

1st **All Saints' Day** ALL SAINTS, WITHYBROOK. Vcr: Revd Terry Colling. Rdrs: Mr Jonathan Fryer, Mr David Hopkins, Mr Ken Sleeman and Mrs Yvonne Pitt. Pray for the residents of this small farming and commuting community. We give thanks for all involved with the village hall and its social activities and give very special thanks for Ken Sleeman's long ministry as Reader at All Saints.

2nd Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). CLERGY STUDY DAY. Pray for our clergy and Bishops as they spend time in study together. Pray for good conversations over coffee and lunch breaks and that it is a time of great encouragement.

3rd Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600; *Martin of Porres, Friar, 1639*. WARWICK FIRE STATION. Pray for Bishop John as he visits the fire station which is under threat of closure. Pray for all who work there, that they will be re-deployed somewhere else if necessary and won't face redundancy.

4th ARCHDEACON MISSIONER. Pray for the short listing of applicants for this post which takes place tomorrow. Pray for the panel and the candidates who have applied.

5th RADFORD SEMELE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL Pray for Bishop John who is to officially open 'Little Lawrences', and install Revd Michael Greig as School Chaplain. Pray for the Christmas Service and worship which will follow, pray for God's anointing on Bishop John as he leads this service. Thank God for all the opportunities we have to nurture the children which God has placed in our care.

5th BISHOP'S COUNCIL RESIDENTIAL - FRI/SAT 6th & 7th. Pray for Bishop's Council as they meet for discussions and a time of reflection. Pray also for God's leading of their discussions.

6th *Leonard, Hermit, 6th century; William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944*. ALL SAINTS, LUDDINGTON. Vcr. Martin Gorick, Dir. of Mission & Faith Development, David Banbury, AM: Margaret Sweet and Deacon Stuart Labran. Giving thanks for the Pro-Wardens Roger Dopson and Jane Beeley and all their hard work. Praying for inspiration and guidance to build on the positive responses to the recent village questionnaire about links between Church and Community and thanking God for the encouragement so far received.

7th Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739. Pray for the Church Urban Fund, for the re-launch group led by Richard Hare, for a re-awakening of prayerful support for

CUF work in the diocese and for generous gifts to be made.

8th **Third Sunday before Advent:** Remembrance Sunday Pray for the Remembrance Sunday Service in the Memorial Park, Coventry. Pray for all those who died in service for their country and for God's love to be evident to everyone at the service. Pray that through Bishop Christopher's presence people will be reminded of God's everlasting love.

9th *Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440* Pray for Open Hands (A CUF supported project) which utilises its house in Coventry to care for 15 destitute alcoholics.

10th Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461. ST MARGARET, HUNNINGHAM. PinC: Revd Tim Britton; AM: Revd Diane Patterson. Pray for the work of our church as we try to get our community more involved. We give thanks and pray for the ministry of The Pilgrim Puppets, and their outreach mission in schools, care homes, and communities.

11th Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397 Armistice Day. ST MARTIN, BARCHESTON. Rtr: Vacancy, AM: The Venerable Anthony Wells. Pray for St. Martin's Barcheston serving the small community in the SW7 Benefice under the guidance of Revd Canon Anthony Wells and the Staff Team during the interregnum. Pray the church will remain active for prayer and worship, and integrate more fully into the life of the Benefice.

12th ST LEONARD, CHARLECOTE. PinC: Revd David Jessett; AM Revd Cathy Davies. Rdr: Ann Fawcett, Chris Farr, Duncan Fairfax-Lucy. We give thanks for our developments this year and pray that we may successfully carry out the repairs to the Church building.

13th Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836 DIOCESAN SYNOD SATURDAY 14th. Pray for those attending synod tomorrow. That God will enable everyone to engage with the issues up for discussion. Pray also for the outworking of the 'signposts' document within our diocese.

14th *Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America, 1796*. LICENSING SERVICE. Pray for Revd Paul Burch who will be licensed Priest in Charge and for Revd Graham Marcer and Revd Canon Kit Dunkley as they are licensed as Associate Ministers to Shilton and Ansty. Pray for God's empowering of Bishop John as he undertakes their licensing and that God draws them all into his throne room.

15th **Second Sunday before Advent** INTERFAITH WEEK 15-21st NOVEMBER. Pray for the events taking place in our communities during this week, that people will gain a greater

understanding of one another and that new friendships will be forged.

16th Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093; *Edmund Rich of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240*. International Day for Tolerance. ALL SAINTS, SHERBOURNE. Vcr: Revd David Jessett; AM: Revd Cathy Davies. Rdr: Ann Fawcett, Chris Farr, Duncan Fairfax-Lucy. Pray for our continuing growing together with the other 5 parishes of our benefice and for our plans for the Church in this village.

17th Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200 Pray for St Paul's, Stockingford (A CUF supported project) which is seeking to utilise its refurbished church and centre to provide care in the community.

18th Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231. ALL SAINTS STRETTON ON DUNSMORE with ST CUTHBERT'S PRINCETHORPE. PinC: Revd Barbara Clutton; Rdr: Elizabeth Kirk. We give thanks for our new Internal Church Lighting, and pray that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit to serve all people within our villages in God's Love.

19th Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680; *Mechtild, Bâguine of Magdeburg, Mystic, 1280* Pray for Kairos (A CUF supported project) which provides support of many kinds for vulnerable women on the street in Coventry.

20th Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870; *Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876*. BIDFORD DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT. Thank God for the 4 young people from Bidford who have recently found Jesus through this detached youth project.

21st CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT COVENTRY CATHEDRAL. Pray for those being confirmed today, that God will continue to grow them in love and grace as they endeavour to walk in His ways. Pray also for their continued growth in faith, that they see God powerfully working in their lives and the lives of their families.

22nd **Christ the King - The Sunday next before Advent**. RT REVD JOHN STROYAN. Pray for Bishop John who will be preaching and presiding at St Bartholomew's, Binley. Pray for the congregation too, that they will experience a move of God's Spirit amongst them.

23rd Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100. RT REVD CHRISTOPHER COCKSWORTH AND RT REVD JOHN

STROYAN. Pray for our Bishops' as they attend the Rural Bishops' Panel. Pray God gives them His words to speak.

24th ST. LEONARD, PRIORS MARSTON. PinC: Revd Michael Greig. Rdr: Peter Jackson. Praise God for a wonderful group of faithful Christians who worship regularly and work hard to build up the life of the church. Pray for the development of a monthly Family Service, for the 3 youth and children's clubs and for plans to re-furbish the interior of the church.

25th *Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century; Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748.* International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. MOBILE YOUTH CAFÉ. Pray for this resource which is being used by St Christopher's in Allesley Park, Coventry. Pray that the love and commitment of the volunteers radiates Jesus to the young people who gather in the park.

26th RURAL AND AREA DEANS MEETING. Pray for our Rural and Area Deans as they meet today. Pray that they capture Gods vision for our diocese.

27th All Saints', Emscote (in the Warwick Team ministry). TVcr: Revd John Fitzmaurice; Cr: Revd Sharon Jones. Rdrs: Helen Brown, Andrew Giles. We give thanks for the many blessing of this place, pray for a spirit of discernment and wisdom as we plan for the future, that we may continue both to witness and minister in God's name. We give thanks for the ministries of those who offer their time and talents in service of the Church and in outreach to our local community.

28th Pray for the John White Community Centre, Binley (A CUF supported project) as members of St Bartholomew's Church help take this project forward in a period of change.

29th **First Sunday of Advent.** Pray for Bishop John who is preaching and presiding at St Mary, Clifton on Dunsmore today. Pray the Holy Spirit empowers Bishop John to speak His words. Pray also for the growth of the church and its witness within the community.

30th **Andrew the Apostle** Pray for the Interviews taking place today for the post of vicar at St Giles, Exhall.

Meditation

Remembering is life giving. How do we use our memories for God?

One of the most time consuming occupations that has gripped the nation is that of searching to complete a family tree. The desire to look back, to recall and share with other members of the family fills a deep longing. It enables people then to share their story.

Within the Body of Christ we are a pilgrim people as our forefathers have been. As pilgrims we have our story revealed to us in the scriptures which are written in such a way that we are helped to remember. God invites us to remember them, to remember both his commandments and His saving deeds and to remember His presence with us now and always.

In the daily round the common task we use our memories to give thanks to God for the gift of the night and the gift of the new day. We give time and space to learning, marking and inwardly digesting the scriptures so that we can use our memories to recount the story of God's saving grace to our families. A deed that the Psalmist exhorts us to do. Psalm 48 v13. St. Paul likewise in his letter to the Corinthians 1 Cor.15 v2. "If you keep in memory what I preached to you.

In families, we use our memories as we give thanks through Grace at mealtimes when we also recall those less fortunate than ourselves. We recall and celebrate the worth of each individual on birthdays and anniversaries. We use memories as springs of healing for others and reservoirs of compassion to those who are bruised.

As members of God's Church we use our memories to recall God's faithfulness through those who have worshipped through the centuries. The communion of Saints, those who since Our Lord, have like him laid down their lives that we might be free. We meet at the altar to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord to continue to do at all times "This in Remembrance of me".

We might also come before Our Lord and be challenged as in the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, "When did we see thee a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe thee?"

As we remember in this month of November, may we keep the memory of God's goodness alive, and fan into flame the embers of hope.

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CYCLE OF PRAYER

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Focus for Prayer this month:

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