

Food Bank

Now we are back in Church for our services, we have started collecting for the Food Bank. Remember the collection place is in the cupboard at the back of church for you to put your donations of food or money in. **The Foodbank warehouse currently need the following Biscuits, Tinned Fruit and Long Life Fruit Juice** The food bank would prefer their regular donors to **avoid giving beans if possible** as they always receive plenty of these from **supermarket donations**. Please note that we are unable to take baby milk formula, but we can take baby food in tins or jars.

Joan

Opening Church for Private Prayer

Due to the Government's announcement, churches are to be closed for services for now, but can be open for Private Prayer. So with this, our church will be open for quiet, private prayer **on Sundays and Wednesdays from 10am to 11am**. If you have significant health problems or any concerns, our advice would be to stay safe and stay at home. But if you wish to come into church for prayer, we look forward to seeing you. Precautions including hand sanitiser, social distancing and a one-way route through the church will be in place for your safety, but also for the safety of our volunteers who will be waiting to welcome you.

Rev Karen Brady

Colin Keam

Rosemary Lunt Churchwardens

Fundraising

We are holding a 'Spirit Raffle' to raise funds towards the running of the church. Tickets are **£5** and will be on sale after the 10.00am service in the Meeting Room.

The draw will take place after the 10.00am service on **Sunday 29th November**.

Also can you please let us know what fundraising events you would like us to do to raise funds for the church.

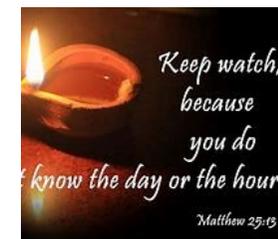


Face Masks

The government have announced that it's mandatory in Places of Worship to wear Face Masks, so please make sure that you have your Face Mask/covering with you, if not we have some in church.



**Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 8th November 2020
Remembrance Sunday**



Readings for Today

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

Reflection for this week's readings

Reflection: Jesus will return

Read the two Bible passages printed on the next page. They both speak about the return of Jesus Christ, his second coming. This is a joyful reality for Christians although we do not know when it will happen.

The first reading talks about Christians who have already died. We have the hope of sharing with them in a glorious future, with the Lord for ever. Thank God for that hope.

Pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, that they may be able to grieve with hope.

The second reading is a parable about Jesus' return, comparing him to a bridegroom arriving at his wedding. The virgins were waiting for this joyful event. Do you look forward to Jesus' return with joy, with trepidation, or not at all?

The foolish virgins were unable to borrow oil for their lamps. Our relationship with Jesus is personal and cannot be borrowed. Pray for those you know who do not yet know Jesus.

Today is Remembrance Sunday. Thank God for the sacrifice made by so many, and pray for those suffering the consequences of war today.

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Readings

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25: 1-13

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The fool-

ish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ ¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ ¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Operation Christmas Child

The boxes need to be in by next Sunday 8th November and then will be collected on Wednesday 11th November

Wendy Sefton

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

It will not be possible to count the money in collecting boxes this year. However, there will be Christingle (Children's Society) envelopes available in church for you to make your annual contribution. These envelopes are on the table at the back of church near to the door. The Children's Society does excellent work in helping vulnerable teenagers and children, and our support is still greatly needed.

Kidney Care UK

Thank you for your latest used postage stamps. Some **500** were sent off recently and will fund grants, counselling, advocacy and care services to over **1000** kidney patients. Commonwealth countries were again prominent, islands featured most strongly Cyprus, Guernsey, Hong Kong, Isle of Man, Singapore and Shetland Islands. Remember to leave 1cm margin around stamp or stamps. Thank you for your continued support.
David Walker

Easyfundraising

Its getting near to that time of the year when we are thinking of buying Christmas presents. If you buy from companies like Boots, PC World, Amazon, Lakeland, but to name a few, please go to the Easyfundraising website and register. The website is <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causesstmichaelallangelschurchruncorn/> All you need to do when you have registered is, to go to the website and find the company you are buying from. That company will then donate a percentage back to St Michael's. If you have already registered and not used the site for a while please go through easyfundraising. If you want anymore information about this please see Brian Lunt or Colin Keam and they can explain the process.

Poppy Prayer

Look at your poppy or that of someone sitting near you if you don't have one. Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.

Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.

Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.

Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.

Revd Canon Sandra Millar

