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## **THE CHURCHES OF THE SIX VILLAGES**

**10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

### **Remembrance Sunday and the Second Sunday before Advent**

**READINGS FOR 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:** *Mark 1:14-20; Jonah 3: 1-5; 10*

**READINGS FOR 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:** *Mark 13: 1-8; Daniel 12:1-3*

#### **The Collect for Remembrance Sunday**

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **The Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent**

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.*

**SHEERING WARM HUB** We welcome the Warm Hub temporarily to the Church Room on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30pm.

**SHEERING CONGREGATION:** *Friends of St Mary's Sheering present Christmas Singalong with mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies at 7.30 for 8.00pm on Friday 6 December in the Village Hall. Could you help with gifts of sausage rolls, mince pies and raffle prizes. THANK YOU.*

This week, please pray for:

- Margaret Lines (Hatfield Heath)
- Rita Slater (Hatfield Heath)
- John and Heather Harding (Sheering)
- Ray and Linda Griggs (Sheering).
- Jean Rostron (Hatfield Heath).
- All who have requested prayer via our Six Villages Facebook group.

***The next notice sheet will be on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Please send items for inclusion by 5pm on 18<sup>th</sup> November to [administrator@thesixvillages.org](mailto:administrator@thesixvillages.org) to allow time for proofreading and distribution via email and post.***

## DIARY

<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>Remembrance Service</b> , St John's, Bush End
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	<b>Remembrance Service followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial</b> , Holy Trinity, Hatfield Heath
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10.50am	<b>Remembrance Service followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial</b> , St Mary's, Sheering
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10.50am	<b>Remembrance Service</b> , St Mary's, Hatfield Broad Oak
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10.50am	<b>Remembrance Service beginning at the War Memorial</b> , St Mary's, Little Hallingbury
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10.50am	<b>Remembrance Service</b> , St Giles', Great Hallingbury
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>Prayer Time</b> , the Vicarage, Hatfield Heath, with Rev Sophie
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	<b>Gardening Club</b> (weather depending), St Giles', Great Hallingbury
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> , St Mary's, Sheering
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> , St Mary's, Hatfield Broad Oak
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> , St Mary's, Little Hallingbury
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm	<b>Six Villages Evensong</b> , Holy Trinity, Hatfield Heath
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>Prayer Time</b> , the Vicarage, Hatfield Heath, with Rev Sophie
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.00am	<b>Christmas Fair</b> , Little Hallingbury Village Hall
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b> , St John's, Bush End
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> , Holy Trinity, Hatfield Heath
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> , St Mary's, Sheering
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> , St Giles', Great Hallingbury
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	3.00pm	<b>Service of Memory &amp; Hope</b> , St Mary's, Sheering

**READINGS FOR 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER: John 18: 33-37; Daniel 7: 9-10; 13-14**

### A REFLECTION FOR REMEMBRANCE FROM BISHOP GULI On

Remembrance Sunday, in churches, other places of worship, and at war memorials up and down the country many will gather from across our communities to *give thanks* and to *remember*. To give thanks for extraordinary acts of courage and selflessness, and to remember the sacrifices that brought us the peace we cherish. Remembering is such an important part of this annual act of thanksgiving, because if we do not labour to remember, we are likely all too quickly to forget. Acknowledging the frailty of our individual memories, it's all the more important that we gather together and tell the stories that keep the memories alive. And in remembering, to commit ourselves, again, to care for the living and to the common cause of peace.

Throughout the Bible, there are countless examples of the people of God being called to remember the Lord who created and loved them, and to remember that they, and indeed we, are dearly loved by this same God. God's people are called also to remember Jesus Christ, God's son, sent to be the living embodiment of that love.

The Bible is full of stories, too, that are about the struggle to remember, and about forgetfulness of God's love. Yet this failure sits alongside a clear message of hope. The prophet Isaiah, for example, assures the people that even if they forget, God's promise is always to remember; for, "see", says God, "you are inscribed on the palms of my hands" (Isaiah 49. 16). God knows and remembers each and every act of love and sacrifice, both then and now, whatever form these take, and whether known by many or by few.

And so, even when (despite the best intentions), our memories may grow dim, we can say with confidence that our loved ones, and all those who laid down their lives, are remembered and held by God. The meaning of what they did and the courage which urged them on will outlive our memories because they are safe in the eternal memory of God. This year, as we gather to remember those who gave their tomorrows for our todays, let us rest afresh in God's promise of remembrance, and may this bring each one of you a renewed sense of hope, peace and joy.