

St Mary's Henlow Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 6th November 2011

THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

11.00am Family Service

12.15pm Parish Eucharist

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WELCOME to all who join us for our services today. Please feel welcome to stay for coffee or squash after the Family Service – the time to meet and greet.

Matthew 25. 1 – 3

The message is that vigilance before God is a vital part of the Christian life. The image of the wedding reminds us of the fulfilment that the new world brings.

* Give thanks for the ever-open invitation of God held towards us.

* Pray for the gift of vigilance in God's service in our daily life.

* May we never lose heart as we watch and pray.

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

....Local Ecumenical Partnership at Luton Wigmore

....Vincent Muoghereh, Bishop of Ughelli, Nigeria

....those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Jean

Mattock; Angie Rigney (Reader); Ann French;

Tom and Eileen Vincent; the Rev'd Jim

Broadbridge; Julia Noikovitch; Jackie Painter;

Jean Wright; Derek Belcher; Charlie Bingham; Val

Heaps; John Seal; Sue Denwood; Pam Marsh;

Mary Jennings; Janet Bradford; Peter Pringle

....those in care homes: Florence Emery;

Margaret Pickles; Jessie Child; Pat Cook.

....R.I.P. All the faithful departed

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 7th – 9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am - Standing Committee at 1 Jordan Close

Tuesday 8th - 3.30pm Baptism Preparation Team

Meeting at Langford Church Hall (Please note change of time)

7.00pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 9th – 9.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 11th - 9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am - Middle School Year 8 Remembrance Service

NEXT SUNDAY – 13th NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.30am - Holy Communion

10.45am - Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

11.00am - Remembrance Day Service in church



NOTICES

PCC - There is a meeting of the PCC in church at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16th November.

There will be a **Service of Readings and Carols for**

Advent on Sunday 27th November at 6.00pm

GIFT DAY - The enhanced Gift Day will be on **Saturday 19 November** from 10 am to 3 pm in the church. It is planned to have a Cakes & Home Produce stall as well as Jackie's Bling and some Crafts for sale, in addition to the usual display of vestments and church records. Flyers for distribution around the village and a list for cakes are at the back of the church. Offers of crafts also appreciated.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY – NEW DATE!

At this moment 90% of the leaves are still on the trees in the churchyard, and we will require 90% of the leaves to be on the ground. Therefore the working party has been rearranged to pick up leaves on Saturday **19th November**. All those who have been eagerly awaiting this event, should turn up at 9.30 sharp wearing suitable clothing and footwear. Please bring with you a couple of rolls of garden sacks (with ties), a rake, and gloves for lightweights. This session is scheduled to go on until 1 o'clock. After which you can if you please join the general exodus to the Five Bells.

Dick Kilby

There will be a meeting of the **Baptism Preparation Team** in Langford Church Hall on Tuesday 8th at 3.30pm.

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