

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Bible Sunday**

- 8.00 a.m. BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00 a.m. Family Communion (*available via Zoom*)
- 4.00 p.m. Tea-Time Church – *Bible Sunday*

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**Collect for Today**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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**Service Readings**

Nehemiah 8:1-4a(5-6)8-12; Colossians 3:12-17 and Matthew 24:30-35

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**Please pray for**

... those in need of our prayers: Sheila Banks, Julie Banks, Rosemary Bailey, Anne Bradbeer, Pauline Coulter, Doris Greenacre, Joy Hunter, Pat Williams, Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.

... the family and friends of George Richie and Raymond George whose anniversary of death is at this time

... those who live and work in Sandalwood, St John's Road and St John's Close.

... our Mission partners, the Koens Family in Papua New Guinea

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**Post Communion Prayer**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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## Dear Friends

Today is Bible Sunday and until I searched it on the web, I thought it was just something that was recognised in this country. To my surprise, however, I found entries about such a Sunday being celebrated all around the World.

As we support the Koens, who work for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea (PNG), I looked at their site and was surprised to see their main headline was “*No Bible Sunday*”. Reason: 20 percent of the world’s population do not currently have access to a Bible.

Someone asked me once: “Why do we support the Koens?” You might also ask: why do they appear on the newsheet each week encouraging us to pray for them? These are valid questions. Their family have lived in PNG for several years and although not translators themselves they support the work; one of them teaching the children of the translators and one of them maintaining vehicles and other machinery.

But why are there translators in PNG? Well, this territory is linguistically the most complex in the world. There are over 800 languages and to date there are only 241 translations of the whole, or portions of, the Bible in digital format, 25 in audio and two in video format. In PNG therefore only a third of their languages have been translated, meaning that there are over 500 people groups with no Bibles in their own language.

I don’t know how many Bibles you have in your home but, without leaving my computer and looking round the house, I know we have at least five full Bibles in various translations, and many volumes of smaller parts of the Bible. But one fifth of people in the world currently have no Bible at all.

If, as Christians, we believe that scripture is an important way for God to reveal Himself to us. If we accept that it contains encouragement, guidance, and spiritual nourishment, do we give sufficient time and attention to reading and studying this collection of books, which are so easily accessible to us?

**Martyn**

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### **Mission Focus for October: Mosaic Middle East** (formerly FFRME)

Mosaic Middle East is working in Iraq and Jordan 'to bring hope, help and healing in the Middle East. Their focus is on vulnerable and persecuted minorities. Their motivation is Christian compassion. Their objective is to strengthen and empower those in need.' Please pray for the staff and volunteers working in difficult situations to bring hope, comfort and light into

the lives of people who have lost so much. More information in the Oct magazine or from their website at [mosaicmiddleeast.org](http://mosaicmiddleeast.org).

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## Notices

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**All Saints' Patronal Festival, 1<sup>st</sup> November, Choral Evensong** – Join us on All Saints' Day next Sunday at 6pm when members of All Saints' Choir will lead us at our Patronal festival.

**Remembrance Day, 8<sup>th</sup> November** – This year, we will be holding three Services of Remembrance. There will be services at 9am, 11am and 4pm. In order to remain safe and control numbers, we will be ticketing each service. Tickets (free!) are available to book online **now**. *Please book soon*. If you can't do online bookings, just ask Trish to book them for you. Here's the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/125141941917>

**Family List** – We plan to print a new edition of the Family List next month. If you're already in the list, you need do nothing and you'll get a copy. If you're not in it and want to be, please let Trish know by the end of October. Remember – you have to be in it to have one!

**Bucket pond bonanza!** Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the bucket ponds, they are looking amazing. Do go and have a look in the Vicarage garden and soon perhaps we'll see more wildlife gathering there. Well done Julie and the Eco Vision Group for doing this project.

**Pilgrim 3** – Our third Pilgrim course will be starting on 4<sup>th</sup> November and running for 6 weeks. The theme this time is The Commandments. You don't need to have attended either of the previous courses to come along to this one. Please let Trish know if you'd like to attend. Books can be obtained from Aslan for £4.99 and free delivery!

[\(https://www.aslanchristianbooks.com/pilgrim-book-3-the-commandments/\)](https://www.aslanchristianbooks.com/pilgrim-book-3-the-commandments/)

**An interesting fact!** – Since we started collecting recycling for Terracycle, we have sent off 5,676 (yes, that's right!) crisp packets. We've also recycled 730 inkjet cartridges. All this would've ended up in landfill. Thank you for supporting us in this way.

**Tea-time Church team** – We're getting together a small team to help plan and run the 4pm Tea-time services. If you'd like to be involved, please have a chat with Beverly.

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## Diary for the Coming Week

### Morning prayer 9.15am Mon-Weds, Holy Communion 9.15am Thurs

- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Youth Group, Zoom, 5.00pm  
Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Tea-time Church Planning, Zoom, 2.30pm  
Sun 1<sup>st</sup> *All Saints' Patronal Festival*  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Altogether Worship – *The Beatitudes*, 10.00am  
Zoom 'Coffee after Church' 12 noon  
Choral Evensong, 6.00pm
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### Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Ps. 126, 2 Kings 21:1-18, 1 Timothy 1:1-17  
Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Ps. 132, 2 Kings 22:1-23:3; 1 Timothy 1:18-end of 2  
Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Ps. 116, Isaiah 45:18-end, Luke 6:12-16  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Ps. 143, 2 Kings 23:36-24:17, 1 Timothy 4  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Ps. 144, 2 Kings 24:18-25:12, 1 Timothy 5:1-16  
Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Ps. 147, 2 Kings 25:22-end, 1 Timothy 5:17-end
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### Service Readings for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November:

#### All Saints' Patronal Festival

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