





# Monthly Update November 2024

(All services at **St Agatha's** unless otherwise stated)

Day and Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November <b>All Saints'</b>	9.30am <b>All Saints' Family Service</b> ----- 4pm <b>All Souls' Memorial Service</b>	John 11:32-44 ----- 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 6:37-40	The Faithful Departed; St Mary's and St Leonard's, Wallingford; residents of Bakers Lane, Datchet Green, Five Acres; Police, Probation Service; Village Organisations; our Sacristans and Servers
<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> November	10.50am gather at War Memorial	 John 15:9-17	The Methodist Church, Wallingford; residents of High Road, Sires Hill; the Royal British Legion, all those in the Armed Forces at home or overseas; our Bellringers and Sidespeople
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November <b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent</b>	9.30am Parish Communion (Revd Sarah Nesbitt)	Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8	The Wallingford Baptist Church; residents of Wantage Road & NW Wallingford; the Village Shop and all who work there; Local House Groups
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Christ the King</b>	9.30am Family Communion	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Revelations 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	The Friends Meeting House, Wallingford; residents of Church Lane; The Villager, those who publish and distribute it; our Intercessors and Readers
<b>Advent Sunday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> December 	9.30am <b>Advent Family Service</b> ----- 4pm Advent Carols Newnham Murren	Luke 21:25-36 ----- Psalm 9 Joel 3:9-end Revel. 14:13-15:4	The Ridgeway Community Church; residents of Little Martins; Brightwell Supporting Refugees; providers of our hymns and music

### Mid-week activities:

Tuesdays: 6.30pm Handbell Practice  
7pm Bellringing Practice  
Wednesdays: 9.00am Morning Prayer  
10am-noon Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room,  
**all are welcome!**  
7.30-9pm Village Choir Practice for Christmas

**The Brightwell Emmaus Group** meets on alternate Thursday afternoons at 3pm-4.30pm at various venues. Please speak to Mina Barrett for more information.

## From the Team Vicar:

### **All Souls' Memorial Service – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 4pm**

Each year in November the church has a special “All Souls’ Day” when we remember and pray for those who have died. During this service, the names of the departed will be read out and there is an opportunity for those who wish to light a candle in memory of loved ones. If you wish to include the names of anyone known to you please add their name to the list on the welcome desk.

### **Confirmation preparation**

Sarah & I are planning to run two confirmation preparation groups, one for adults, the other for our young people in the coming weeks. If you are interested - even if you just want to find out more about being a Christian, the Bible or some of our rituals and practices in the Anglican Church - please let us know. There is no obligation to be confirmed (and baptised if you haven't been baptised previously) at the end of the sessions, but you might just find Jesus calling you to come closer.

The young people's session is likely to be on a Sunday afternoon and the adult session will depend to some degree on who comes forwards to fit around home/life situations.

### **Christmas Dates for your diary:**

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm: Christmas Carol Service**

If you would like to join the choir for the Carol Service, we will again be rehearsing on Wednesday evenings – with thanks to Gilly again for her musical leadership

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30pm: Crib Service**

Children especially welcome as we retell the Nativity story, with children in costume

**11.30pm Midnight Communion** at St James', Sotwell



### **Giving:**

All donations to the mission and ministry of our church are very welcome: the majority of our members use the Parish Giving Scheme as it is the most efficient way of reclaiming Gift Aid - new forms are available at the welcome desk. Alternatively, you can give electronically with the option of Gift Aid, using this QR code on a smart phone. We also accept hard cash!

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