Sunday 5th November 2023 ALL SAINTS 4th Sunday before Advent



Collect for the Week

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

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10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Susan Powley, Link: Chris Bassett

Hymns: Colours of day

O Jesus I have promised

Christ is the world

Let there be love shared among us

Reading: Matthew 23.1-12

6.30 pm Service of Commemoration for the Faithful Departed

Minister: The Vicar, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

Please see separate booklet



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Anne Vernon
in loving memory of David Vernon,
John Fleming, Margaret Fleming,
Harvey Fleming & Cathy McNair

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 6th November Leonard, Hermit, 6th Century
10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 7th Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739 Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 8th The Saints and Martyrs of England

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer 12 noon - 2 pm Charlie's Angels pop-up lunch at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 9th Margery Kemp, Mystic, c. 1440

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

10.30 am Communion to Rusthall Lodge – The Vicar

11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim House – The Vicar

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 10th Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12:30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Junior Choir practice

7.30 pm Full Choir practice

SATURDAY 11th Armistice Day

10.45 am Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial

NEXT SUNDAY 12th November

Remembrance Sunday 3rd Sunday before Advent

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

The Vicar

10.00 am Joint Parade Service at the Parish Church

Ministers: The Vicar & Daphne Pilcher, Speakers: Wendy & Graeme Anderson

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a warm welcome to our services at the Parish Church and the Church Centre on this Fourth Sunday before Advent, when we celebrate All Saints day. It is really good that you are able to join us today as we celebrate and give thanks for the ministry and witness of those who 'walked the walk' of 'faith and service'. As we worship together and thank God for their example, I pray that, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we also may continue to be faithful to the calling that we have received from God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Service of Commemoration for the Faithful Departed

We warmly invite you to join us this evening at 6.30 pm for this special service. It is a time to remember loved ones no longer with us and if you so wish light a candle. Light refreshments will be served in the Church afterwards.

Autumn Fayre Saturday 18th November 10 am to 2 pm

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the fayre so far. If there are any more donations, please leave them in the boxes at the Parish Church or Church Centre, take them along to the Parish Office when it is open, or bring them with you on Friday 17th when you come to help set up the hall and church ready for the fayre. Items requested include bottles, alcoholic or not, gifts for the Secrets room, bric-a-brac, toys, games and children's books, wrapping paper (for use in the secrets room), bathroom items, stationary items, books, CDs, DVDs and gifts for the grand raffle. Cakes and Savouries are also needed for the weekend of the 18th November.

There will be a working party on Friday 17th November at 1.30 pm, after the community larder, to get the frames for the stalls etc. from the attic space above the kitchen in the Church Centre. If you are able to help with this, please let Jean Kerr know (jeak4000@gmail.com) or sign up on the sheet at the front of the church, in the Church Centre. Thank you. The main setting up time for the Fayre starts at 6.45 pm. There will be no access to the main hall till 7 pm.

Many hands make light work, and it would be wonderful if every member of the congregations were to get involved in some way, donating goods, helping prepare the Halls or spending money on the day. All funds raised will be used to help the church's finances.

Altar flowers for The Church Centre

This week they are placed by Wendy and Graeme Anderson in loving memory of Graeme's parents, Heather and Robin Anderson

Poppies

The poppy banners are up again at The Church Centre. Please take a moment to have a look at them. Our thanks go in particular to Wendy Anderson for her work in maintaining them and to Barbara Gillender for her continuing provision of knitted poppies.

Youth Council - Future Meetings

Meetings are held in the Lodge between 6 pm and 7.30 pm.

All years 7-13 (ages 11 to 18) are very welcome. No doubt there will be many additions to the list below – all led by the Council.

Thursday 7th December – Celebrating and working with Mount Ephraim House care home.

Charlie's Angels – Surplus with Purpose

We are delighted that Charlie's Angels now have permanent premises in Tunbridge Wells.

It is hoped that they will open during November. The Wednesday pop-up at the Church Centre will stop for the Winter but we hope to welcome Charlie and her team back again in the Spring. Location details to come soon.

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