

CALENDAR

Wednesday	01-Nov-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday All Saints' Day Service at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	02-Nov-23	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday	03-Nov-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
Sunday	05-Nov-23	9am All Age Eucharist Service at St John the Baptist 10.30am All Age Service at St Andrew's 3pm All Saints' & All Souls' Service at St Andrew's
		<i>All Saints' Sunday</i>
Monday	06-Nov-23	9am Warm Welcome Space Coffee Morning at The Wilshere Hall 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	07-Nov-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	08-Nov-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Taizé at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	09-Nov-23	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	10-Nov-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
Sunday	12-Nov-23	10.30am Remembrance Sunday Outside Service at Amwell Lane War Memorial 10.30am Remembrance Sunday Outside Service at St Andrew's
		<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>
Monday	13-Nov-23	9am Warm Welcome Space Coffee Morning at The Wilshere Hall 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	14-Nov-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	15-Nov-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	16-Nov-23	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday	17-Nov-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
Sunday	19-Nov-23	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
		<i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i>
Monday	20-Nov-23	9am Warm Welcome Space Coffee Morning at The Wilshere Hall 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	21-Nov-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	22-Nov-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Taizé at St Mary's, St Margarets All day School 'Experience Christmas' at St John the Baptist
Thursday	23-Nov-23	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion) All day School 'Experience Christmas' at St Andrew's
Friday	24-Nov-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
Saturday	25-Nov-23	9am Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall
Sunday	26-Nov-23	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist 10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
		<i>Christ the King</i>
Monday	27-Nov-23	9am Warm Welcome Space Coffee Morning at The Wilshere Hall 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	28-Nov-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	29-Nov-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	30-Nov-23	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall



The 3 Churches Benefice

NEWS & NOTICES ~ NOVEMBER 2023



In November, we remember all the good things that God gives, so that nothing is forgotten, and our special memories live.

We used to sing that song with the really little children at Toddler Church, bringing together our thoughts around this season of Remembrance, which begins with All Saints and All Souls and continues into Remembrance Sunday. The song fits rather beautifully as we move from harvest, and our remembering of God's blessings in creation, towards the blessings of family and friends.

All Saints Day is an opportunity to think about our journey so far, and to remember those who have walked with us through the different seasons of our lives, caring for us, encouraging us, teaching and training us in the way of faith and love. Traditionally we also remember the Saints whose lives have been celebrated over time as truly extraordinary in terms of their walk in faith, but we also remember that we are all 'Saints' when we respond to God's call.

All Souls encourages us to remember those who have died, but it also gives us an opportunity to look at our journey through grief and sorrow, and to recognise how far we have come. It can be helpful to have this season in which to remember and acknowledge our loss, but also to see how our new and changed life has grown around the hole left by that loss.

The children's song talks about special memories living on, and pausing to reflect can help us to reconnect with the joyful memories, remember the good times, recalibrate our emotions, and to walk towards the peace that God offers us even, and perhaps especially, in times that are dark and difficult.

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NEWS & NOTICES

The Three Villages Magazine

The latest issue (September) of The Three Villages Magazine is now available for £1 at the back of the churches. Please do pick up a copy!

Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall

The next Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall on Saturday 25th November, as normal. These breakfasts run every last Saturday of the month.

Website updates

You may have noticed that we have been updating the website a little. We now have a Church Life news section in the News & Notices tab. This is intended to showcase all the wonderful things we do at the Benefice and within our wider community. If you have anything you would like to include, please send to admin@3churches.net.

New photo & filming consent form

Please also note, linked to the above, that we have a new photo & filming consent form for children. This will be available in hard copy/PDF where needed (i.e. for any services/groups/events where photos may be taken). If you have any queries or concerns, or would like a copy of the new form, please contact a Safeguarding Officer (Michele Ross for St Andrew's, and Lyn Paddon for St John the Baptist & St Mary's).

Warm Welcome Spaces

Once again this year, we are offering Warm Welcome Spaces to those who are in need over the cold winter months. There will be: Coffee Morning on Monday mornings, 9–11.30am at The Wilshere Hall and The Community Hub Drop-in on Wednesdays, 10.30–11.30am at St Mary's, St Margarets. Starts 6th November.

The Big Quiz Night for Tearfund

Thank you to everyone who came along! Overall, 5612 quizzers were involved at 151 churches raising £37, 114 for Tearfund. A great success!



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES 12TH NOVEMBER



10.30am at Amwell Lane War Memorial, Great Amwell
&

10.30am at The War Memorial, St Andrew's Church, Stanstead Abbots

The services will take place outside, so please wrap up warmly.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Quiz Night for St John's Church Heating Replacement Fund

The quiz night on 13th October was very successful. Around 60 people enjoyed the evening, which included a fish and chip supper. It raised £1002, including the raffle but net of expenses, for the St John's Church heating fund. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event.



PRAYER MINISTRY

The Ministry Team is always happy to pray for anyone, so do call or email if you have prayer requests. At St Andrew's we have Prayer Ministry after the 10.30am Sunday Service for anyone who would like prayer. Please do come to the front for the Team to share your concerns, and pray for and with you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

Baptisms

• Lara Taylor-Ward on 26th November at St John the Baptist, Great Amwell.

Confirmations

• Rebecca Klust on 7th November at St Mary's, Ware.

Deaths

• Katie Beston on 18th October.



UPCOMING DATES IN DECEMBER

3rd ~ Advent Carols, 4pm at St James

9th & 10th ~ Christmas Tree Festival, 2–6pm at St Mary's, St Margarets

10th ~ Carols by Candlelight, 6.30pm at St John the Baptist

17th ~ Carols by Candlelight, 6.30pm at St Andrew's

24th ~ The Christmas Journey 3pm starting at St Margarets Train Station
~ 11pm Holy Communion at St Andrew's

25th ~ Christmas Day Benefice Service, 10.30am at St Mary's, St Margarets

USEFUL LINKS

Online Services & Events
www.tinyurl.com/3churcheszoom

A Church Near You Benefice Page
www.tinyurl.com/3churchesACNY

The 3 Churches Website
www.3churches.net