

## This week's readings

### A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*1 Thessalonians 4.13–18*

### Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

*Matthew 25.1–13*



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### SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2023

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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#### The Collect

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love we cannot be parted  
hear us as we remember those who have died  
in war, torn from their loved ones and friends.  
By your grace heal the nations and bring into  
your kingdom people of every race and  
country to live at peace through Christ, in  
whom all people on earth are united with you  
and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ  
proclaimed the kingdom and restored the  
broken to wholeness of life: look with  
compassion on the anguish of the world.  
And by your healing power make whole  
both people and nations; through our Lord  
and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### A prayer for World peace

O God of the nations,  
as we look to that day  
when you will gather people  
from north and south, east and west,  
into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom,  
guide with your just and gentle wisdom  
all who take counsel  
for the nations of the world,  
that all your people may spend their days  
in security, freedom, and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



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#### 8am HOLY COMMUNION

#### 10am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

with Junior & Senior Church

**Readings** 1 Thess 4.13-end;  
Matthew 25.1-13

**Hymns** 653, 134, 483, 678

#### 6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

**Readings** Judges 7.2-22;  
John 15.9-17

**Hymns** 651, 333, 590  
Psalm 70

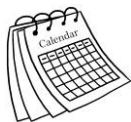


## For our prayers this week

**Those who are ill or in need...** Simon Rocksborough-Smith, Chris Kernan, Peter Turner, Wendy Rafferty, George Greenshields.

**Those who have died...** Gill Bartlett, Rosamund Chapple, Peter Nowell  
**Anniversary of death...** Jonathan Wilson (2006); Charles Morrison (2022); Harry Watson (2019)

**Link Parish** of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Zimbabwe.



### THIS WEEK...

#### WEDNESDAY 15

**NOVEMBER 9.15am** Toddler  
Group Hall **8pm** PCC Meeting  
Truman Room

### NEXT WEEK...

#### SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY before ADVENT**

**8am HOLY COMMUNION**  
**10am PARISH EUCHARIST**  
with Junior / Senior Church  
**6.30pm BCP EVENSONG**

#### TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

**2pm** Bridge Drive Hall

#### WEDNESDAY 22

**NOVEMBER 9.15am** Toddler  
Group Hall

#### FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER

**2pm** Funeral Service

### COMING UP...

**Thursday 14 December**  
**6.30pm** Wreath Making Hall



## NOTICES

Christian CARE Association (CCA) needs an **EXECUTIVE MANAGER** to oversee the day to day running of CCA. This will be its first paid employee, at the rate of £24 per hour for a 21 hour week spread over 3-5 days.

**Closing date 23 November 2023.**

Full details available on CCA website <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk> or from Pat Spencer, the Hon. Secretary at [pat.spencer@christiancaremerton.org.uk](mailto:pat.spencer@christiancaremerton.org.uk).

### WANTED CHURCH CLEANERS

We need more help with cleaning the church. If you are willing to take on this role, you will be on a rota of approximately 2 hours every 4 weeks.

Contact the wardens, Julie or Tish if you think you are able to help, please.

### MEETING OUR SYRIAN FAMILY

After the 10am Service on Sunday 19 November, our Syrian family will be joining us in the church hall to give them a chance to meet us and vice versa. They are Mohammad & Bariaa & their children. Tea, coffee & cake will be served in the hall instead of the church. Please join us. Children will be particularly welcome.  
*Chris Larkman, Resettlement Project Lead.*

## WREATH MAKING

The List to sign for the Wreath night on Thursday 14 December is at the back of church with details of what to bring. The maximum number of people is 20. Cost £40.

There will be a waiting list, so full cash payment to Elaine, by Sunday 10 December.



## FAIRTRADE STALL

We're fully stocked for a Fairtrade Christmas. We have Advent calendars and candles as well as Christmas cards and wrapping paper. Also, Christmas chocolates, decorations and gifts alongside our usual selection of groceries.

Please support poor producers in the developing world by shopping at your Christ Church Fairtrade Stall.

## COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD an ECO IDEA.

There'll be a giant card displayed at the back of church from 1st December. You can write your Christmas message to everyone in the church. If you like, the money saved on cards can be donated to a charity you're supporting this Christmas. Obviously, you can still decide to send individual cards if you wish but this is just one simple idea to be kind to the planet and still be friendly to your friends in the congregation!

## HALL VOLUNTEERS

The hall needs more volunteer "openers" & "closers" to join the select group of people who make possible the children's parties in the hall. These parties help raise important income for our church. This only involves a couple of hours on a Saturday and/or Sunday at the weekend every 6-10 weeks. Also needed: a volunteer to wash the hall dirty tea towels regularly every 2-3 weeks - found in a special bin in the hall kitchen. Please talk to Corinne or Stefan about either of these jobs.



## NEWS

### Sunday 3 December FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

#### 10am TOY SUNDAY followed by ADVENT FAIR

We need brand new items for the present stall, cakes etc for the home produce stall. Interesting bottles for the Tombola and raffle prizes.

We very much hope that you can make it. Please speak to Tish or Dee if you have anything.

#### 4pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

### Sunday 17 December THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT 6.30pm CAROL SERVICE

