

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

November 2020

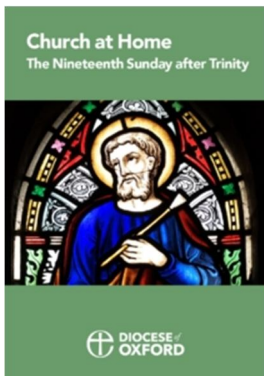
[www.sandfordchurch.org.uk](http://www.sandfordchurch.org.uk)

## **Remembrance Sunday** **10.0 a.m. Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>** **with two minutes silence at 11.0**

Eternal God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all,  
the true love of peace  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;  
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **The Porch**

would like to thank all the congregation and villagers  
who donated Harvest gifts.  
They were really appreciated – even more so this year as  
the need for support has greatly increased.



The online Diocesan service  
has returned to its regular  
10 am slot. Church at Home  
is designed for those who are  
as yet unable to return to  
their normal church service  
The order of service,  
together with links to view or  
listen to the service will be  
posted on the website on  
Saturday.:  
<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>

### **Test and Trace**

As you will see, the church building is now registered  
with the Test and Trace scheme, so those with the app  
can use their phones to scan the QR code on the door.

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

On All Saints Day on 1<sup>st</sup> November at the 10.0 service  
we will be especially remembering, and giving thanks  
for, our families and friends  
in the congregation who have died.

### **Advent Sunday** **29<sup>th</sup> November** **10.0 a.m.**



### **Restoring Hope:**

an evening of conversation with the Most Reverend  
Rowan Williams and Dr Ruth Valerio (Tearfund) as  
they consider both our personal finance  
and the economy in light of the Christian faith.

Wednesday, 28th October 7.30 – 9.0

<https://www.eccr.org.uk/events>

### **Café Theologique**

this series, organised with the Bishop of Reading, has  
now moved online and is open to all. No need to  
book, just join us from 7.30-9pm on Zoom:

#### **Monday 26th October**

De-colonising Gospel Music Dr. Robert Beckford

#### **Monday 9th November**

Christian Nationalism: the Gospel according to Trump  
Dr Stephen Backhouse

[www.reading.ac.uk/chaplaincy/cafe-theologique.aspx](http://www.reading.ac.uk/chaplaincy/cafe-theologique.aspx)

### **An online retreat**

As the days draw in and so many countries are  
entering another time of lockdown, the Australian  
Jesuits offer a guided online retreat specifically aimed  
at people who have to isolate themselves during the  
pandemic, which could be especially helpful if you  
find the time of isolation wearisome and dispiriting.  
It's an excellent website.

[www.pray.com.au/with-jesus-in-the-desert-a-retreat-for-a-time-of-isolation/](http://www.pray.com.au/with-jesus-in-the-desert-a-retreat-for-a-time-of-isolation/)



**SUNDAYS in NOVEMBER 2020 Year A/B**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November Trinity 21 Proper 23 ALL SAINTS**

**10.0 a.m. Parish Communion**

Revelation 7.9-17 *A vision of the saints around the throne. The lamb will be their shepherd and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

1 John 3.1-3 *God's love for us makes us his own. We have a future we can't imagine, but we can prepare for it.*

Matthew 5.1-12 *The Beatitudes sum up our Lord's teaching on God's kingdom/rule – and righteousness/justice.*

**6.30 p.m. Evening prayer**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November Trinity 22 Proper 24 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent)**

**10.0 a.m. Parish Communion**

Ecclesiasticus 44 *Let us praise and celebrate those we owe so much to.*

tbc but perhaps Matthew 24.10-22 *Terrible times ahead, but standfast and God will hold you fast.*

**6.30 p.m. Evening prayer**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent (Margreet)**

**10.0 a.m. Parish Communion**

Zephaniah *The day of the Lord is at hand. Difficult times ahead. God's judgment on a nation that has turned its back on the good and just. We are warned.*

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 *Paul teaches us about God's coming – we had better be ready. God intends our well-being.*

Matthew 25.14-29 *The parable of the talents. We have different gifts and must use them to the best of our ability in the service of God.*

**6.30 p.m. Evening prayer**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Sunday before Advent CHRIST THE KING**

Ezekiel 34.11-24 *God the Good Shepherd (and the Son of David) will look out for his sheep, rescue them, gather them, take them to good pastures, seeking the lost and injured, strengthen the weak and punish the greedy ones.*

Ephesians 1.15-23 *Paul prays for his parishioners.*

Mark 13.24-37 *Jesus prophesies hard times ahead, but promises God will rescue us. Only God knows when – so be ready!*

**6.30 p.m. Evening prayer**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November ADVENT SUNDAY Year B begins**

**10.0 a.m. Parish Communion**

Isaiah 64.1-9 *A prayer for the coming of God. That means we need to repent – turn to God. As a nation and civilization we have turned away, but yet, God, you are our Father.*

1 Corinthians 1.3-9 *Paul thanks God that this parish has many spiritual gifts as we await his coming. God can be trusted and God has called us into fellowship and communion with him.*

Mark 13.24-37 *Jesus prophesies hard times ahead, but promises God will rescue us. Only God knows when – so be ready!*

**6.30 p.m. Evening prayer**

**Among the many people who need our prayers at this time,  
please especially keep in mind**

those we know who are unwell,  
especially **Leslie Rhodes, Jean Lee, Kevin Lewis, Gwen Beaver, Julian and Muriel Scarrott;**  
all those in care, including **Joan Inston, Tom Dalton, Betsy Livingstone and Brenda Graham,**  
and the residents of Vale House, especially **Gwyneth and Father John Bagley**  
**and the staff who care for them.**