CHALFONT ST PETER PARISH CHURCHES

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2026

Please email any contributions for the next two Newsletters on Sundays 15th & 22nd November to Samantha at the church office by Noon on Tuesday 10th November. Her email address is samantha@csp.church

| CALENDAR | | |
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| **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8th November** | 8am | Said Eucharist: All Saints Church *(Celebrant Revd Jim King)* |
| | 10am | The FONT: St Peter's Church Hall Arrive from 9.45am for refreshments *(Led by Andrea Lebrato)* |
| | 10.50am | Remembrance Sung Eucharist: All Saints Church *(Celebrant Revd Jennifer Locke)* |
| | 10.50am | Remembrance Sung Eucharist: St Peter's Church *(Celebrant Fr Sam Frampton)* |
| | 3pm | Royal British Legion Service preceded by a march to the War Memorial and the laying of wreaths: St Peter's Church *(Led by Fr Sam Frampton & Revd Wendy Graham)* |
| | 4pm | Evensong: St Paul's Church *(Led by Revd Jennifer Locke)* |
| **TUESDAY 10th Nov** | 10.30am | Parish Prayer Group: St Peter's Church |
| **WEDNESDAY 11 Nov REMEMBRANCE DAY** | 10am | Midweek Said Eucharist: St Peter's Church *(Celebrant Revd Wendy Graham)* |
| **WEDNESDAY 11 Nov REMEMBRANCE DAY** | 11am | Remembrance Day Service: Parish Church Grounds *(Led by Fr Sam Frampton)* |
| **THURSDAY 12th November** | 10.00am 1.30pm | Little Angels Toddler Group: St Peter's Church Hall *(Led by Andrea Lebrato)* |

## PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

- In Remembrance of those who suffered and died in the two World Wars and all other conflicts since and for peace.
- For the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal.
- For all those suffering in mind, body or estate, to be comforted and supported in Christ.

# WE REMEMBER THEM




**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
**8TH NOVEMBER**
**@3pm**

**Join us & the British Legion in the Parish Church Grounds for a short service and wreath laying followed by services in the Church & Hall**




**REMEMBRANCE DAY**
**11TH NOVEMBER**
**@11AM**

**Join us in the Parish Church Grounds for a short service and the official two minutes' silence at the War Memorial**

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT ALL SAINTS

At All Saints on Remembrance Sunday 8th November at 10.50am eight sopranos from the Festival Choir will sing the beautiful anthem 'For the Fallen' by Mark Blatchly during the Communion – a setting of verses taken from Binyon's famous poem. Towards the end of the anthem, the solo trumpet intones the Last Post. To conclude the Intercessions the congregation will be invited to contemplate whilst 'Pie Jesu' is sung - a setting taken from Faure's 'Requiem'. It translates as: *Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest. Blessed Jesus, give them eternal rest.*



## CHILDREN'S REMEMBRANCE SERVICE IN PARISH CHURCH HALL

On Remembrance Sunday 8th November, after the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial at 3pm, there will be a children's service with activities in the Parish Church Hall whilst the main service is held in the Parish Church.

## UPDATE ON REVD JIM KING

Dear Friends,
As we all know, following Jesus Christ is a dangerous business if you like the security and comfort of standing still forever. Alas, as his disciples we are called to go where he leads us. Jim and Sheila King have been faithful members of the Parish over many years and have helped lead and guide the parish through good times, and bad. Jim and Sheila recently informed me that they believe that God is calling them in a new and exciting direction which is to a more itinerant form of ministry and they have joyfully offered their services to the Diocese of Oxford to follow that calling. This means that we will be seeing a lot less of them and that Jim will not be included as a regular celebrant on the rota. This is of course sad news for us, and they will be missed, but please do join me in praying for Jim and Sheila in this new venture and wishing them well as they seek to serve God and his church in new and exciting ways. Jim remains on the rota until the end of December.

Jim and Sheila, thank you for all that you have done to care for, support and serve the Church here and we send you off with our love, prayers and blessings!
***Fr Sam***

## UPDATE ON PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Now that the Parish Giving campaign has formally ended, we would like to thank you for prayerfully considering your giving, both financial and of your time. We realise that for some, the idea of dealing with electronic forms and direct debits can be a daunting task, so we want to help make that as easy as possible for you. As such, Father Sam is offering 2 surgeries where he will be available in the Parish Office and help you to complete your gift forms, and register yourself with the Parish Giving Scheme. The dates of these are:
**Monday 23rd November and Wednesday 25th of November.**
Caroline will also be available in the Parish Office on **Friday 4th of December from 4.30pm** and will be available to assist as well.
We have paper forms available and we will even save you the postage costs and return them ourselves on your behalf! A **WIN WIN** if ever there was one!

## MEMORIAL SERVICE TEA

The many appreciative comments and compliments showed how the Tea, following the Memorial service, is an important part of the comfort and support that the service brings to those remembering loved ones.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with setting up and down, provided delicious cakes, served and washed up and those providing a listening ear. What a great team!!



## LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Diary Date

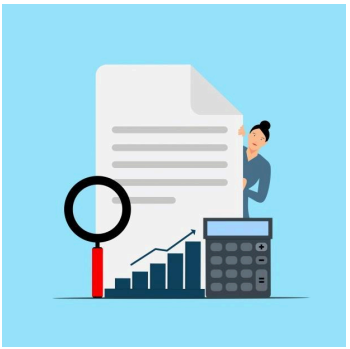
We meet again on 17th  November at 12.30pm in St Peters Church Hall.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH TREASURER

Please would you submit any invoices for payment to the Parish Office by 12 Noon on the following dates:

- Monday 9 November
- Monday 23 November



## CHOIR NOTES FROM ANN

'Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear,
It is not night if thou be near:
O may no earthborn cloud arise, to hide thee from thy servant's eyes.'

This is the first verse of 'Sun of my Soul' which is one of the four hymns printed in the small brown 'Active Service' 1914-18 pocket booklet of Saint John's Gospel distributed to the serving soldiers. The other three hymns are 'Eternal Father, Strong to save,' 'Abide with me' and 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past.' The small print tells us the hymns were included so the chaplains could hold services in the field, it is a poignant little booklet. The flower ladies will decorate our churches beautifully and sensitively with personal war memorabilia contributed by many of you for the Remembrance season, always a special time of year.

My Autumn edition of Cathedral Music arrived this week and features an article on the 100th anniversary of Choral Evensong which began in 1926 with an outside broadcast from Westminster Abbey.

CHOIR NOTES is always pleased to have reader's news and I am delighted to report that Richard King was a guest at the service of Choral Evensong in Westminster Abbey to celebrate the anniversary, among several luminaries and with priority seating, Richard soaked up the glorious singing and the superb organ accompaniment. Please Fr Sam let's have a date for another Choral evensong soon!



**PUZZLES R US:** First, here is the second verse of 'Sun of my soul' because it is so lovely:-

*'When the soft dews of kindly sleep my wearied eyelids gently steep*
*Be my last thought, how sweet to rest for ever on my Saviour's breast.'*

So the puzzle is: which hymn, if any, would you choose to add to the four already in the booklet? CHOIR NOTES likes you to keep in contact so please email me with your choices: anngeary@btinternet.com

**LAST WEEKS ANSWER:** The missing words are Song, Wrong, Tongue, Allelulia.
The title of the hymn is 'When in our music God is glorified.'

**SEE PAGES 6 & 7 FOR MUSICAL EVENTS COMING UP LATER THIS MONTH- GET THEM IN YOUR DIARIES NOW!**






# VACHE BAROQUE AT ALL SAINTS ON SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

We are delighted to welcome Vache Baroque's talented 2026 cohort of James Bowman Young Artists in recital at **3 pm on Sunday 22nd November** as part of this year's **All Saints Music Festival**. We can expect a varied programme of solo vocal, consort and instrumental baroque music, in homage to **St Cecilia**, patron saint of music who is celebrated in beautiful contemporary stained glass in the south wall. Join us for refreshments before and after the hour-long concert which is in aid of maintaining our Arts and Crafts church.

Tickets are now on sale at £15 Full Price, £10 Concessions and £1 Under 18s. Book through https://boxoffice.vachebaroque.com/events/vachebaroque/2470311 or Paddy on **883384**.

**The Young Artist Programme** is named in memory of Vache Baroque patron James Bowman CBE (1941 - 2023) who was committed to young musicians. Our performers will have taken part in two weekends of intensive training at The Vache, including masterclasses in solo and consort performance, coaching, language and movement sessions, and more besides.








# Open Mornings

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Friday 13th November
at 9:00am

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# FAMILY SERVICES NOVEMBER 2026

**1** 10am - the FONT
Parish Church Hall

**8** 10am - the FONT
Parish Church Hall

**8** 3pm - Churchyard/hall
Remembrance Service

**15** 10am
Parish Church Hall
BUBBLE CHURCH

**22** 10am - the FONT
Parish Church Hall

**29** 10am - the FONT
Parish Church Hall

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

## READINGS for SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER



### 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 forever.

### POST COMMUNION

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.

### FIRST READING: Amos 5: 18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;

**19** as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

**20** Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it? **21** I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

**22** Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

**23** Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

**24** But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15]
For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until
the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord
himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's
trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are
alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the
air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these
words.

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25: 1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took
their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As
the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there
was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." [7] Then all those
bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of
your oil, for our lamps are going out." [9] 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." [10] 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. [11] Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying,
"Lord, lord, open to us." [12] But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." [13] Keep awake
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER- Second Sunday before ADVENT

**8am** - Said Eucharist: All Saints Church
**10am** - Bubble Church: Parish Church Hall
**11am -** Sung Eucharist: Parish Church
**4pm -** Evensong: St Paul's Church

**FIRST READING:** Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end
**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 25: 14-30