

We live life together throughout the week as we seek to embrace and live out our vision, we gather as a community to worship, pray, give thanks and listen in all our services every Sunday. Where else might God be showing up in your week?

The week ahead....

Wednesday 14th November

10.00 am Said Communion (St John's)

Thursday 15th November

11.00 am Said Communion
(Walton Community Centre)

Friday 16th November

10.30 am Toddlers' Praise (St John's)
2.00 pm Toddlers' Praise (St Mary's)

Sunday 18th November

St Mary's

8.00 am Said Communion
9.15 am Lively Service with Contemporary Music
11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion
Hymns: 453, 278, 530, 606
7.00 pm Evening Praise

St John's

10.30 am Holy Communion

Readings

Hebrews 10:11-25 (NT p.221)
Mark 13:1-8 (NT p.48)

ABSEIL FUNDRAISING UPDATE

To date the abseil has raised an amazing **£6,476** (with gift aid yet to be added) which is a **fantastic** effort. We would love to reach £7,000 so please do donate if you haven't done so and if you've not yet handed in all your sponsorship money then please do so as soon as possible.



EASY FUNDRAISING

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Did you know you can raise funds for the Parish when you shop online? Just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search **Parish of Walton on Thames**. When you buy, the retailer makes a donation to the Parish **at no extra cost to us or you**. It couldn't be easier!

Did you know you can receive the Parish Diary by email? Sign up on the website -

www.waltonparish.org.uk



Walton-on-Thames

St Mary's and St John's

Parish Diary

11th November 2018

Third Sunday Before Advent

This week's theme:

Eternal Sacrifice

St Mary's

8.00 am BCP Communion
9.15 am Lively Service with Contemporary Music and Communion

10.40 am Remembrance Service at War Memorial

11.00 am No Service at the Church

St John's

10.30 am Morning Praise with Pastoral Assistant Commissioning

Readings

Hebrews 9:24-end (NT p.221)
Mark 1:14-20 (NT p.33)

Get InVolvEd

PRAY SERVE GIVE

Sunday 18th November 2018

From the Vicars...



Today we remember. As we mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great 1914-18 war we will join with others from our community in an **Act of**

Remembrance. The service will take place at the War Memorial in the town centre (near Cappadocia Restaurant) and will commence at 10.40 am. It will be led by Rev Caroline Merrick.

Next Sunday 18th November is Get InVolvEd Sunday and we will celebrate all the ways in which we serve God and one another through God's church. Please prepare to be thanked for what you have contributed during the last year and bring your Serving and Giving forms for the year ahead.

Cathy & Jonny

EVENING PRAISE 18th November 7.00 pm

BIG QUESTIONS – Join us for the last in this series as we explore our final question.

Q3. SUFFERING: *Christian's claim that God loves Human Beings. How on earth can you account for all the suffering in this world?*

There will be: Question & Answer panel, wine and nibbles & a small book shop, with relevant books from the 'BIG QUESTIONS' series available. There will be a 12% discount on bookshop price, cash only.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

November:

Saturday 17th – Weybridge Male Voice Choir Concert – Tickets available NOW

Sunday 25th – Confirmation Service

Monday 26th – Saturday 1st – Advent Walk

Tuesday 27th – Evening opening (of Advent Walk) from 7pm with Compline at 9pm

December:

Saturday 1st – Advent Quiet Day

Friday 7th - United Worship & Prayer @St John's

Advent Quiet Day

Saturday 1st December 2018,
9.30 - 3.00 pm, at The Abbey, Chertsey.

Would you like some space to think and pray in preparation for Advent and Christmas? The Advent Quiet Day is an opportunity for quiet reflection in the otherwise chaotic Season of Advent. There are limited spaces so book early to avoid disappointment. Closing date Sunday 25th November 2018. Suggested donation £10 on the day.

For booking or further details contact the Parish Office office@waltonparish.org.uk - 01932 224238

Communications Manager & Strategic Coordinator

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Sally Eckes to this role. As Sally is a Churchwarden and a Trustee (member of PCC), we have sought and been given permission by the Charity Commission to employ her. Sally will be available primarily on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The role is for 12 hours a week. The overall office staffing costs remain at the budgeted amount.

PARISH PRAYER DIARY

Please pray for: -

Those known to be suffering from illness or poor health.

Rev Lesley Kaye-Besley – in hospital after having a stroke. Lesley's family would appreciate prayers but please no visitors.
Jim Aspinall – Georgina Graham's brother as he continues his treatment in hospital.

We continue to pray for Isabel Dolby as she prepares to return home after almost 5 months in hospital, Brian Rofe and Pam Gilbert as well as for their families and carers.

The families of those who have died recently: Doris Maddex; and in times past whose anniversary falls this week: Mike Hill, Sarah-Jane Shellard, Eileen Warne, Malcolm Jackson.

If you wish us to add any family members or people in the Parish, please let the office know and we will add them to the weekly prayer diary.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you spare any time on **Saturday November 17th**, between 10.00 - 4.00? The garden at Alex & Katy's new home needs some tender loving care. We would be enormously grateful for any time you could offer - please bring tools and sacks, refreshments and sandwich ingredients will be provided. The more, the merrier!
Please text 07885 653323 or email johnb@waltonparish.org.uk or feel free to turn up if you are unexpectedly free!

Advent Walk Preparations

There will be a cutting out party to prepare resources for the school pupils attending Advent Walk on Tuesday 13th November 1.30 – 3.30 pm in St Mary's Hall. Please do let Mandy know you are coming along!
mandy@waltonparish.org.uk

Christmas Shoe Boxes – Deadline next Sunday 18th!

It's that time of year again - we are once again joining **Operation Christmas Child** run by **Samaritans Purse** by filling Christmas themed shoe boxes with goodies for needy children all over the world. Everything you need including shoeboxes are available at the back of the church. Drop off at either church. To learn more about Operation Christmas Child visit:
www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child



LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS! On Saturday 17th November we will welcome the **Weybridge Male Voice Choir** to St Mary's where they will be joined

by our very own David Henderson & **Ashley School Choir**. Tickets available from the office and at the back of church but be quick as there are only a small number left!

MOTHERS' UNION

The branch is meeting on Wednesday 14th November in St John's room at 2.00 pm.

Carol Abson will be leading us in "Name that hymn..."

All are welcome to join us in the fun.

Those of you who remember Nancy Golding know that she was the Mothers' Union Leader a few years back, after relinquishing the Wives Group Leadership. She and husband Tony moved to the little village of Kilsby, near Rugby some years ago now. Very sadly, Tony died on the 30th September and we send our condolences and love to Nancy.

DONATIONS PLEASE

The Mothers' Union are holding their Members meeting on Thursday 20th November

This is where the Diocese branches take any contributions for the support of four refuges for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse in Surrey, plus outreach for those who are unable to find a place in a refuge.

The following donations are so gratefully received:

Household items: bedding, towels, tea towels - new please Dustpan and brushes bleach, cleaning products, cooking pans, crockery etc.

Food items in date please: tinned food, jars, bottles, teas, regular and herbal etc.

Clothing - new please: anything from underwear and clothes and Children's clothing any ages any sizes.

These ladies turn up with only the clothes they are wearing and leave everything behind because of the sad circumstances.

Also, those working in the prisons of the Diocese gratefully receive old cards to use to make greetings cards for prisoners to send home.

If you have any queries or would like me to pick up some donations, please contact

Carol Heyden (via the office)

THANK YOU