



Ruscombe & Twyford LEP Church Newsletter

Mark writes...

The Good Samaritan - probably the best known character from one of Jesus' stories. He risked everything, even putting his life on the line for someone he didn't know. As we head towards this Remembrance Sunday does it remind you of anyone? This Sunday we remember those who gave their lives for the freedom of others. This also points us towards an even greater sacrifice. Jesus gave his life not just for those he met, or even just for his enemies, but for the whole World. Jesus is the true Good Samaritan, who stops, heals our wounds, and cares for us. He takes our beatings, our suffering, that we might be healed. Let us worship him by becoming more like him.

Lunch at the Vic - November dates are all fully booked but there is still space on 1st December [Click to Book Here.](#)

News & Events

Remembrance Sunday: Details of our services are shown in the Services section below, but please note that there will be NO PARKING at St Mary's EXCEPT for Blue Badge Holders. Also, there will also be a cross in the URC garden on which anyone may add a poppy.

Weekend Away: 21st-23rd March 2025 in Bournemouth:

Our much-anticipated church weekend away is fast approaching, and we'd love for you to join us for what promises to be a relaxing and joyful occasion. Set in the beautiful coastal town of Bournemouth, this weekend is an opportunity to deepen our connections, refresh our spirits, and enjoy some time away together. To help with our planning, we kindly ask that you complete a booking form and pay a deposit if you plan to attend. This will give us a clearer idea of numbers and help ensure that everything runs smoothly. Booking Forms are available [online](#), in the church lobby or can be requested by [email](#). Please submit your form and deposit as soon as possible. Don't miss out on this special time of fellowship and fun! We look forward to seeing

you there. If you have any queries at all, do please speak to Helen or Cyndy - we would like everyone to be able to come along!

Gift Sunday at the URC falls this year on 1st December. Once again we shall be collecting gifts for the residents at Yeldall Manor. Please bring small items such as pens, stationery, books or pocket games, men's toiletries, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant or Cologne, men's clothing (i.e. scarves, gloves, socks), Chocolate and sweets or savoury snacks (small) and similar stocking fillers. Please wrap all your items, adding a "post-it" note to indicate the contents. Cash donations are also welcome towards Yeldall's overall Christmas expenses and bigger presents for the residents. If none of the above inspires you, Yeldall also have an Amazon gift list [here](#). Contributions can be donated at any of our churches up to and including Sunday 8th December. Thank you.

Christingle: Kick off the festive season by joining us for a fun Christingle service at St Mary's at 3pm on Sunday 8th December. Gather with friends and family to create your own Christingle and sing Christmas classics! This event is a joyful service, bringing families and the community together to share light and hope and to embrace the spirit of giving and gratitude. We can't wait to see you there! Please pre-book your tickets [here](#).

Nine Lessons and Carols Choir: Full details in last week's newsletter, but please let [Judith Pritchard](#) know if you would like to join in.

Scamming Awareness: Thank you to everyone who attended this very informative event. Please contact [Katie Coe](#) if you would like a copy of the Scamwise leaflet or access to the Fraud Victim Support Officer.



Prayer

We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing, in particular:

Jannette, Philip, Toby, Rachel, Sally, Judy, Steven, Lizzy, Joan, Clara, Sharon, John and Anne.

Church Services

This Sunday 10th November: Third Sunday before Advent ([Matthew 5:1-12](#))

- 9:00 am Holy Communion at St James' with act of remembrance from 8.55am.
- 10:30 am Remembrance Sunday Civic Service at St Mary's, starting at the War Memorial.

Next Sunday 17th November: Second Sunday before Advent

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer at St James'
- 10:30 am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10:30 am Holy Communion at Twyford URC

Tuesdays at 9:30 am: [Morning Prayer](#) on Zoom. Come together for about 40 minutes to gather, worship and pray. Contact [Alan Gywnn](#) or just join in.

Sundays at 6 pm: Join Christians from other churches to pray for our village at [Sunday Evening Village Prayers](#).

Church Diary: For a schedule of services and events in our churches, please look at the [Church Diary](#) on our website.