

OAK HILL GROUP OF PARISHES

(Alderton, Gt. Washbourne,
Dumbleton & Wormington)

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Dear Friends

November - a Time of Remembering. November is a time of remembering in the church year. The period from All Saints to Advent is a time when we are reminded of the fact that 'no Christian is solitary'.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are days when we reflect on this sense of belonging and remembering. On All Saints' Day we celebrate men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen God at work. God's work of grace can be seen in the ordinary and extraordinary, as any flick through a dictionary of saints will demonstrate. The services where we commemorate the faithful departed are a more local and personal way of remembering those whom we have loved and are no longer with us; they allow us to remember those whom we have known more directly, those saints in our lives who have nurtured us, who gave us life; and made us who we are.

Then we move to Remembrance Sunday, where we explore further the theme of memory, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-giving, memory and forgetting. We pray for reconciliation between the nations, that all people might live together in freedom, justice, and peace. Yet we continue do so in the shadow of major conflict: the ongoing battle between Russia and Ukraine, and the rapidly escalating war in the Middle East. Much to pray for.

I came across this very powerful poem written by Joshua Dyer (aged 14); he was tasked at school to write a poem for Remembrance Day. An hour later (without any help) he produced this:

ONE THOUSAND MEN ARE WALKING

One thousand men are walking
Walking side by side
Singing songs from home
The spirit as their guide
They walk toward the light milord,
they walk towards the sun
they smoke and laugh and smile together
no foes to outrun.

These men live on forever
in the hearts of those they saved
a nation truly grateful
for the path of peace they paved.

They march as friends and comrades
but they do not march for war
step closer to salvation
a tranquil steady corps
the meadows lit with golden beams
a beacon for the brave
the emerald grass untrampled
a reward for what they gave.

They dream of those they left behind
and know they dream of them
forever in those poppy fields
there walks one thousand men.

November - a time of remembering, of reflecting, of moving towards a renewed hope as we prepare to celebrate the birth of God's son. A birth not announced in best BBC English on Radio 4, but by angels, to an unmarried teenager and her carpenter boyfriend. An announcement made for each one of us, God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to save us. That's worth remembering.

In this season of Remembrance, as we remember with candles, poppies, or bread and wine, may we all take time to pause, reflect, and be thankful for the peace we have in our nation. This comes with every Godly Blessing as we continue our journey towards winter.
Julia x

ALDERTON

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: is on November 10th and there will be a short service at 10.50am at the War Memorial with the trumpeter playing the Last Post and Reveille and then afterwards at Church. Please do join us again to remember all the men and woman who have fought in the World Wars and other wars around the world to protect our liberty.

ALDERTON'S CAROL SERVICE: is on Sunday December 8th in St Margaret's Church at 4pm. This will be a candlelit service where we can all enjoy singing our well known Christmas Carols and be given a Christingle to support the work of the Children's Society.

St Margaret's Church **CHRISTMAS FAIR** is on **Saturday December 14th** in the Village Hall from 2 - 4pm. Items that we would be very grateful for are: Raffle Prizes (deliver to Nicki + Sheila - 10 Church Road or Helen West - Junipers) the Gift Stall (Sandy Keys Ellenor Drive) or the Tombola or Delicatessen (Helen) and Cakes - on the day. There will be a delicious range of cakes served with teas and coffees and a variety of craft stalls to enjoy browsing at for Christmas presents. The children will be able to have fun at the games stalls, plus a special visitor will be calling in.....

OUTDOOR CAROL SINGING: will be in the Churchyard on **Wednesday 18th December at 6pm.**

GREAT WASHBOURNE

It was lovely to see so many people at the Harvest Service last week and to share supper, we were able to donate nearly 70Kg of produces to the North Cotswolds Food Bank, with an additional cash donation of £94. **THANK YOU** everyone for your generous support.

A date for your diaries: **FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER** will be the Great Washbourne Carol Singing evening, 6.00pm at the Church. All are welcome, please do join use.

DUMBLETON

THANKS to everyone who helped to make the church look so beautiful for the Harvest Service on October 6th and for the food donations which were gratefully received at the North Cotswold Food Bank.

The Harvest Supper was a really great social event this year which was enjoyed by all. Many **THANKS** to everyone involved in providing puds, cheese etc and to the Village Club for the use of their premises. Special **THANKS** to the fantastic cooks, Jan and Lorraine, who provided a superb and delicious hot meal for everyone. A total of £752.50 was raised for church funds.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER. As is the custom the Act of Remembrance will be held outdoors. Please gather at the WAR MEMORIAL at 10.50am in preparation for the two minutes silence at 11am. There will be a collection in aid of the Royal British Legion. If wet the service will be held in church.

FUNdraising **FILM NIGHT SUNDAY** 10th November. Join us for this event at the VILLAGE CLUB where we will be showing "THE GREAT ESCAPER" starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. £5 entrance to include nibbles and the Bar will be open for drinks. Such a good value evening, be sure to come along.

NOVEMBER FAMILY SERVICE SUNDAY 17th at 10.30am. The theme is **CHRIST THE KING with INFORMAL COMMUNION.** We hope you will join us for this relaxed service. We do like to see and hear children at our services so do not be hesitant in bringing them to any of our services which are very Family Friendly.

DECEMBER is looming and here are two early dates for your diary:

We love to have **CHRISTMAS TREES** in church all through December so they will be appearing for our service on December 1st. If you would like to place a decorated tree in church, we would love to hear from you so please let us know

Then don't overlook the "**CANDLELIT CHRISTINGLE and CAROL SERVICE**" on **15th DECEMBER** at 4pm. Always a magical service for this special time of year.

From the Registers: Funeral and Burial 11th October, Harold Anthony Staight. R.I.P.

WORMINGTON

BAPTISM RECORD: Frederick Edward McDiarmid on Sunday 6th October 2024

UKRAINE SHOEBOX APPEAL - Leaflets detailing items requested on the visitors' table - Please leave items for the shoebox appeal in the box by the visitors' table. Shoeboxes welcome full or partially filled. Please leave in church by Saturday 18th November. With many thanks. Contact Angela for more details: angela.piercy@hotmail.co.uk

Next **BOARD GAMES** Afternoons - all at 2.30pm in the church

Sunday 10th November, Thursday 21st November & Sunday 8th December

Date for your diary: **Sunday 15th December SERVICE OF 6 LESSONS AND CAROLS** 6pm - all welcome. Mulled wine and mince pies served after the service.

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Lectionary Year B

3rd November White All Saints 4A	9.00am GT WASHBOURNE ALL SAINTS HC Trad	10.30am DUMBLETON ALL SAINTS – HC CW	Isaiah 25.6-9 Revelation 21.1-61 John 11.32-44
10th November Green 3A	10.50am Dumbleton War Memorial Remembrance Service	10.50am ALDERTON War Memorial Remembrance Service Followed by short Church Service	Jonah 3.1-5,10 Hebrews 9.24-end Mark 1.24-20
17th November Green 2A	9.00am GT WASHBOURNE HC CW	10.30am DUMBLETON Family Service with informal HC – Theme - All Saints	Daniel 12.1-3 Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25 Mark 13.1-8
24th November Christ The King Red	6.00pm WORMINGTON Choral Evensong	10.30am HC FOR CHRIST THE KING	Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37
1st December Advent Sunday Purple Lectionary Year C	9.00am GT WASHBOURNE Advent Communion	10.30am DUMBLETON Advent Communion	Jeremiah 33.14-16 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end Luke 21.25-36

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