

THE BENEFICE OF MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX AND AMBERLEY

Accept and share the generosity of God's love.

**The Second Sunday of the Kingdom
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

12th November 2017

A warm welcome to our services, especially if you are here for the first time. Everyone baptised or who normally receives in their own church, including children, may receive the bread and wine at the altar. If you require a gluten free wafer, please indicate this at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please carry the service booklet with you when you go up to the altar.

Readings for Today

First Reading: Amos 5. 18 - 24

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4. 13 - end Gospel: Matthew 25. 1 – 13

MEMORY AND REMEMBRANCE

Each year we gather on Remembrance Sunday to remember how many lives have been lost in war; how many families afflicted. If peace is sometimes described as the absence of war, then it is true to say the world has never been at peace. War has sadly always been a part of human existence. And many are the lives that have been given in the hope that peace would come.

Remembrance Sunday has become remembrance of all those who lost their lives in both world wars, as well all conflicts since. Perhaps it is television coverage that now makes us aware to a greater extent just how many lives are caught up in conflict. As we witness the extent of violence and war in this very visual way, we long for the day when all wars will cease.

In the liturgical seasons we follow through the year at church, today is also the Second Sunday of the Kingdom Season: a reminder that it will not always be this way. The hope of God's Kingdom gives us promises for the future.

But today, we remember all those who with great courage have laid down their lives through a desire to see peace. Today we do not glorify war: we remember the horror of it, and the courage of those who give their life to a greater cause. We will remember them. God also will remember them.

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SERVICES AT OUR CHURCHES TODAY

HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON

There is a loop system for those with hearing aids.

8am Eucharist **(In The Porch Room)**
President & Preacher: Revd John Thompson

9.30am Parish Eucharist Act of Remembrance
(In Minchinhampton School Hall)
President: Revd Helen Bailey
Preacher: Revd Anthony Roberts

Hymns: 369, 358, 427, 352ii, 355

5.30pm Said Evening Prayer
Office: Revd Helen Bailey

ST BARNABAS, BOX

9am Eucharist
President: Canon Mike Tucker
Preacher: Revd John Thompson

Hymns: 537, 519, 413, 355

HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY

8am Said Communion
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers

10.30am Non Eucharist Remembrance Sunday
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers

NOTICES –

THE RECTOR IS BACK TO FULL-TIME - I am delighted to report that my health has continued to improve and the phased return to work has done its job. Following consultation with the Archdeacon, my ministry is now up to full time with immediate effect. Thank you for your prayers, thank you to those who have shown care to me during this time and thank you to those who have shared extra responsibilities. It is good to be back to full strength and to be back with you full time. I look forward to all we will share together through Advent and Christmas, in the season which especially celebrates 'God with us'. I really do remain very grateful to all who have shouldered extra work during this time, with clergy and colleagues, church wardens and PCC and ACC amongst those who have given so much.

THE RE-ORDERING PROJECT - The foundations for the nave and chancel are now complete and consistent in timing with the church being back in use for Advent. Essentially, the church has now been handed over to Jupiter to start on installation of the under-floor system, but still under Nick Miles' overall management. A geotextile membrane has been installed, and Jupiter have laid a layer of crushed slate on top of it, to give a flat surface on which to lay "Fermacell" boards, stapled together to give a base for further work. The

“flatness” has been established using the state-of-the-art laser device on wheels that you may have seen. Overall this gives a floor that the workmen can walk on to install heating, electrical and instrument connections, before laying the final parts of the heating system. Mandy and Howard, Church Wardens

PARISH BREAKFASTS - have been temporarily suspended as a result of the reordering work going on. They will start up again in January 2018. Please do continue to come and enjoy a coffee and a chat after the 10am service on Sundays.

EVENING PRAYER – daily at 5.30pm, (4.30pm Fridays). We need a couple of people to commit to leading on a weekly or fortnightly basis. It requires no preparing of prayers. For more information please contact Revd Sandy Emery.

UPCOMING COACH TRIPS – Tues. Dec 6 – Bath Town Centre and Christmas Markets. Contact Ian Jarvis ian@abbeyhall.info or Tel: 01453 833131

TRAIDCRAFT CHRISTMAS FAIR - We will be holding the Traidcraft Christmas Fair on Thursday November 16th from 10.30am to 3.30pm in the Porch Room. There will be refreshments available and soup and rolls at lunch time. Come along and buy your Christmas cards ,gifts and other goodies.

TABLE TOP SALE – Saturday November 18 at 10.30 – 12.30pm in The Porch Room. Gifts, Christmas Stall, cakes and refreshments including bacon butties available. All proceeds to the 6P's Appeal. If you have any unwanted gifts etc., to donate please see Julia Gerard or Revd Sandy Emery.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE - There will be a Wine and Canapés Reception in the Parish Room after the Confirmation Service at 10am on November 19. To help with the catering, Amberley Social Committee would be grateful if those attending could provide some canapés and also sign the sheets which are in all 3 Churches in the Benefice to indicate what they're bringing. Many thanks – The Social Committee.

HEAVEN KNOWS! (Even if we don't) - a book of rhymes and recollections, a light-hearted look at Minchinhampton and travels further afield. On sale at church, Stafford Cottage and Taylor's Butchers, £5 in aid of the 6Ps Appeal. Information from Hilary (884163), Mandy (882477).

SPONSOR A CHAIR- forms are available in the Porch room or from the Church Office in Butt Street. Chairs cost £200 with £10 for a plaque. For part sponsorship amend the amounts on the form accordingly. mandyjutsum@btinternet.com, 01453 882477.

MESSY CHURCH – MORE HELPERS NEEDED, PLEASE. We only do about 5 or 6 sessions a year – but a vital investment in the future of the church. If you could 'meet and greet', serve tea or help with craft activities please contact Alison Wood or Deborah Smith, 883611. We all have a lot of fun and you will get your evening meal as well!

Deborah also needs coffee jar lids for the next Messy Church on December 13. Leave in the 'pigeon holes' in the porch room. Thank you in anticipation of your support

ANNUAL CAROL SINGING PARTY – AT Gloucestershire Royal Hospital on Thursday December 21, 6.45pm. Come along and support us by serving those who spend Christmas in hospital. Meet at the Hospital Chapel. Refreshments served at the end of the evening.

THIS WEEK

8.30am Eucharist (Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat) in the Lady Chapel, Parish Church
5.30pm Evening Prayer daily (Mon - Sat, 4.30pm on Fridays)

14TH TUES	2-3.15pm	Minchinhampton School – Porch Room
	1.45pm	Burial Service - Imgard Green – Parish Church
	2pm	Thanksgiving Service – Dorothy Zalan at St. Barnabas, Box
	2.45pm	Interment of Ashes – Dorothy Zalan – Parish Church
15TH WED	8am	Eucharist, St Barnabas, Box
	11am	Eucharist (BCP) - Porch Room
	2.30pm	Wednesday Cuppa
	4-5.30pm	Confirmation Preparation – Porch Room
	7pm	Mothers Union Meeting – Porch Room
16TH THURS	10.30am	Traidcraft Christmas – Porch Room
17TH FRI	5pm	Junior Choir Practice
	6pm	Adult Choir Practice – Porch Room
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers Practice – Parish Church
18TH SAT	10.30-12.30pm	Table Top Sale – Porch Room

NEXT SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER – The Third Sunday of the Kingdom

HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON

8am	Eucharist (In The Porch Room) President & Preacher: Revd Ann Morris
	NO 10AM SERVICE at Minchinhampton 10am Confirmation Service at Amberley Church
5.30pm	Sung Evensong Office & Preacher: Revd Sandy Emery

ST BARNABAS, BOX

9am	Eucharist President: Canon Mike Tucker Preacher: Revd Ann Morris
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HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY

8am	Said Communion 1662 President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers
10am	Confirmation Service President & Preacher: Bishop Robert