

Christian Life

The Parish Magazine of St Mary's & St Luke's

November 2021

Including the readings for Sunday 07 November



We will remember them



Photo courtesy of Tom Austin



Worship & Prayer In Church & Online this month



You will find the Readings for Sunday 07 November on the centre pages 4 & 5.

Sundays this Month	
07 November 3 rd before Advent	9am at St Luke's: a service of Morning Prayer
	10:40am at St Mary's: Holy Communion with Junior Church
	<i>Readings: Hebrews 9.24-28 & Mark 1.14-20</i>
	6pm A Service of Commemoration – fully booked but you can join in online at youtu.be/hrs0pM9GWts
14 November Remembrance Sunday	9am at St Luke's: a service Holy Communion
	10:40am at St Mary's: All Age Worship
	<i>Readings: Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25 & Mark 13.1-8</i>
21 November Christ the King	9am at St Luke's: a service of Morning Prayer
	10:40am at St Mary's: All Age Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: Revelation 1.4b-8 & John 18.33-37</i>
28 November Advent Sunday	9am at St Luke's: a service of Holy Communion
	10:40am at St Mary's: All Age Worship
	<i>Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16 & Luke 21.25-36</i>
Other Services this Month	
Every Wednesday at St Mary's	10am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's
 There will be an Act of Remembrance at both of our services on Sunday 14 November 	

Online

Every Sunday @ 10:40 am Live Streamed Worship from St Mary's



(stream begins at 10:30am)



YouTube: bit.ly/youtubestmarys1 & Facebook: bit.ly/facebookstmarys

You can also join in by phone: just before 10:40am Call: 0203 051 2874

Meeting ID: 838 7878 9259 Participant ID (if asked): # Passcode: 567119

Morning Prayer on Zoom, 9:30am (usually) Mon, Tues & Thurs

bit.ly/930mp or by phone: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 850 2058 1307

Passcode: 914961

Remembering In November - Rev Paul

If you are driving or walking through Wistaston you can't help but notice the incredible ribbon of poppies installation that St Mary's are honoured to be hosting. The 35th South West Cheshire (Wistaston) Scout Group have made the most wonderful display to remember the fallen and raise funds for The Royal British Legion on their 100th year. A great deal of dedicated work has gone in to producing such a moving act of remembrance.

During November, as a church, we remember those we have loved and see no more in various services. Remembrance Sunday is of course central to this. In addition to this on November the 1st we celebrate All Saints Day, where we remember those who have gone before. Those famous saints who led the church through teaching and worship, the likes of St Peter, St Paul, St Mary, and St Luke. Those whose faithfulness was unwavering. And we remember those who have journeyed with us personally guiding us in our faith.

At the beginning of November, we also remember those who we

miss personally, those people who have departed this life during the preceding year. We hold a commemoration service where we light a candle and pray for those dear to us, to thank God for their lives well lived.

In all these services we are strengthened in the knowledge that God understands our grief. Jesus, at the death of his friend Lazarus was moved to tears. It shows us that God is alongside us, understands our tears and is full of compassion – He is our comfort. We also hold onto hope. We are reminded that Jesus is the resurrection and the life and that through rising from the dead He shows us that He has power over death, and He promises us a future without the pain of grief. In November we remember those, both known and unknown to us, who have departed. We remember to give thanks for their love, their faithfulness and, for so many, their sacrifice. We do so in the knowledge that God himself is our comfort and strength and that He brings us hope.

With every Blessing,
Rev Paul

First Reading: Hebrews 9.24-28

A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 1.14-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you O Lord.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

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The Collect for 3rd Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and
heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having
this hope, may purify ourselves even as he
is pure; that when he shall appear in power
and great glory we may be made like him in
his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he
is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance
to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for
which we long;
through Jesus Christ
our Saviour.

Amen.

A Quarter Peal dedicated to Frank

On the evening of
Monday 25
October (the day
of his funeral) our
Bell Ringers rang a
quarter peal which
was dedicated to
Frank Powell.

Chester Diocesan Guild

Wistaston, Cheshire

St Mary the Virgin

Monday, 25 October 2021 in 41m (5-3-24 in B)

1296 Minor (2m)

576 Cambridge S. 720 Plain Bob.

- 1 Paul G Stubbs
- 2 Warren S Oliver
- 3 Robert A Galloway
- 4 Jacqueline H A Thompson
- 5 Christopher D Hughes
- 6 Frank R Morton (C)

In memory of Rev Frank Powell, on the day of his funeral
at this Church.

He served faithfully as a priest for 70 years.



Mothers' Union News

Our next meeting is on 17 November.

On 8 December at St Mary's is the annual Carol Service with the Ladies Afternoon Group followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Jenny

Ladies Afternoon Group

We shall be pleased to see you on Thursday 25th. November to hear a talk to be given by Phil Houghton entitled 'Naval Tales'. Audrey and Marian.

From Simon Bartholomew



After many years of working, we finally managed to finish the refurbishment of the village war memorial at the front of the Church last year during lock down. Whilst we did have the refurbished area ready for last year's Remembrance service, due to the restrictions in place at the time, we could only have a few people present and had to broadcast the service online.

This year will see the new area being used for more people to remember the fallen and finally see the memorial being used properly again as a fitting place of memorial to the brave. The refurbished memorial will provide a wonderful site for future generations to pay tribute and to ensure that as a community we continue to remember.

I am always encouraged every Remembrance Day by the way young people participate in acts of remembrance and continue to keep this important tradition going and hope our memorial will help them.

This year I was moved on reading the following post on Facebook from such a young person who clearly understands the meaning and importance of the day.

Joshua Dyer (aged 14) was tasked at school to write a poem for Remembrance Day. An hour later (without any help) he produced this..

ONE THOUSAND MEN ARE WALKING

One thousand men are walking
Walking side by side
Singing songs from home
The spirit as their guide
they walk toward the light milord
they walk towards the sun
they smoke and laugh
and smile together
no foes to outrun
these men live on forever
in the hearts of those they saved
a nation truly grateful
for the path of peace they paved
they march
as friends and comrades

but they do not march for war
step closer to salvation
a tranquil steady corps
the meadows lit with golden beams
a beacon for the brave
the emerald grass untrampled
a reward for what they gave
they dream of those
they left behind
and know they dream of them
forever in those poppy fields
there walks one thousand men

Joshua Dyer 2019 (aged 14)

Ribbon of Poppies at St Mary's



Photos courtesy of Tom Austin

The Scouts put this on their JustGiving Page about the project.

We first created our ribbon of poppies display in 2019, with it on display outside our scout centre. In 2020 we relocated it to the Wistaston Memorial Hall, in the centre of the village.

For 2021 we decided to take it a step further and produce an even bigger display to go up at St. Mary's Church, Wistaston. The display, made from over 5,000 plastic bottle ends, was first started back in January 2021 as we asked people to collect their bottle ends for us. Each week the bottles were emptied from the collection bin and spray painted red to resemble the poppy. Then, in October the work started to assemble the display by attaching the bottle ends to chicken wire, with buttons used to reassemble the centre of the poppy.

A big thank you to all of our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders, Leaders and parents who helped us to create the wonderful display, it simply wouldn't have been possible without you!

On their 100 year anniversary, we'd like to thank The Royal British Legion for all the work they have and will continue to do in supporting our veterans and currently serving personnel who have given up so much for their country. We hope our display is a fitting tribute to them and hope you can donate any spare money you have.

JustGiving Page: [justgiving.com/fundraising/wistaston-scout-group](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wistaston-scout-group)

There is also a bucket in church to give cash when the church is open.

From the Church Registers

Baptisms – *we pray for these children as they continue their Christian journey*

10 October: Maisie Ella MOSS

31 October: Mabel Suzie MANNION

Roberta Nora MANNION

Weddings – *may God bless them in their married life together*

30 October: Simon Lee SEAR & Emily Sara WHITE

Funerals – *may they rest in peace and rise in glory*

11 October 2021	Beryl SPENCER	90
14 October 2021	Ronald SUMMERS	89
19 October 2021	Audrey PRATT	92
21 October 2021	Colin GERMAIN	63
25 October 2021	Prebendary Frank POWELL	93
26 October 2021	Edward Tadeuz PIOTROWICZ	77

Chester Diocesan News & the Magazine

The Chester Diocesan News can be viewed/downloaded from the Diocesan Website each month and we will put a link on our Blog when it's available.

We would like your articles for the December Magazine. You can submit an article on the [Blog](#) through the Magazine Menu and click on 'Submit an Item', email it to: magazine@stmaryswistaston.blog or drop it to the Church Office or the Rectory **by Monday 29 November.**

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