



# Friday Fellowship News No 26, 16 October 2020

## SHINING LIGHT ON A DARK NIGHT

DON'T forget, in just a few weeks it will be Halloween. Why not use this idea to let people know where they can really find light in the darkness!



## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – 15 NOVEMBER 2020

PLEASE join us, via Zoom, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

This is an opportunity to read reports about Church activities during 2019, elect new church wardens and members of the Parochial Church Council (Trustees).

Zoom invite details will be emailed to you separate from this Friday Fellowship Newsletter, and nearer the time. Copies of Reports and Accounts shall be available via email and also posted onto the church website.

## ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020

BEFORE the APCM meeting, the Church Electoral Roll needs to be revised. Notice and information about this is being sent out to you under a separate email, along with an application form, should you need it. **If you are already on the electoral roll you do not need to do anything!** Please return new application forms to:

Janet Warren, PCC Secretary: [jmwarren302@gmail.com](mailto:jmwarren302@gmail.com) or 32 Huntersfield, Stanford in the Vale, **by Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2020

NOVEMBER is the month of Remembrance. Not only do we commemorate All Souls Day, remembering loved ones who have died, but on 11 November, at 11am, we remember those who gave their lives in the service of others in World Wars past, and more modern conflicts.



Due to Government Covid Restrictions, this year on 11 November we will NOT be holding an Act of Remembrance around the War Memorial. Rather, the school will pay their own respects that day in ways consistent with Government Guidelines for schools.

We have thought long and hard whether we could in any way, adapt our usual Remembrance Sunday Service with the village's Uniform Organisations gathering in church, then processing out around the War Memorial, and alongside villagers - already on Church Green, pause for prayer and the two minutes silence.

But, after various Risk Assessments and models of what might be possible, we have come to the conclusion that for Sunday 8 November, Remembrance Sunday 2020, **we will all gather on Church Green and in the Churchyard**, socially distanced please, for a slightly

extended service, **starting at 1045am and ending at around 1105am.**

Sadly, we are not permitted to sing, but on arrival at Church Green, pick up your Order of Service from one of several tables. You will need this as this year, in order to engage in a corporate act of remembrance where singing etc is not possible, I have decided we shall read out the names of those who died in both wars together.

We shall have the usual two minutes silence and also listen to a hymn sung, the words of which will be in the OofS. Canon Geoff Maughan will lead the service, and wreaths shall be laid at the War Memorial as usual.

At the end of the short service, please remember the maximum grouping together, at present, is 6 people. Please be aware of this, due to the temptation to linger on in groupings outside and instead, proceed to go home, thereby minimising the spreading of the virus amongst villagers, or to church.

As usual, at the end of our Act of Remembrance around the War Memorial, there will be a short service of Holy Communion inside St Denys. However, due to us having a Maximum Safety number of worshippers inside, all socially distanced, **if you wish to come for Holy Communion, please do the following:**

- A) email [warden1@stdents.org](mailto:warden1@stdents.org) with the full names of those wishing to attend, and phone numbers, stating whether they live in the same house/bubble, or separate (this will help us arrange seats accordingly),
- B) await to receive a confirmation that you are booked in to save any disappointment on the day,
- C) if allocated a space, please ensure you bring a face covering to wear inside at all times. If you have a medical reason why you can't, please explain this in the email,
- D) on arrival in the church porch, please Anti-Bac your hands very well - kneeling 2m from others ahead/behind you,
- E) please scan the QR code using the phone and give your name to the person keeping the Track & Trace Register we keep for 3 weeks under Government rules. If you are NOT on the list you will be asked to wait outside to see if we have room for you once those registered have been seated
- F) please follow the one-way system once inside church. Your short Order of Service will be on your seat. Please use and take home with you.
- G) you will be invited to come up for Holy Communion in ones and twos by a steward.

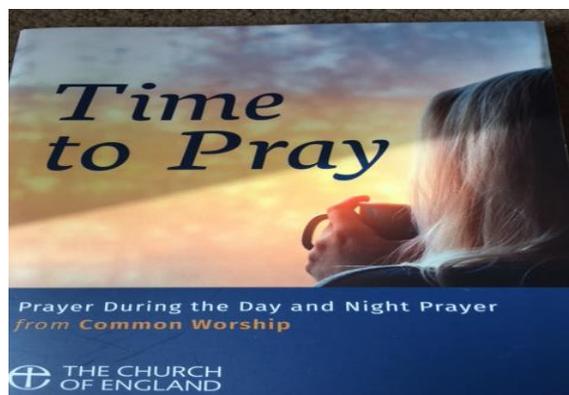
Please Anti-Bac your hands again and once at the rail, please remain standing. Only the Wafer (one kind) shall be given. You will then be directed back to your seat.

- H) at the end of the service a Steward will come to the front and invite you to leave by the small door to the top left of the chancel - this keeping a one way system to save congestion. Please do not congregate outside the door, blocking the exit - and please remember the 'Rule of 6'.

I apologise for having to spell out so much detail ahead of time. But I do so to reassure you of the stringent Covid-safe procedures we have had in place since September on Sundays, and to demonstrate that as a church, our primary focus is your safety and minimising the possibility of spreading any virus around the village as we gather to give thanks to God for the sacrifice of so many for us today.

All I have shared is based on Government Guidance as of October 15, however, should we need to revise anything between now and November 8, we shall communicate via the St Denys Church Facebook Page and via local Social Media pages.

If you are not on email but wish to register to attend Holy Communion on Nov 8, please telephone the vicarage on 01367 710267 and leave your details.



This is a new resource by the CofE providing two very simple Orders of Service for use at Morning prayer and Night prayer (Compline). Available via Amazon, Grove Christian Bookshop or St Andrews Bookshop, Witney.

### **Prayer for the Week**

**God our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Revd Paul Eddy, Vicar.**

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