



Remembrance Sunday

Dear friends

During this month of lockdown we are not allowed to hold services in church buildings (except funerals). But we are allowed to open our churches for personal prayer. As I write we are waiting for detailed guidance from the Church of England, so things will become clearer in coming days, and we will discern what is best for us in Arden Marches.

We will, of course, continue with our 10am Zoom service each Sunday, and weekday daily prayer on Facebook.

The Remembrance Sunday service to be held in Studley church has been cancelled.

We have worked with the RBL and others to record a video '**Studley Remembers**' - an Act of Remembrance by local people, including reading the names of the fallen, and the 2 minute silence at 11.00am. It will be shown on Facebook at 11.45am on Sunday. Do join us. You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/ardenmarcheschurches> and on our website: www.ardenmarches.co.uk

This Sunday 8th November Studley Church will be open for **personal prayer** between 8am and 9am. Oldberrow church remains open for personal prayer at all times.

Remembrance Sunday 8th November

10.00am Zoom Remembrance Service (including the 'Studley Remembers' video)

11.30am Zoom personal prayer with members of our prayer ministry team

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6792975230> or meeting ID 679 297 5230

If you do not know the password please contact Judith, Kate or Dan.

Or you can join on your landline or mobile phone by dialling 0208 080 6591 (London number – national rate applies). Enter the conference ID (679 297 5230) and password when requested.

There will be livestreamed Remembrance services from Coventry Cathedral and from the Church of England as well as on the BBC

A call to prayer to us all

Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell have called us all to a month of prayer. They encourage us to pray at 6pm each day, and have offered us ideas to focus our prayers. You may like to join in with this initiative, and maybe light a candle at 6pm each day. Here is the link to the Archbishops' letter and resources, and to a video from the Bishop of Coventry:

A call to prayer for the nation:

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York call the Church of England to prayer for the nation throughout the month of November...

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

A video message from Bishop Christopher:

On the eve of a further period of lockdown, Bishop Christopher sent a message to the people of Coventry and Warwickshire... <https://vimeo.com/475508448>

We will also incorporate some of the national resources into a daily prayer:

Weekday Prayer: 9.30am Morning Prayer & 9.30pm Night Prayer on our public Facebook page

The Archbishops have called the clergy to prayer and fasting on Thursdays during lockdown – I (Kate) plan to skip lunch on Thursdays and have a bit of extra prayer instead – feel free to join me if you are drawn to that.

I understand that some denominations are calling a Day of Prayer on Friday 13th November, so you may like to look out for their prayer resources and join in.

Scargill online: Scargill are offering online quiet days (9th and 14th November) and some 2-3 day inspiring teaching times. I have heard good reports from friends who have joined these recently, they are free, so if you feel in need of a bit of a boost without leaving home, have a look at their programme: <https://scargillmovement.org/programme/?online=true>



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Advent for families – help needed

We would like to provide an online advent calendar for families in the church and the village to enjoy. The idea is that each day would be a photo and a clue to a place in the village where a wooden angel is hidden. Children would try to find an angel, decorate it and bring it to the Christmas Eve event at church. We need volunteers to think of a hiding place (or two), photograph it in the next couple of weeks, and hide an angel (provided) the night before the allocated date (or early that morning). If you would like to help, or find out more detail, please contact Keith Johnson on 01527544830 or email johnson_hunt_end@hotmail.com. We think this will help to make our church, and the Christmas message, more visible during this challenging time. Thanks.

Online retreat for Advent *In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord Isaiah 40:3*

Bishop John is offering an online retreat for Advent. You can choose either of the following dates for this free event:

- Saturday 28 November (the day before Advent Sunday), or Wednesday 2 December

Both days will be identical, and Bishop John says: "These short retreats will run from 10am to 3pm. There will be three reflections offered at 10 am, at 12 noon and 2 pm and a closing prayer at 2.55. As it is a retreat, not a conference, it is hoped that you will be able to keep the times between the reflections just for you and God and free from emails, screens and work."

For more information and how to book, visit <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/news/online-retreat-for-advent.php>

For your prayers

Contact Judith McLelland to add the names of people in urgent and critical need of prayer (with their permission). People remain on the list for 4 weeks (contact Judith if they need to remain after this).

We pray for people in particular need including: **Tony Drake, Linda Moffat, Jean Burbage, Melissa Lammas, Val Greathead and Sue Ludlow**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families, including : **Paul Abbot, John Pinfield, Mary Greathead, Oliver Prewitt, Roger Franklin and Ann Hurford**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Peter Smith and Violet Thomas**

Prayer for the week: Remembrance Sunday

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heave through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Coronavirus prayer

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious ,be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Making a donation to our churches

Although we cannot give on Sundays in our usual way, we can still make a thank-offering on a Sunday or at any time. You can make a donation using a bank card by phoning Dan Corlett, or by electronic bank transfer (please include your name as the reference for Gift Aid purposes)

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News sheet deadline 2pm Thursday

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