

Woburn Benefice Weekly News

Serving the parishes of Battlesden with Potsgrove, Eversholt, Milton Bryan, Woburn and our neighbouring communities



Week commencing 3rd November 2024

Advent course

Our connect groups are in full swing, and The Bible Course is proving very inspiring and interesting. These will be ending in November in time for Advent.

We've been invited to join the Woburn District Churches Together Advent courses this year. A great opportunity to meet with other Christians across our local area to enjoy some Advent reflections together. There are 3 different groups so hopefully you will find one that fits in with your week.

For Advent this year we shall be using 'Advent for Everyone: a Journey through Luke' by Tom Wright as our study guide. We shall be focusing in our discussions on the Gospel readings for each of the Sundays in Advent. We welcome members from Churches Together to join us for the Advent season.

Dates for the Tuesday Fellowship (2.30 – 4.30 pm. in the Church) and the Tuesday evening Bible Study (7.30 – 9.00 pm. in the vicarage - 30 Church Road, Aspley Heath, MK17 8TA) are as follows: 26 November; 3 December; 10 December and 17 December. For further information please contact John Buchanan johnnesvonbuch@gmail.com for Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship; or Revd Diana Young revdianay@gmail.com for Tuesday evening.

Dates for the Thursday evening Zoom group are 28 November; 5 December; 12 December and 19 December. Please contact Geoff Cooper for the Zoom link for Thursday evenings geoffcooper83@gmail.com

Vision Morning for St Mary's Saturday 30th November 2024



Vision Morning Saturday
30th November 2024.

9.30 am to 12.30 pm followed by lunch

Guest Facilitator Rev Kate Lomax,
Diocesan Church Growth Officer

Everybody welcome to come along and contribute to the discussions and conversations around the future priorities for the mission and outreach of St Mary's, Woburn. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or contact Fran Brown at admin@woburnbenefice.co.uk, and if you would like to stay for lunch please also indicate this on the sheet or to Fran. Hope you can make it!

Remembrance Services in the Benefice



There will be a Remembrance Service at three of the churches in the Benefice on Sunday 10th November 2024

Woburn 10.30 am—Rev'd Rachel will join the service with the Royal British Legion

Milton Bryan 11.00 am led by Alan White

Eversholt 3.00 pm led by Rev'd Rachel

Bingo Night for Battlesden



Battlesden Church are holding a Bingo Night on Saturday 23rd November 2024 at Milton Bryan Village Hall. Start at 7.00 pm prompt. Bring your own refreshments. In aid of Keech Cottage Hospice. Come along and have fun while supporting this Charity.

Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong is held at St Mary's Church, Woburn at 6.00 pm on the first Sunday of the month. The next Choral Evensong will be on Sunday 3rd November 2024.

Enjoy a reflective time of worship, with beautiful choral music, seated in the choir stalls.

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Woburn Benefice Monthly Prayer for Mission

The first session of our 5 week teaching series on Nehemiah has begun. We have studied the 1st chapter of Nehemiah, and the importance to beginning our projects with prayer.

Following on from this, in addition to our weekly Monday 9.30 am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, I am starting a monthly Mission Prayer Meeting on Zoom, on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm, 1st Monday of the month, for the Woburn Benefice.

It will be a time of open prayer for our communities.

Upcoming dates for your diaries:

4th November

2nd December

6th January

Here is the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82671630512?pwd=flDixWaaTiKSyvcFfelz4H7ETiUq82.1>

Meeting ID: 826 7163 0512

Passcode: 077821

Everybody welcome!

Salvation Army Christmas toy appeal



Last year The Salvation Army distributed more than 76,000 gifts to families who struggled to provide presents for their children at Christmas. Every year the number of families requesting help goes up. If you would like to donate a new toy, please bring it along to St Mary's during November. The last day for donations will be Sunday 1st December. Toys will then be taken to the Salvation Army Corps in Bedford for wrapping and distribution to families. Please speak to Yvonne Mills or Steve Apted if you would like any more information.

Suggested gift list:

We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

- 0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- 3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- 5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- 9-12: games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- 13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

Upcoming Services and Events

Battlesden

10th Nov 9.00 am **NO SERVICE AT BATTLEDEN**

Eversholt

3 Nov 9.00 am Holy Communion
10 Nov 3.00 pm Remembrance Service
17 Nov 5.00 pm Family Evensong

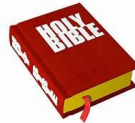
Milton Bryan

10 Nov 11.00 am Remembrance Service
24 Nov 9.00 am Holy Communion

Woburn

2 Nov 9.30 am Church Cleaning
3 Nov 10.30 am Informal Communion
3 Nov 6.00 pm Choral Evensong
7 Nov 10.00 am BCP Communion
10 Nov 10.30 am Remembrance Service
17 Nov 10.30 am Informal Communion
24 Nov 10.30 am Formal Communion

Readings for this Sunday



The readings for this Sunday are shown below if you would like to follow them even if you were not able to get to church—or you would like to re-read them if you did.

Readings:

Nehemiah 3 verses 1 to 12 and 22 to 32

Mark 12 verses 28 to 34

BCP Holy Communion



BCP Holy Communion service is held at 10.00 am on the 1st Thursday of the Month - a short service of Holy Communion held in St Mary's Lady Chapel, using the beautiful language of the Book of Common Prayer.

Funeral of Frank Christopher Hawkes



The funeral of Chris Hawkes will take place at St John the Baptist Church, Eversholt on Wednesday 6th November at 11.00 am, followed by burial in the churchyard. Chris was a valued member of St John the Baptist, serving as treasurer for many years, and he will be greatly missed. Please keep Terry, his wife, and the family in your prayers at their time of loss.

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