

THE BENEFICE OF MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX AND AMBERLEY

Accept and share the generosity of God's love.

ALL SAINT'S DAY

4th November 2018

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. There is one chalice of non-alcoholic wine available, please indicate at the altar if you would prefer this option. 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: Isaiah 25. 6 - 9

Second Reading: Revelation 21. 1 – 6a Gospel: John 11. 32 - 44

ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints is when we remember with praise and gratitude all those who have gone before us on the pilgrimage of faith. Nowadays in many churches the season also includes 'All Souls' Day' or 'the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed'. This we will commemorate this evening at church when we recall those we have known and loved but see no longer. All Saints Day however has us question – What is a Saint? We have had Saints days as the theme for Messy Church when we have told the handed-down stories of the saints and the children automatically assume they are dead, have halos and are often pictured in stained glass windows. With all the noble things they did and persevered at, it's somehow hard to imagine them doing ordinary things. But Saints begin as ordinary as the rest of us, called like us to an extra ordinary commitment to God's service. However, what about those Christians who led exemplary lives and we want to copy, or at least try to, they were not perfect in every respect and because of their example, we try a little harder to live a good life. There is really only one thing which marks out a saint from the rest: they are the ones who know, without doubt, that they need God, so they do something about it, and go to him, just as they are - open to receive his love. We are all Saints - God has chosen us for his service, we are holy people. As in the Eucharistic prayer at communion the President says "God's holy gifts, for God's holy people." Since we are 'called to be saints', we must grow into people who are able to serve and take the 'love God; and love one another' commandments seriously. And we are urged on by the communion of saints: a great crowd of witnesses, – so we are never alone.

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SERVICES AT OUR CHURCHES TODAY

HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON

There is a loop system for those with hearing aids.

8am	Eucharist President & Preacher: Revd John Hunnisett
8.45am	Parish Breakfast - Porch Room
10am	Parish Eucharist - All Age and Baptism of Reggie Harrison President & Preacher: Revd Alison Guy
Hymns:	215, 232, 482
5.30pm	Memorial Service Revd John Hunnisett

ST BARNABAS, BOX

9am	Eucharist President & Preacher: Revd Ann Morris
Hymns:	215, 230, 232, 227

HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY

8am	Said Communion President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers
10am	Parish Eucharist President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers
4.30pm	Memorial Service Revd John Spiers

NOTICES –

MEMORIAL SERVICE - This evening at 5.30pm. A beautiful and reflective service where we remember our loved ones and light a candle in their memory. Refreshments will be served after this service.

QUIET REFLECTION - at the beginning of the 10am Sunday Service there will be 5 minutes of quiet reflection. Can people please refrain from talking during this period. Thank you.

ARMCHAIR YOGA - Wednesdays after the 11am Service. Donations to 6Ps Appeal, contact Hilary Bellhouse on 885254

FOODBANK – needs tinned - vegetables, meat, spaghetti, fruit, fish, custard, tomatoes, soup, rice pudding, steamed puddings, potatoes, pulses. Small sugar, chocolate spread, peanut butter, jam, marmite, UHT fruit juices and milk, biscuits, instant coffee, pasta sauces, toothbrushes. **NO BAKED BEANS PLEASE.**

READY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WIDER LIFE OF THE CHURCH? - We need to elect a new lay representative to Stroud Deanery Synod as Sarah Rogaly has stood down from the role. The Deanery Synod is part of the way the C of E gives a voice to all parts of the church on the church's ministry and mission and key current issues. It sits between the parishes with their Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) and the full diocese, with its Diocesan Synod. The lay members are elected to serve for three years, but this vacancy is for the remainder of the 2017-20 period. The Synod meets three times a year, with agendas including: visiting speakers, sharing new developments and good practice, reports from Diocesan and General Synods, financial matters including Parish Share, the Deanery's action plan. If you are

interested and would like to know more please speak to Linda Jarvis, Margaret Sheather or Jamie Dalrymple-Hamilton and have a look at the Deanery website <http://www.stroud-deanery.org.uk>.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH YARD CUTTING BACK AND CLEARING - Tuesday November 6 from 10am. (Tues 13th if we're rained off on the 6th). Apart from grass cutting the church yard is maintained entirely by volunteers. Please come and join us to help tidy up this special space in the heart of our town. Bring your own tools. If you are interested in adopting a part of the church to care for on a regular basis we would be very interested to hear from you. Thank you to those who do care for some areas in this way: your contribution is much appreciated.

IN REMEMBRANCE – A 30-minute lunchtime concert on Saturday November 10 at 1pm. 'In Remembrance' by Patsy Gamble for soprano saxophone and organ. The piece is especially appropriate for the weekend of Remembrance Sunday, even incorporating The Last Post into the music. Admission free (retiring collection).

TRAIDCRAFT CHRISTMAS FAIR - We will be holding a Christmas Fair on Thurs Nov 15th from 10.30 - 3pm in the porch rooms and church. £2 entrance to include coffee/tea and cake. Lunches of soup and rolls will also be served. Please come along to buy Christmas cards, advent calendars, Christmas gifts as well as the usual groceries. We will also have a raffle, lucky dip and guess the weight of the cake competition. Bring a friend!!

QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH & CHIP SUPPER - Saturday November 17 - 7pm at Holy Trinity, Minchinhampton. Tickets on sale from The Market Stores and the Church Office - £12 pp. Bar & Raffle.

COACH TRIPS – Fri Nov 23, Oxford Town Centre and Ashmolean Museum. Fri Dec 7. Award winning Bath Christmas Market and town centre shops. Contact Ian Jarvis for more info. Tel: 833131 www.abbeyhall.info

A QUIET DAY IN PREPARATION FOR ADVENT - The Contemplative Prayer Group are holding this day on Wed November 28. If you would like to join us please contact Mick and Vonne Evans - Tel: 01453 888252

THEATRE - We all enjoyed "Shakespeare in Love", so it's time to book the next trip. Would you like to see **TWEEDY** in Aladdin at Cheltenham Everyman, just for fun? We haven't done a pantomime before so **please** help me to decide by signing up/ringing me and I will book a date if there is sufficient interest. Anne Brookes 886210

MISSION SHAPED MINISTRY COURSE - In 2019 the diocese are running a year-long Mission Shaped Ministry course. There are three Saturdays in Gloucester with visiting speakers plus a weekend at a retreat centre, and the remaining sessions (running once a month when there is not a central session) will be run at local centres. Our Local centre will be the Grace Network at Brimscombe Port. If you are interested, look at details on the diocesan website <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/event/mission-shaped-ministry-course-start-date/> or contact Peter Francis (peterfrancis777@gmail.com) for more information. To find out more please do attend the taster day on 24th November.

THIS WEEK

8.30am Eucharist (Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat) in the Parish Church

5.30pm Evening Prayer daily (Mon - Sat, 4.30pm on Fridays)

5TH MON 7.30pm Faith In Our Time - Porch Room

7TH WED 8am Eucharist - St Barnabas, Box
10am Magazine Distribution Meeting - Porch Room
11am Eucharist (BCP) – Parish Church
12pm Armchair Yoga – Parish Church
2.30pm Wednesday Cuppa – Porch Room
5.30pm Junior Choir Practice - Porch Room
6.30-7.30pm Adult Choir Practice - Parish Church
7.30pm Setting up of Staging - Parish Church

8TH THURS 10am Probus - Porch Room
7pm Stuart Singers with the Royal British Legion
Rehearsals - Parish Church
7.30pm Bell Ringers Practice – Parish Church

9TH FRI 7pm Stuart Singers with the Royal British Legion
Concert - Parish Church

10TH FRI 1pm 'In Remembrance' 30 minute Concert - Parish Church

NEXT SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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9.30am Sung Eucharist
President & Preacher: Revd John Hunnisett

5.30pm Said Evening Prayer
Office: Revd Ann Morris

ST BARNABAS, BOX

9am Eucharist
President & Preacher: Canon Mike Tucker

HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY

8am Said Communion
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers

10.30am Remembrance Sunday
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