

All Saints Day

Sunday's 10am Mass will be led by Father Lawson Nagle.

Remembrance Sunday. This year the Remembrance Service will take place next Sunday, 8th November. Unfortunately, we will not be able to gather round the war memorial but after Mass we will carry out a short indoor service at 10.50, comprising the laying of a wreath, prayers and the exhortation, a minute's silence at 11am followed by the Kohima epitaph and closing prayers. The service will be led by Bishop Michael Langrish

All Souls Service - Tomorrow, Monday 2nd November at 6.30pm. All Souls Day is a time when we particularly remember those who have died. Please do join us at this service, it's a very special occasion which Father John Hall is to lead.

Return of the Church Choir - With great care and attention to risks and showing consideration towards all attendees, the church choir will be returning from Sunday 8th November, this will be for a trial period.

Members of the choir will arrive at 9.30am for a 15-minute rehearsal staying near to the high altar. They will remain apart from the main congregation, entering via the South Porch where Track & Trace details will be recorded along with a handheld infra-red thermometer checking each member as they arrive. During the service they will remain socially distanced from each other and at the end of the service they will continue to remain separated, leaving again via the South Porch. Please note: It is important that members of the congregation do not enter via the South Porch but continue to attend through the double red doors.

Christmas Services. Services over the Christmas period are as follows:

Christmas Eve (24th) First Mass of Christmas at 7pm led by Father John

Christmas Morning (25th) Mass at 10am, also led by Father John

Sunday 27th December - Mass at 10am to be led by Bishop Michael

A team of cleaners will prepare the church between services.

These dates are subject to any changes in the rules governing what we can do

As we 'go to press' the Prime Minister has announced further lock down measures, it appears that these might impact upon church services and/or other meetings we will send out a newsletter confirming the latest situation for us at St George's.

Special Award - A couple of weeks ago we congratulated Jean Collyer for being awarded the National Volunteer of the Year Award by Barchester Care Homes for her work as a volunteer at Marriott House. This week it was announced that Jean is one of the winners of the High Sheriff of West Sussex Special Recognition Award, which was established to acknowledge and thank individual volunteers who have worked so hard to meet the needs of those around them and the service they have given to those who have been affected by the challenges of Covid. Congratulations again to Jean from us all for this outstanding achievement.

Brass Cleaning - Last Sunday we appealed for volunteers to carry on the task of keeping the church's brass clean and shining following the resignation of Shirley Blighton after 25 years. We are glad to announce that Smythe and Carol Pollock have agreed to take on this responsibility.

St George's Church Family Register - we hold a Family Register in case there is a need to make contact regarding a pastoral issue i.e. illness, bereavement or other reason. If you would like to have your name and contact details added to the Register, (all information will be kept strictly confidential), please fill in one of the Family Register forms, to be found at the back of the church. It would be lovely if those who have been attending in more recent times were to fill in one of the forms. On completion, please hand to a churchwarden or one of the Stewards.

A tactful reminder - At the end of Sunday Mass it is easy to forget the social distancing that we are required to adhere to, so please, may we remind you that if you would like to greet friends, catch up on news etc., please do it outside on the pavement or possibly in the carpark, but not in church. *All part of the instructions issued by the Church of England which we are required to follow.* Thank you!

Intercessions. Should you have a friend or relative, or know of any person, who would like to be on the list of those needful of our prayers please inform the wardens that their names can be included in our Sunday supplications.

Items for future Newsletters are welcomed. We would like to include material for reflection and would welcome any suggestions. If there any poems or short articles that you would like to share then please do send them to the editors.

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