

S. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE
NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2017

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

Before the commercial enticements and the logistical preparations for Christmas take greater hold of our activities, we are encouraged, as one Church year ends and Advent approaches, to remember and reflect upon the Kingdom of Heaven, as something which both beckons us but is also among us now.

Remember that, at Advent, we are preparing not only to celebrate the First Coming of Christ at Christmas, but also the Second Coming for us individually – that time when, at our death, we shall stand in the presence of God and account for our life on earth. It is likely that most of us will largely be ill-prepared for it.

Two festivals which characterise this season of remembrance point our reflections in the right direction. Firstly, Remembrance Sunday itself, with the mourning of all those whose lives have been cut short prematurely and taken by the evil of war and conflict; and secondly, All Souls' Day, with its reminder, as we remember others, of our own mortality too and the coming judgement.

So, let us both live as signs of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and prepare for that time when we shall ourselves stand in the presence of God. As we do so, let us ensure that our lives have enriched and not denuded this world by the goodness, mercy and righteousness of our words and deeds.

Yours in Christ,
Stephen.

Looking ahead

Sunday 11th November – Remembrance Sunday. We shall begin the main service at 10.55 a.m. on that day to incorporate an Act of Remembrance, including the Silence and prayers for all who gave their lives in two World Wars and conflicts since, followed by a slightly adapted Sung Eucharist (BCP), instead of Mattins that day.

Sunday 19th November – 6pm Evensong at Queen’s College Chapel attended by the Ely Diocese Branch of the Prayer Book Society. I hope as many as possible will be able to come to Choral Evensong that evening and support the work and witness of the Prayer Book Society, which the PCC has agreed to join.

Development Action Plan (DAP). All parishes in the Diocese are asked to complete a plan of actions to be taken to further our Christian mission. These can be large as well as small initiatives and comprise both external and internal actions. Examples of proposed actions in our context could possibly be to establish a social media presence as a form of outreach; or undertake Christian social outreach. The intention is to use the Ely 2025 five Levers for Change framework so that local plans align with the Diocesan strategy. Proposals developed will then be for discussion with the Archdeacon / Rural Dean, review with the P.C.C. and presentation to the Annual Meeting.

I am calling for volunteers please to come together in the formation of the DAP working group and then work with me there over a period of several months. The commitment would be to attend some meetings and be prepared to contribute and discuss ideas. There is a good Diocesan Resource Manual to follow, which comprises a mix of guided Bible study, issues to consider and practical suggestions for developing plans linked to the furtherance of the Gospel and our common life together in some way.

Would you please let me know whether you would like to participate in this process? I hope for around half a dozen participants; and that the process of how to take the Christian mission forward in our context will itself be enriching for those involved.

Stephen

Our **Advent & Christmas Fayre** this year will be on Saturday 2nd December from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. We will be grateful for offers of help on the day (from 9.00 a.m. for those setting up) and items for sale, please—baking, preserves, gifts, cards, toys, decorations, etc. K.H.

CALENDAR

TRINITY XXI Sunday 5th November

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Epistle, Dr Hunter; Refreshments, Irvine

Preacher: The Reverend Vivienne Lake

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 8th November Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRINITY XXII Sunday 12th *Remembrance Sunday*

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.55 a.m. Act of Remembrance & Sung Eucharist

Lesson (Matt. 5.1-12): Mr Barker

Preacher: The Priest-in-charge

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 15th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRINITY XXIII 19th November 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Order 1)

Epistle, Mrs. Horbury; Intercession, Mr Hodson

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Jonathan Holmes

6.00 p.m. Evensong in Queens' College (Prayer Book Society; all welcome)

Wednesday 22nd 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT 26th November

(Collect, Epistle & Gospel for Trinity XXV)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Ecclesiastes 11 & 12, Dr Lindsay; 2. Heb. 11:1-16, Mrs. Durham

Preacher: The Priest-in-charge

12 noon Holy Communion

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 29th *S. Andrew*, transferred 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Saturday 2nd December Advent Fayre, 10.00 a.m.—3.00 p.m.

ADVENT SUNDAY 3rd December 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist;

Epistle, Miss Josselyn; Refreshments, Josselyn

4.15 p.m. Evensong

S. Botolph's Cambridge

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