

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

Continues this weekend after all Masses.

Please continue to bring in any unwanted/unused Christmas Cards to Church. These will then be displayed over the next few weekends. You can either exchange your cards or Donate £1 to CIRDIC and choose up to 10 cards to take away Reusing unwanted items and cutting down on waste

BLESSING OF GRAVES—KIDMORE END CEMETERY
THIS SUNDAY **12TH, NOVEMBER 2.00PM**

CHRISTMAS PUDDING MAKING EVENING

LAST FEW PLACES AVAILABLE

FOR Friday, 24th November, 7pm in St Michael's Church Hall
Sign up sheets available at the back of Church
please return to the parish office by Sunday 19th Nov.

THE BIG CHURCH CLEAN

WE NEED ALL THAT CAN COME AT **9.30AM ON SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER** TO HELP CLEAN THE INSIDE OF THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS.
DUSTING, HOOVERING, WAXING THE BENCHES,
MOVING FURNITURE AND REMOVING COBWEBS
ALL WELCOME TO COME AND HELP—WE NEED YOU!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER WORKSHOP

A Workshop is planned on Saturday, December 16th
in the Church Hall.

Arrive 9.30 am for a 10 am start until Midday.

Please could you email or telephone either of us
if you are interested.

Numbers are restricted, therefore we shall have to work on a
strictly first come first served basis.

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Thought for the Week

Thirty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th November, 2023

November – the month of remembrance. As the leaves fall, we reflect on the fallen. The fallen in our own families; those who have fallen out of the race of life; some recently and others back some while. As we hunker down around fires, feeling the shortness of the days, we too may consider the shortness of our lives. Many of those killed in the First and Second World Wars didn't make one score years never mind the Biblical three plus ten.

Wilfrid Owen, who was assistant to the vicar at Dunsden just a few miles from our own parish summed up so well this terrible loss in his poem Anthem for Doomed Youth. And after the carnage he asks:

*What candles may be held to speed them all?
Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes
Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.
The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall
Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds
And each slow dusk a drawing-down of the blinds*

It seems we've learned few lessons from the two World wars and others since; every day there are reports of further casualties, including many children, from the terrible conflicts raging in the Middle East and Ukraine. We are unable to fully imagine the shock, fear and pain felt by those caught up in them. We pray for peace, for leaders to hear and respond to these calls, and we send what donations and support we can.

Our problems at home may seem small by comparison, but can too be overwhelming. Father Michael reminded us last week, on the Feast of All Saints and all Souls, that in Heaven there are many unnamed saints, those of our families and friends who have gone before us. We can take comfort that they can intercede on our behalf through our prayers to them and remembrance of them.

Loving Father amid the gloom of this November, may the work of the Holy Spirit in our own community and throughout the world raise us up and show us the way forward.



We ask you please, to pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;

Rosemary has asked for prayers as she prepares to undergo major surgery in the RBH later this month, for a safe and successful outcome.

Please pray for Kim, Paul and Joe Bunton (Joe has severe learning difficulties and the family are struggling to find help or any respite care.)

Please pray for Father Paul Rowan whose further recovery from cancer surgery is proving difficult.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who is now out of hospital but continues to need our prayers following his bone marrow transplant,

Please Pray for Jim Hardiman.

Please Pray for Maria McNamara's niece who is undergoing chemotherapy. Her name is Alison Flynn née McNamara.

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who had his stem cell transplant to treat the Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers that he will continue to improve.

Please pray for Beth Selwood.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 2 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Shirley Trollop.

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Simon Keen who is recovering from an operation.

Please pray for Mary Hagger.

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.



Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;

Adrian Bird, Bill Buffery, Geza Tolth, Billy Tutt, Sylvia Warder, Eunice Dover, Tess Lynch, Maureen Norris, Nellie Burke, Nickey Harris, Henry New, Michael McNamara.

Throughout November we remember family and friends who have died. Please write the names of those people who you wish to be prayed for on a piece of paper or use one of the printed lists at the back of Church and then put this in an envelope and into the basket on the altar. Those who have died will be remembered at every Mass that is celebrated.