



St Paul's Church

Dear all,

Please let me remind you that we have a Commemoration Service at St Nicholas Church on Sunday 6th November at 2.30pm. All are welcome to come and if you would like the name of a loved one remembered in that service, please let me know the details as soon as you can.

This week's issue of the diocesan newsletter, The Briefing, had a link to an online wish list that has the aim of providing toys for refugee children living in our diocese. There is a flyer attached to this email and there will also be one on the notice board in church – the QR code on the flyer takes you to the 'wish list' where you can purchase toys that range in price from £5 to £14. You can also click on this link to take you to the [online wish list](#). This is a great opportunity to help refugee children to have a more enjoyable Christmas.

This coming Sunday we will celebrate the festival known as All Saints Day (also known as All Hallows Day). The actual day for this is Tuesday 1st November (following on from All Hallows Eve) but we are permitted to transfer it to the Sunday. It is a time when we honour all the saints and martyrs of Christian history, known or unknown, and when we consider our own sense of joining them through our faith in Jesus Christ. A prayer that we will use this coming Sunday reflects this as we will say the following;

*God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Blessings,
Rev Chris

Introductory verses taken from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

*Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God.....To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called to be saints**, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

(1 Corinthians 1:1-3)

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

All services are in church, zoom is available for some services.

SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER – 4th SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT – ALL SAINT'S DAY

10 am Holy Communion – Rev Anthea (Zoom)

SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER – 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

10 am Café Service – Gwyn

SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER – 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10 am Holy Communion – Rev Chris (Zoom)

SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER – SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT - CHRIST THE KING

10 am Experimental Sunday – Gwyn (Zoom)

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER – ADVENT

10 am Holy Communion – Rev Chris (Zoom)

EVENTS

FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER

7-9 pm Craft Group – church

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

7 pm The Friends of Boxley Church - *Church flowers and arrangements - Flower arranging without floral foam* with Jackie Brooks Tickets £7 from Jackie Saunders 01622 677121 or Mary Moulard 01622 758762. Parking available

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

9.30 am St Paul's Baby & Toddler Group

THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

2 pm MOTHERS UNION – Maidstone & Me – Robin Williamson

THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

2 pm FELLOWSHIP – Entertainment – Joskins, Duo

FOOD BANK

The next delivery will be on Friday 18th November.

PRAYER RESOURCE

week beginning Sunday, 23rd & 30th October 2022

'Father God, thank you for the examples you have given in your word to help us pray.'

This week we give thanks for:

- This season, with nature changing around us and Autumn colours emerging.
- Those at St Paul's who quietly, in the background, pastorally care for others; pray for all who show us love and kindness.

Please pray for:

- Our town: that God would give each one of us grace and wisdom to make the best use of the resources, skills and experience that He has given us in order to share the gospel and His love with the people we meet in our daily lives.
- Volunteers and staff of Maidstone Winter Shelter, preparing to open this Winter; for shelters and foodbanks around the country, caring and supporting all who are struggling to make ends meet.
- The street where you live: that you may show care, concern and respect for your neighbours and the people who walk by your door.
- Our Parish: that God's blessing will fill our schools, businesses and homes, and touch all who drive or walk through the Parish.
- Our Church: that all who use our building will sense God's love within its walls and see Jesus in each of us.
- Our Church family, especially all who are struggling; and for Gilly, Hazel, Edith, Pat, Alice, Jill, Trevor, Tony, Maureen, Carol and Margaret; and for Ruth, Helen, Meaghan, Libby and Richard.

You may like to use this prayer during the week:

God of community, thank you for all who build me up and encourage me. Make me humble and open in my fellowship and keep me faithful to the work you are doing in me. Amen.