

Welcome to our Services in Church

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 5th 11.00 am Choral Eucharist Stow, streamed
All Saints

SUNDAY 12th
Remembrance 9.30 am Remembrance Service Condicote
Sunday 10.45 am Remembrance Service Stow, streamed

SUNDAY 19th
Second Sunday 9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) Upper Swell
Before Advent 11.00 am Holy Communion Stow, streamed

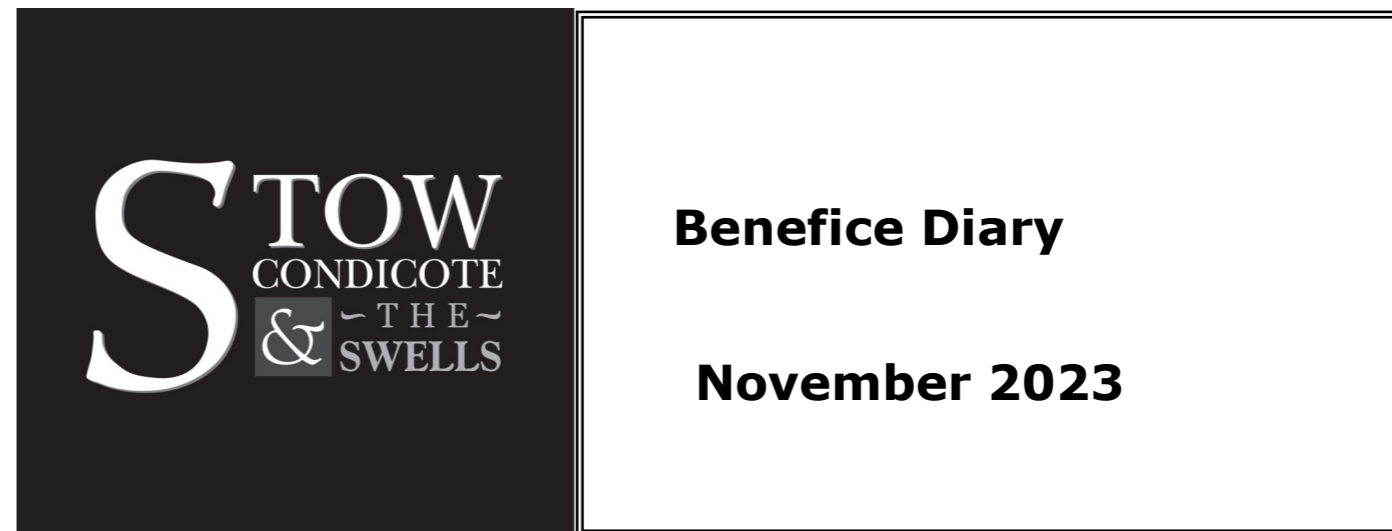
SUNDAY 26th
Christ the King 9.30 am Holy Communion Condicote
Sunday Next 11.00 am Holy Communion Stow, streamed
Before Advent

If you have an opinion on how we progress towards Communion in Two Kinds, as preferred by the House of Bishops, please do let Reverend Karen know what you think.

Please note that on some occasions it may not be possible to stream all the main 11.00 am services from St Edward's Church. The website will always show the latest details, which may differ from printed material.

<http://www.scats.org.uk> will always have the latest news!

If you would like to sign up for occasional email updates please send an email request to secretary@stedwardsstow.org.uk



From the Priest-in-Charge:

November rhymes with 'remember'. It's a coincidence, of course, but in this case a rather good one, because in November we do a lot of remembering. Perhaps the most obvious occasion is Bonfire Night - 'Remember, remember, the 5th of November' when we remember the foiling of a plot to murder everyone in the Houses of Parliament along with the King and his family. We have perhaps lost the horror of it with the traditions of fireworks and bonfires, but it was a significant event, still remembered over four hundred years later.

This is not all we remember in November. The month starts with the festivals of All Saints and All Souls, on the 1st and 2nd of November when we remember the faithful people of God of past generations. This year we have the Gloriana Choir singing at our All Saints service on the 5th November. Details of the Remembrance Sunday services are overleaf.

With best wishes from
Reverend Karen

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2023 ST EDWARD'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

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The Festival programme is as follows:
open from 10 am to 5 pm (7th to 10th),
Stow School Christmas Concert 2 pm Thursday
Festival Lunch at 12 pm on Friday
North Cotswold Wind Band 10.15 am Saturday
Celebration Service (prizegiving) at 6 pm Sunday

If you would like to help at the festival, by acting as a steward welcoming visitors, serving refreshments (or donating cakes and biscuits), or selling raffle tickets, please sign up on the rotas, which are on clipboards, at the back of church.

After the Festival we will be selling Christmas trees (4 ft high) which have been used during the event at a cost of £20.00 This represents great value for money and saves having to travel to Moreton to purchase one. If you would like to order a tree, please tell one of the organisers during the festival, as this offer is only available until Sunday 10th.

This year there will be a raffle running throughout the Festival, with cash prizes and more. We are hoping that not only those living locally will buy tickets but also our visitors from further afield who wouldn't necessarily still be in Stow on the Sunday, when the raffle will be drawn. If you are able to take a book or two of raffle tickets to sell to your family, friends and neighbours in advance of the Festival, please contact Sue on 01608 654150.

The photograph above is the Prayer Tree taken at the 2022 Tree Festival.



J S BACH CHRISTMAS ORATORIO (PARTS 1,2,3,6)

Desmond and Val would like to remind everyone about the Charlton Kings Choral Society concert at 7.30 pm on Saturday 25th November at St Philip and St James Church in Cheltenham. Tickets costs £18 and are available from www.ckcsonline.org.uk

MU On Thursday November 2nd a North Cotswold Deanery fundraising Coffee Morning will be held in St Edward's Church from 10.00 am until noon. There will be refreshments, a book stall and a bring and buy stall, so do please come along and support this cause.

ST EDWARD'S STOW IN THIS ENGLAND MAGAZINE

There is a super article featuring St Edward's Church, Stow, in this quarter's edition of This England magazine, which is on sale now. Buy your copy now and don't miss out!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1st December — MU Deanery Advent Carol Service, 2 pm at St Edward's. Everyone most welcome.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On the 12th November we have Remembrance Sunday, when we remember the horrors of war and pray for the peace of the world. It seems very appropriate that we remember those who have died in war in a town where there was a massacre at the end of the Battle of Stow in 1646. War is brutal as we are reminded nightly in the footage on our TVs, tablets and computers of war in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. In the face of such horror it is tempting to close our eyes and look away but perhaps what we can do is powerful in its own quiet way. That is to pray that the Prince of Peace will come into the hearts of those who are directing war and will give courage to those people who work for peace behind the scenes. Let us pray for peace as we remember. Revd Karen.

NEW GLORIANA CHOIR – ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

We have a musical feast at St Edward's on the first Sunday in November, (5th). We shall be hosting the New Gloriana Choir for a Choral Eucharist at 1100. Please do join us on this very special occasion. New Gloriana, under its Director, Simon Hiller, regularly sings services at cathedrals around the country. We very much welcome all from our Benefice and beyond to come along.

LEFTOVER FOREIGN CURRENCY?

If you have any leftover foreign currency (notes or coins) which you are unlikely to use, you might like to donate them to the church, as it is possible for them to be processed and a credit sent direct to the church's bank account. This free service is provided to charities by a company which even refunds postage. Recently we received £208.66.

It would be helpful to our cashiers if you could pop your foreign currency (current or outdated) in an envelope or bag marked Foreign Currency and post it in the red safe by the door. You do not need to separate out different currencies. Just lump them all in together. Thank you!

WARM HUB

The warm hub at the library is starting up again on Wednesday 1st November. If you would like to donate items for the hub please see Val Goddard at the library on Wednesdays as she will know what is needed that week. Donations of cash are also welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ONE HOUR

Could you spare an hour on Saturday 18th November to hand out flyers in Tesco for the Tree Festival? If so, please contact Bernice on 833840.

CLOSELY KNIT meets on Saturday mornings from 10 am to noon for crafts, coffee and chat. All are welcome. The group is delighted to report that sales of knitted goods during the month of October raised £282 for St Edward's Church funds.

ROAD CLOSURES

The 24/7 road closure (bridge improvement services) on the B4068 Lower Swell Road is still in place, so please be aware of this when driving to and from Lower Swell and Stow.