

Hello everyone,

Thank you to all who helped at the outdoor **Bric-a-Brac sale** this morning – and especially to Rowena. We raised c£240 and also make a lot more room so we can access Sunday School things.

This Sunday we are holding our Annual Meetings within the 9.30am service and via Zoom. We expect the service-cum-meeting to last about an hour. Please have all your paperwork handy – it was sent out in the last pack.

Thank you to all how have contributed to the **Harvest appeals**. We will be taking some of the food to the Food Bank this week and the Christian Aid appeal is up to £252 – only £48 to go. You can donate any amount, small or large via <http://bit.ly/ChristianAidHarvest>

The Ministry team met this week to work out what we can do to mark All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance. This is the provisional plan (though, these days, anything can change last minute!)

All Saints: A poster trail of Saints will be placed in the churchyard from 26th October for the half-term week for individuals/household groups to walk and ponder. Hopefully, there will be an associated quiz.

All Souls: Our 'Remembering Loved Ones' service will be on Wednesday 4th November at 7pm in church and will be by invitation to those who have been recently bereaved. It will also be live-zoomed and available later on YouTube.

Remembrance Sunday: our regular 9.30am service will conclude with a short act of Remembrance

Remembrance Day: we will hold a short Act of Remembrance at 10.55am outside church – on the grass on the Porch Side of the Church.

In addition, so we can all be involved in some-way, there will be a large sand tray on the grass by the tower into which 'Memory Stones' can be placed from 26th October to 7th November. Simply find a stone, decorate it if you would like to, and place it in the tray. If you would like your stone afterwards please collect it on 7th/8th November; from that weekend the tray will be available for the placing of poppies. It will all be tidied away on 16th November.

This coming week Revd Theresa and I are taking Thursday off as we have a funeral on Friday. However, from November my day off will generally be Monday.

Remember that the clocks go back next weekend!

Blessings

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Church Events and News

We are planning to have a communal 'watch-at-home' of **Revd Theresa's Ordination** on Saturday 24th October at 4pm that's NEXT SATURDAY! Dress up and raise your glasses..... A huge thank you from Theresa for the many cards and good wishes she received.

Tapestry Project – Home is where the arch is... We now have around 200 completed bricks and they will all be on display very soon <https://woollymammothstitch.works/gallery/> If you've missed the deadline then please do complete it asap and send it in as I'm sure we will be able to use it in someway, even if it isn't in the actual arch.

Mothers' Union Virtual Member Update On Tuesday 20th October 2020 we encourage all members to join us online for our Virtual Member Update. We will look back on all Mothers' Union have achieved during this unprecedented year and discuss our future plans with hope.

There will be a key note talk from Worldwide President Sheran Harper, snapshots of our projects around the world and contributions from staff and members in the UK and Ireland.

The event will be broadcast on our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#) from 10am until 12pm and will end with our Midday Prayers.

The funeral of Claire Blackshaw can now be viewed at

https://youtu.be/Y4bwYLxa2_k

Andrew Burling has watched it and reports that “Clare *did* visit the prisoner, as well as her many other truly Christian activities. In the late 1970s she sang for the Newman Singers, a choir for which I was Musical Director/Conductor. On one occasion we went to Birmingham Prison in Winson Green, and put on a carol service for the prisoners.” Thanks Andrew!

We’ve run-off some more orders of service. The advice is that we take one for our personal use – so **please take home and bring back for services.**

Safeguarding is everybody’s responsibility. If you need to contact someone regarding a church safeguarding concern (adults or children), please call our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Rowena Nicholls, on 07724 170448. If you have an urgent concern for the safety of yourself or someone else, call 999.

For your Prayers

Those who are ill

Pat Turner, having fallen off her bike and still in pain as the bones are being very slow to set.

Vicki Reeves, in a lot of pain.

Those who have died

Alice Cridge, funeral in church Wednesday 14th October

David Collyer, former Rector. David died very suddenly and his funeral has now taken place. If you would like to contact Mrs Carole Collyer (David’s widow) please contact the church office for her address

Robert Hobday, funeral in church on Friday 23rd October at 9.15am

May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Community News

Here’s the latest local COVID-19 Health Champion’s briefing which is very helpful and informative.

<http://bit.ly/Update131020>

If you want to check what the level of the virus is in a particular area then go to <https://coronavirus-staging.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map>



October is also ‘Black History Month.’ Our culture has been enriched and our society has been made stronger because of the people who travelled here to build new lives in the UK, as well as the achievements and contributions of their descendants. The official website has listings of events around the country as well as numerous articles on black people in politics, the arts, sport, music and more.

For more information visit <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

For events in the West Midlands visit this site <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/listings/region/west-midlands/>

The **Community Hotline** continues...

0333 772 1931 (10am – 2pm Monday - Friday)

for help including shopping and picking up medication as well as advice or if you’d just like a friendly phone-call.

Coming to church during the pandemic

Cut and paste this link to find out more.....

https://www.stlaurencenorthfield.org/uploads/6/4/4/1/6441792/services_from_september_2020___useful_phone_nos.pdf

The full government guidance can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/>

Services and meetings for this week

One of the ministers says Morning Prayer alone in church Monday-Saturday

Services and Meetings this week	Links and Meeting IDs
Sunday 8.30am Sunday School Service	In Pastoral Centre
9.30am Holy Communion & APCM available later on YouTube (Sunday services in church & Pastoral Centre need to be pre-booked) See below	In church and via zoom and zoom-phone https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84533030134 Meeting ID: 845 3303 0134
Monday 5pm Evening Prayer	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638
Tuesday 10am GridIron 'Coffee' 5pm Evening Prayer	Contact Stuart Andrew 0121 628 0425 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638
Wednesday 10am Holy Communion 8.30pm Compline	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81798933169 Meeting ID: 81798933169 Conference Call only
Thursday 5pm Evening Prayer	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638 Meeting ID 89992167638
Friday 7pm Bellringers' AGM	By invitation
Saturday 10am – 11.30am Private prayer 4pm Collective Viewing of Revd Theresa's Ordination and Raising a Glass to her	In church https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3781991036

How to Phone in via-Zoom to any of the above (except Wednesday Compline)

1. Enter 141 (to keep your number private)
2. Dial one of these numbers
3. Enter the Meeting ID (without any spaces) then #
4. When it asks for your personal ID enter #

0203 481 5237 0131 460 1196
0203 481 5240 0203 051 2874

How to Conference Call

Phone **01902 693302** and when asked enter the code **1139** and then say your name.
It then takes a few moments before you can hear and be heard.

Also - You can Phone a Service 24 hours a day!

freephone 0800 804 8044 for Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England.

And to hear one of the **St Laurence Ministers preaching: 0121 270 4690**

These are changed after the services on Sundays and Wednesdays (usually by early evening)

How to book tickets for services in Church and Pastoral Centre

Tickets are FREE and you can book from 10am the preceding Monday (9am Sunday for 8.30am service) with bookings closing at 2pm on Saturday

- Link for 'Rise and Shine!' at 8.30am Sunday 25th October
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/117836001653>
- Link for Holy Communion 9.30am Sunday 25th October
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/117848226217>

If you do not have internet access phone **07557 472096**. Revd Theresa Morton will do the booking with you. She is available 10am - 4pm weekdays (EXCEPT *Thursday this week*) and 10am-2pm on Saturdays.