



*We will Remember*

## **Sunday 11th November**

Preaching

9:00 Holy Communion

Rev Laurence Smith

10:30 Morning Worship

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## **STIR UP SATURDAY**

Back by popular request! We will be holding an evening of making Christmas Puddings and other seasonal treats on Saturday 1 December at 7pm. Reserve this date in your diary. Tickets are on sale now. Tickets are £6 per head plus £5 per pudding taken home.

## **Traidcraft**

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Traidcraft stall last Sunday. It was a very successful morning and we took £960. That is an amazing total and Pam says it is the largest after church sale she has ever had anywhere. She sends her heartfelt thanks to us all.

You are all very welcome to an open day at Pam Thompson's house for the sale of Traidcraft goods, on Friday 16th November any time from 9am to 9pm. It's an opportunity to see a wider range of goods than I can fit on a stall! It's at 98 Wycombe Road, Marlow, SL7 3JE. Coffee and cake on the go all day, please do come, bring a friend!

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Please can you bring your filled shoe boxes with donation slip inside by no later than Sunday 19th November as they will be going to the depot that day. Just a reminder that there are some items we can't include in our shoeboxes this year. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE SWEETS OR TOOTHPASTE.

## **BAGS FOR THE FUTURE**

Please return to church on Sunday 25th November.

## **Choir for Carol Services**

We have formed a choir again this year to prepare items for the Carols by Candlelight service, which is on 16th December at 6.30pm, and also the Grazeley School Carol Service on the afternoon of 18th December. Everyone welcome - ability to read music not necessary. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 7.45pm, next one is in two weeks time on 22nd November. More details from Tim Raggett

## **Woodley Christmas Extravaganza**

This year's event is on Sunday 2nd December, between 10 am and 3pm, and we would love to invite you to be part of this exciting ministry.

Volunteers needed for an hour or two to help with children's crafts and games or to help at the prayer wall. Also volunteers needed to set up and pack away. To volunteer or to find out more please call or email Andy Baker, the current chair of CTW, on 0118969 9956 or [andy.baker@woodleybc.org](mailto:andy.baker@woodleybc.org) or [chairman@woodleychristians.org.uk](mailto:chairman@woodleychristians.org.uk). For further information, please see the email sent to [all@stjames](mailto:all@stjames).

## **First Days children's charity**

The list for NOVEMBER wants are on the notice board. Please see Frank Box for enquires.

## St James' Vision

**St James 2020 Vision is to be a growing people of all ages that:**

- 1. Are rooted in prayer and growing in our faith in Jesus Christ*
- 2. Are growing as confident disciples, and are willing and able to make disciples of others*
- 3. Are committed to nurturing and investing in children and young people*
- 4. Are growing in our understanding of and open to being empowered by the Holy Spirit to build up the church of God*
- 5. Reach out into our community to be and to share the good news of Jesus Christ both inside and beyond the church walls, and across Woodley in partnership with others*
- 6. Are listening, generous, and committed to quality in all that we do*

### The Focus Prayer Group

Will be meeting from 8-9pm on Monday 12th November in the Prayer Corner at the front of Church. All welcome to join us.

### Berkshire Exploring Vocations Group

Berkshire Vocations Team invite you along for the opportunity to meet others on the same journey, to reflect on aspects of ministering in the Church of England and to explore a topic in group discussion. Tuesday 27th November, 2018; 7.30 - 9.30 pm (starting at 7.45 pm)  
At: St. Mary's Church Centre, Station Road, Twyford, Reading, Berkshire, RG10 9NT  
Everything you wanted to know about ministry.....but were afraid to ask? Bookings via Eventbrite: [https://bevg\\_2.eventbrite.co.uk](https://bevg_2.eventbrite.co.uk)

### Prayers for the world

#### Nigeria

Around 55 people have been killed in communal violence in the northern state of Kaduna over the last few weeks. This is on top of the problems caused by Boko Haram, going on for 7yrs. Approx. 1.7m people now live in displacement camps and over 7m need aid. Pray for restoration of peace and for national elections scheduled for Feb. 2019.

#### Brazil

The recent election of Jair Bolsonaro as Brazil's new President is bad news for the country's many indigenous people and the Amazon rainforest; both are under threat from illegal logging and mining. Pray for those now fearful of their future and that he will not carry through his extreme policies.

#### Yemen

Pray that Govts will heed a recent call by 30 agencies to end the fighting and allow access for aid. There have been 18,000 air strikes, one third of them against civilians. 22 million people need aid; without it, many face starvation. Heavy fighting in the port city of Hudaydah is coming closer to the one remaining hospital. Pray for a cease-fire and Yemen's suffering civilians.

#### Indonesia

More than 2,000 people died and at least 2,500 were seriously injured, following the severe earthquake and tsunami on 28th Sept. About 65,000 houses were damaged or destroyed, and 330,000 people made homeless. After-shocks continue in Indonesia and Philippines. Pray for Tearfund and other agencies responding to the needs.

## **Prayers for REinspired - Woodley**

Lessons this week:

Monday 12th Nov @ Southlake with Yr 3 exploring Has Christmas lost its true meaning?

Tuesday 13th Nov @ Highwood with Yr 6 exploring Incarnation and how the Christmas story represents for Christians the good Jesus did in the world.

Thurs 15th Nov @ Southlake with Yr 2 exploring Why did God give Jesus to the world?

## **Prayers for our Church Family**

Please pray for all those who are unwell, lonely or bereaved at this time. Please continue to pray for Michael Patterson, Joan Wise and Mick too and Steve Litchfield's sister.

Pray for Liz Hansford, settling into life and work at Iringa, Tanzania, assisting Ben and Katy Ray at Neema Handicrafts. Life is hectic with Christmas orders and sales! Pray for resolution of pressing visa and accommodation issues.

## **Services in November 2018**

### **Sunday 11th**

9:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Remembrance Sunday

4pm Messy Church

The Power of Peace

### **Wednesday 14th**

Midweek Communion

### **Sunday 18th**

9:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Morning Worship

The Power of Forgiveness

### **Sunday 25th**

9:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Morning Worship

Christ is King

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