

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

November 2023

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Sandford Remembrance Evensong

The annual Sunday evening 6.30 sung service, at which many departed friends and family are remembered with candles, will be on **Sunday 29th October**. Those who would like people to be remembered by name and/or plan to light a candle, are asked to tell John or Bob beforehand.

John is also preparing a book of Remembrance for church – to include a name see the list on the table by the font.

PCC MEETING on Thursday 16th November at 7.30 in the Harris Room.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Every Sunday in the Harris Room, joining the congregation before Communion.

Each Wednesday 11.0 Holy Communion (BCP)

Autumn Bible Study Group

Thank you to everyone who has supported this. On 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in October we looked at scripture which centres on **fire** (lots of good stuff there) and on **Jesus' non-healing miracles**. We meet in the Harris Room any time from 6:30pm onwards for a cup of tea/coffee, the session starts at 7:00pm and carriages no later than eight. Next one Nov. 14th: look forward to seeing you there - Paddy

November 25th and 26th

are the planned dates for the communal planting day and the official inauguration of our new Community Orchard (unless the weather is really awful and we postpone to the following weekend).



Do join in, as much as you would like or are able.

There are a multitude of different ways you can support the orchard – to be kept informed contact clerk@sandford-on-thames-pc.gov.uk



A wonderful and moving event last Sunday when Ali was baptised by John in the Thames. Ali was then welcomed by our congregation at the 10.0 service, after which we shared an absolutely delicious meal cooked by Ali's friends. Thank you so much to all involved.

Christian is joining the Wantage Big Band

on Saturday November 11th at 7.30 in Littlemore church, for a great evening of tunes from Sinatra to Bubl .

Booking recommended

 12/ 10 from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-big-band-littlemore



At 11:00am on Saturday 4th November,

in Christ Church Cathedral, Paddy will be licensed as a Lay Minister. Please do pray for him and his ministry, especially on that morning.

He will be preaching on the subject of calling and lay ministry on **Sunday 19th November**, and after the service there will be refreshing fizz (during it too, we hope!) along with celebratory cake. Everyone is warmly welcome. **The service can be watched at**

www.youtube.com/watch?v=lm7sc2e4RmU

or to go in person book a seat by going to Eventbrite and searching LLM service Oxfordshire.



Join us at WEDNESDAY CHOIR PRACTICE

At 7.30 for 30/40 minutes practicing hymns for Sunday.

All who enjoy exercising their lungs are very welcome.

VERY MANY THANKS to all who helped to sort out the Harris Room, and especially to Clive and Carole, and to Liz who sorted the plumbing. The improvement is stunning! – and the running water clean (filtered).

SUNDAYS in November 2023 Year A

Sunday 5th November ALL SAINTS

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Revelation 7.9-17 *A vision of the worship of God in heaven. Jesus is the Lamb of God and all nations worship him. The martyrs are there, brought by the good Shepherd to the waters of life. God will wipe away their tears as their suffering is over.*

1 John 3.1-3 *We are God's children and there will be a wonderful future when we see God as God is. This hope shapes how we live now.*

Matthew 5.1-12 *The beatitudes: Jesus tells his followers we can rejoice in our poverty, bereavement, gentleness, hunger, being merciful, purity of heart, making peace, even persecution – marks of God's kingdom and its justice.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 12th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Wisdom 6.12-16 *In praise of divine wisdom given to those who desire her. She seeks out those who are worthy of her and meets us in our attentive thought.*

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 *Paul's vision of our future resurrection following that of Jesus. Some will be alive to see the end of this evil age, and we shall meet the Lord Jesus and be with him for ever. So cheer up!*

Matthew 25.1-13 *The parable of the bridesmaids – some wise, some foolish. We should be wise – ready for the great event that is coming: God. We don't know when our time will come, so be prepared.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 19th November 2 before Advent

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Exodus 3.1-14 *Moses is called by God at a religious experience by a blazing bush. God is identified by name, Jahweh, the One who is and will be.*

Mark 10.46-52 *The blind man Bartimaeus has faith and is healed by Jesus and follows him in 'the way', his way.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 26th November FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Ezekiel 34.11-16 and 20-24 *God will search for us like a good shepherd. He will feed his poor people, seek the lost, heal the injured, strengthen the weak. The evil will receive their just deserts. Bad political leaders are attacked. There will be a new David feeding and leading us.*

Ephesians 1.15-23 *'Paul' gives thanks for his converts and prays for them that they may grow in the path he has prepared for us. Christ rules with God. We are his body in this world.*

Matthew 25.31-46 *The last judgment when we will be shown how we have treated others, especially those in need, and we may be surprised to learn that in helping these we are embracing Jesus.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 3rd December ADVENT SUNDAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen. *BCP collect for Advent Sunday*

Among the many local people who need our prayers, please especially keep in mind

all those we know who are unwell, especially Martyn Akrigg, Sue Usher, Ray Lee, Jayne Moore, Gwen Beaver, Angie Pugh, Mavis and John Goodall, Jenny and Ray Tinson, the residents of Vale House, and staff who care for them. And of course we continue to pray each day for peace and justice in Ukraine and the Middle East and all innocent victims.