

If you are interested in knowing more, please talk to Sarah Bottomley.

Lechlade with Fairford Mothers' Union Project for HMP Eastwood Park.
A big THANK YOU to all of you who so kindly donated to this very worthy cause.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the two church communities. For the time being we are pausing collecting the items, and I will let you know if, and when, we are collecting again.

You have blessed so many people through your donations. Thank you.
Rev'd Denise.

Help Madina

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the soup lunch a great success!

The event was well attended, and we raised around £800 which will go directly to the charity for supporting the people of Madina.

Thank you - Helen

Church Cleaning – Help Needed

Since several of our hard-working church cleaning team have had to step back recently, we have a pressing need for two roles in particular:

a) A volunteer to organise the church cleaning rota. The Holy Dusters do a fantastic job, but the teams really need someone to co-ordinate which team is working where and when. Could you help organise?
b) A volunteer to take on the cleaning of the church brass. Our candlesticks and High Altar crucifix are all made of beautiful brass, which looks great, but needs regular love and attention. Might you be able to take on the task of keeping it shining?

South Cotswold Team Ministry News – Interim Minister in the Five Villages

The Bishop, working with the Patrons, Archdeacon and Parish reps of the Five Villages, is delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Chris Gaul as the new Interim Team Vicar of Kempsford with Whelford, Castle Eaton, Marston Meysey & Meysey Hampton and Deanery Pioneer of Cirencester Deanery for an initial period of two years.

Chris will be licensed on Sunday 6th December at 3pm and will then begin his new ministry in the Team. This appointment is subject to the usual HR procedures, which have already begun.

Please do pray for Chris and his family at this exciting time.

LIFE'S FIVE BIG QUESTIONS

Origin? Purpose? Suffering? Afterlife? God?

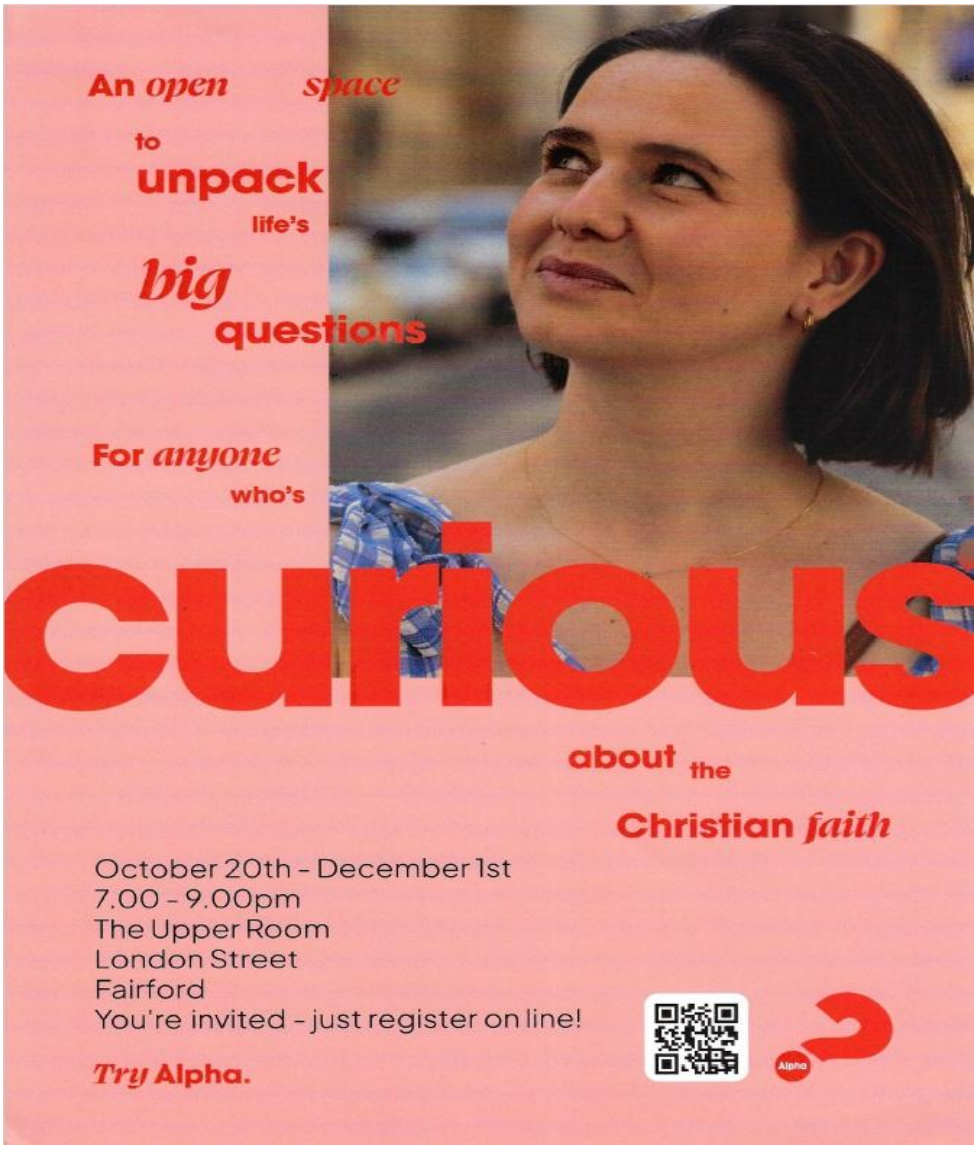
These form the basis of the internationally acclaimed Alpha Course initiated by Rev Nicky Gumbel currently being translated into Chinese and Arabic.

Here in Fairford, we are running an Alpha Course on Tuesday evenings for 7 weeks from October 20th-December 1st.

Please invite and bring family, friends or work colleagues for whom these five big questions of life remain unanswered.

If you have any questions or want to find out more, please let us know.
Jeremy & Katie Blake

FACT (Fairford Area Churches Together)
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The Jane Kidd Eco Talks

Presented by
St Mary's Eco Church Group Fairford

17th Nov

'Slowing Down Fast Fashion' by Carrie Lomas

Farmor Room
Community Centre
Fairford
7pm refreshments
7.30pm start

Future dates

- **19th Jan 2027**
- **16th Feb 2027**

St Mary's Eco Church

Advanced booking is not required
There is no charge, but donations to help cover costs would be gratefully received

Working 4 Wellbeing
Fairford and Lechlade Areas

Sponsored by
COTSWOLD FOOD NETWORK

COMMUNITY MEALS ARE BACK!

WE HAVE DATES!!!! Yayyyyy!

Sunday	Thursday	Thursday
25/10	26/11	10/12
@ 12pm	@ 5pm	@ 6pm

Menu to be confirmed but these book up fast

£7.50 home cooked dinner and dessert



Fairford Community Centre

HOSTED by Mel at Kitchen Club and W4W volunteers.

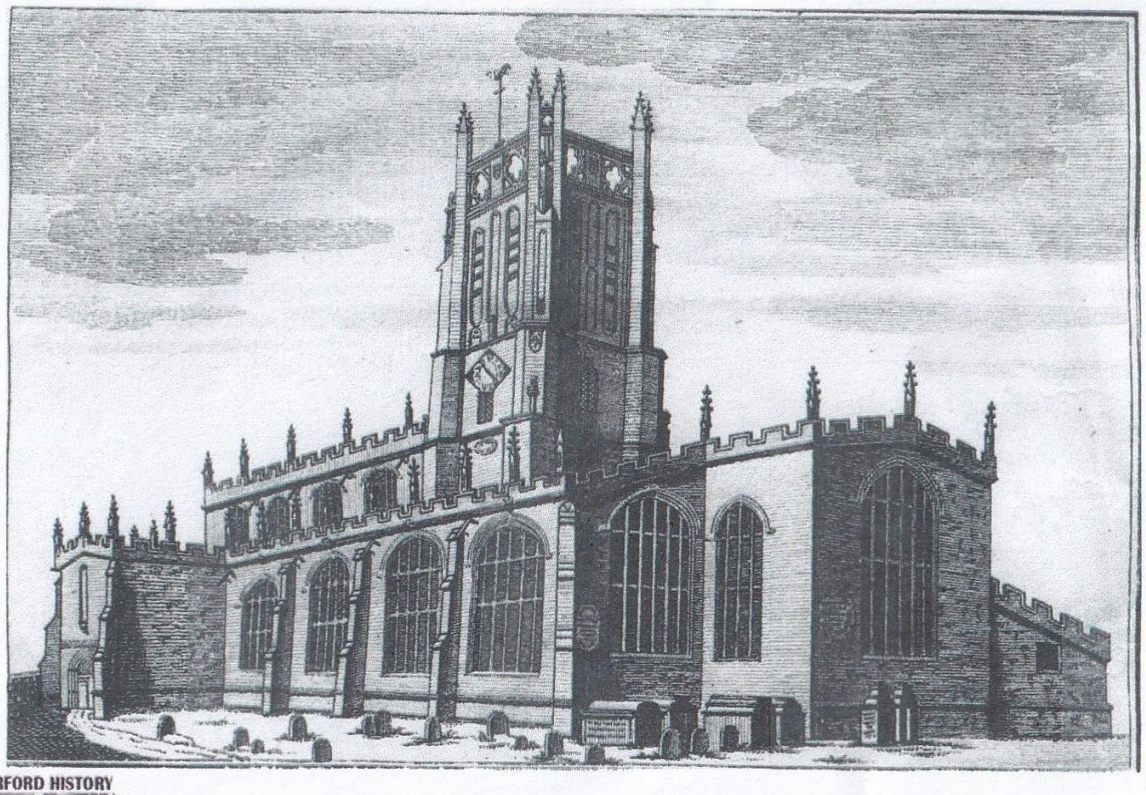
Come share a meal and laughter with us in the community.

Contact Mary Ann 07555738138 to book your space



Thursday 19th November 7.30pm at Fairford Community Centre

Music in St Mary's Church, Fairford by John Read



FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

www.fairfordhistory.org.uk

WHAT FUTURE FOR OUR RURAL CHURCHES?

A talk by Dame Fiona Reynolds, High Sheriff of Gloucester





Thursday 12th November 7pm, at the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester

In this challenging lecture, Dame Fiona will argue that our precious and unique heritage of church buildings is in danger of being lost with many dependent entirely on declining congregations to maintain them. This talk will explore some possible solutions.

£12 in advance or £15 on the door, to include a glass of wine and nibbles from 6pm

Book online at www.ghct.org.uk or use this QR code:

This event is being organised by Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, which supports the repair and improvement of churches in the county.

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