

Sunday 10th November 2024

Remembrance Sunday

10.00 a.m. All-Age Communion

4.00 p.m. Service of Thanksgiving for the Bereaved

Collect for Today

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

10am: Psalm 46:1-7 (*p.529*), Ephesians 6:10-17 (*p.192*) and Luke 6:27-31 (*p.62*)

4pm: Psalm 23 (*p.512*), 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (*p.175*)

Please pray for

... Jo Dwyer, Sue Hawkins, Robin Holdsworth, Jean and Tony Reed, and Roger Young.

... the family and friends of Joseph Zimmerman, Olivia Toubkin, Frances Gowers and Violet Lynn whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Bannisters Road, Beechcroft Drive, Benbrick Road and Bray Road.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Dear Friends

There's a person I'd like to introduce you all to. His name is Geoffrey Kennedy. But you might know him by another name: Woodbine Willie.

He was a poet and Chaplain in the First World War. He got his name from the men he served in the trenches in Flanders. He said that his parish was there with them in the mud and battlefield. He held services 3 times a day to crowds of between 500 and 1,500 men. Every day he walked the trenches or the lines of men queuing to take a train to the front line, handing out woodbine cigarettes and bibles. So, the name Woodbine Willie was born.

Woodbine Willie did his theological thinking there in the battlefield as he went over the top into a hail of bullets and shells. He tended the wounded, pulling them out of the mud to first aid posts and after the battle he buried the dead.

For him, God was there in the mud with him and his men. The church all around them.

He wrote on many hard-hitting subjects in a language understood by the soldiers and in the city slums that he worked in after the war.

In our Remembrance Sunday service we are asking Woodbine Willie about some of these hard hitting questions he both asked himself on that battlefield and how he answered them.

Andy

Mission Focus for November: North Guildford Food Bank

The North Guildford food bank at St Clare's, Park Barn provides temporary help for individuals and families in the Guildford area who are in need. The food bank provides a real lifeline for many. Give thanks for the donations received from Harvest services, and pray for increased giving in the lead up to Christmas when they experience a huge rise in demand. For more information read the article in this month's magazine or visit northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk

Notices

Remembrance Sunday:

- ✝ At this morning's All-Age Communion, we welcome our local uniformed organisations. After the service, the Brownies are holding a cake sale in the hall. Please do come along and support them.
- ✝ At 4pm today, we're holding our annual Service of Thanksgiving for the Bereaved to remember our loved ones who have gone before us.

Gift Day for The Big Build: On Sunday 24th November we'll be holding a launch event for our fundraising campaign for the Big Build project. We'll be focussing on the project in our morning service and then inviting the whole church to stay after for **prosecco and plans** at 11.15am! We hope to have 3D images of the new build, presentations from the team and the opportunity to ask more about the project vision. The cost of the project will be in the region of £750,000 and we will need to raise £300,000 of this ourselves. Please think and pray about what you may be able to give financially.

Orchard Work Morning: Saturday 16th November, 10.30am-1.00pm. New helpers very welcome! Come for as long or as little amount of time as you have available. We'll be cutting back overgrowth and brambles this session.

Margaret Arni's 100th Birthday: *On Wednesday 27th November*, Margaret Arni will be celebrating her 100th birthday! Margaret is currently in Birtley House in Bramley and we're going to join her there for a communion service at 10.30am on her special day, followed by birthday cake. Birtley House are also holding a tea party for Margaret at 3pm that day to which we're invited. We need to know numbers for both events so, if you'd like to attend, please let Trish know. There is also a card at the back of church if you would like to sign it.

Christmas Food Bank Collection: From next Sunday, we'll have a collection box out in church for donations to the North Guildford Food Bank. Although we've recently had a harvest collection, the food bank is expecting to have to distribute 400 food parcels (a normal month is 150). More information to follow on what items they would particularly like.

New Pastoral Team members needed: Our Pastoral Team works together to offer care and support to vulnerable people within our church family, and in the local community. If you have a caring heart, and a few hours a week to spare, you'd be very welcome to become part of the Pastoral Team. Please be in touch with Beverly for more information.

Events Vision Group Chair: Whilst Sophie is away for the next 6 months or so, we need a chair for the Events Vision Group. This does not mean you have to arrange all the events! You'd be responsible for overseeing the events and the budget for them. Please chat to Beverly if you'd be interested in doing this.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues, Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom.

Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 11th Pastoral Team Meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am
Magazine Team Meeting, 43 Poltimore Road, 12.30pm
Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
Big Build Meeting, Vicarage, 6.30pm
- Tues 12th Vision Group Chairs Meeting with lunch, Vicarage, 12.30pm
PCC Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Weds 13th Wednesday Lunch Group, Kempshott, 12.30pm
Sharing & Learning Group, 2 Beechcroft Drive, 7.45pm
- Thurs 14th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
- Fri 15th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
Friday Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm
- Sat 16th Orchard Work Morning, 10.30am-1.00pm
- Sun 17th BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am
Tea-time Church, 4.00pm
Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 11th Ps. 20, Daniel 4:19-end, Revelation 5
- Tues 12th Ps. 21, Daniel 5:1-12, Revelation 6
- Weds 13th Ps. 23, Daniel 5:13-end, Revelation 7:1-4,9-end
- Thurs 14th Ps. 26, Daniel 6, Revelation 8
- Fri 15th Ps. 32, Daniel 7:1-14, Revelation 9:1-12
- Sat 16th Ps. 33, Daniel 7:15-end, Revelation 9:13-end

Service Readings for Sunday 17th November: 2nd before Advent

Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18)19-25 and Mark 13:1-8

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