

St Andrew's Church

Remembrance Sunday

Newsletter for November 8th 2020

10.30am Remembrance Day Service of the Word on Zoom

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Wisdom of Solomon 6;12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew

Matthew 25;1-13

Jesus taught his disciples, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you; I do not know you.'

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Beth, Alistair and Gillian Sainter, Leo,

For those who have recently died:

Anniversary of death: Ronald Hewlett, Violet Rotheroe.

Notices

- As from Thursday, church will have to be closed again. Our Sunday service will continue on Zoom as before. Do join us. The link is 5426466030 . If you need help with Zoom, please let us know.
- **Macmillan Coffee morning** next Thursday Nov 12th 10.30-11.30am on Zoom on the same link.
- **Thursday 12th November.** On Zoom at 7pm a meeting online to share memories of family members affected by the two World Wars. Lighten the mood with funny stories handed down. A chance to reflect and give thanks for the peace we value so much. Link as above.

A prayer for the church

May your love, that never fails strengthen the weak, encourage the fearful, calm the anxious and heal the sick through your church – your washed hands and feet on earth – distant but still present virtual but still connected apart but still helping. God in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

‘Pray as you go’ A prayer app available on your phone. A constantly uplifting means of daily opening oneself to God. It consists of a 12-minute download which starts with a bell ringing followed by some reflective music. Then a short bible passage is read followed by a couple of short open questions which help us to engage and listen to God. Then the passage is read again and after some further quiet reflection ‘Pray as you go’ ends with a blessing. It is free and easy to access. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>