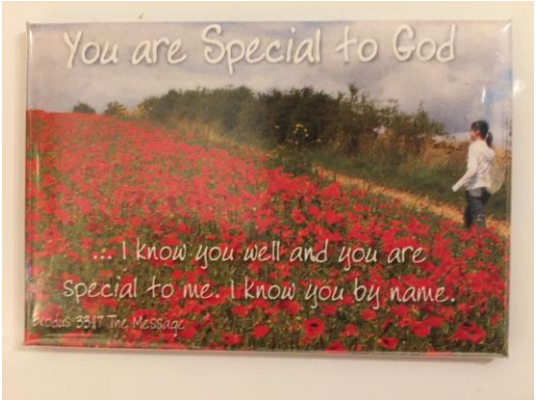
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NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Friends

Firstly, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to everyone who contributed towards Food Bank, which is a non-profit charitable organisation that collets food for distribution to those who have difficulty purchasing enough to avoid hunger – it's much appreciated.

Well, November marks the start of Remembrance season in the Church calendar. Remembrance is a time of deep personal emotion, where we reflect about the people we love but see no longer. Churches across the Team celebrate All Hallows and/or All Saints at the beginning of November.

We will be holding services in our churches to give thanks for the people we have lost and perhaps light a candle in their memory. There will be an opportunity, as you come into church, to add your loved ones' names on our prayer trees. We also look towards Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. In a society where daily we hear stories of war, civil unrest and violence, we might wonder what it is that makes 11th November worth commemorating. War forms part of our everyday culture; it's the backdrop to video game franchises and Hollywood blockbusters.

The events of over a century ago are easily forgotten as more contemporary issues take precedence over our lives. To commemorate those who paid the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy our freedoms is to show respect, humility and gratitude for a short space of time. It is a reminder that away from the screen, there is no reset button and the costs were real, and so on Sunday 8th November we will be commemorating those from our parishes who gave their lives fighting for the benefit of future generations. For two generations families, in our parishes and around the world, know the cost and pain of losing someone. We gather to pay our respects to those who did not come home in 1918 nor in 1945 and still do not come home today. These brave women and men are part of our history, and we should be proud to say, "thank you".

As we remember with candles, poppies, or bread and wine, may we all take time to pause, reflect, and be thankful for the peace we have in our nation, and perhaps reflect on how we, who are not on a front line or facing the threat of violence, may offer support and comfort to those whose lives have been torn apart and now seek stability and safety.

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 82 vv.3-4

May the gift of God's Holy Spirit fill our hearts, homes and our families with love and peace; let us continue to pray for each other, for the Church, our communities and all nations especially those experiencing conflict, war and famine, and pray that Christ's love, peace and unity might prevail throughout our beautiful God given world. This comes with every Godly Blessing as we continue our journey towards winter. Julia x

ALDERTON

THANK YOU to all the flower arrangers who created a Harvest arrangement to make the Church look beautifully autumnal. Always appreciated and lovely to see the range of styles and colours.

Medieval Marks History Talks - there were 2 of these organised by Sarah Hughes so many **THANKS** for 2 very successful evenings. It was fascinating to hear an explanation of why the marks were made and why objects were found in walls of old buildings. The 2 events made £900 which will be put towards the next set of repairs and maintenance of the Church.

Pet Service: this was a very happy occasion and an informal service to celebrate the joy our pets bring us and also to celebrate St Francis of Assisi. We had 14 dogs in Church (sadly the tortoise had started to go into hibernation) and we had some human beings too!

8th NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - we would be very pleased if you would join us at the War Memorial by 10.50am to remember all those who have fought in wars to protect our liberty. This will be followed by a Communion Service in Church.

CAFÉ CHURCH at **Great Washbourne** on Sunday **29th NOVEMBER** at 10.30am.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR is on Saturday **5th DECEMBER** from 2 till 4pm in the Village Hall. Once again there will be an excellent raffle, great stalls including crafts, refreshments, children's games and a special visitor popping in....If you have any donations for the different stalls (for which we are always really grateful) please give them to one of the PCC. Look forward to seeing you there!

CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS CAROL AND CHRISTINGLE service is at 4pm on **Sunday 13TH DECEMBER** in Church. A super way to get in the Christmas spirit to celebrate this special day, singing favourite carols and remembering the Christmas story.

GREAT WASHBOURNE

The Great Washbourne **FAMILY QUIZ** which was to be held on 14th November has had to be postponed. The new date for your diaries is **Saturday 10th April 2027.**

CAROL SINGING this year will take place on **Monday 21st December** at the church.

Please put these dates in your diary, we'd love to see you there.

Many thanks to all who donated to North Cotswold Foodbank at Harvest time. We sent 39.48kg of produce & £45 cash donation. There is always a donation box in church.

DUMBLETON

THANKS to everyone who helped make the church look so beautiful for the Harvest service, it is always such a lovely time of the church year.

A good time was had by all who enjoyed the delicious Harvest Supper recently and we wish to thank the wonderful cooks, Jan and Lorraine, for their hard work yet again in preparing the wonderful meal for us. The desserts too were excellent, and we thank all who made and baked them. Thanks also go to the Village Club for the use of their premises. We are delighted to tell you £876 was raised for Church Funds.

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 10.30am. THIS IS A SERVICE FOR ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS when we will give thanks and remember those who have gone before us and celebrate the Saints. If you would like to place a small vase of flowers or a plant in church, in memory of a loved one they will be most welcome. Alternatively, you may prefer to leave a message on the Prayer Tree on the font, then all will be mentioned during the service. We would also be delighted to welcome you and your families. Refreshments are always served afterwards.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 8th NOVEMBER. Please gather at the War Memorial by 10.50am in readiness for the Act if Remembrance at 11.am. As is normal practice now in Dumbleton the church service will continue outside. There will be a collection in aid of the Royal British Legion. Refreshments for everyone with be served in church on conclusion of the service. **Please take note, traffic through the village will be halted whilst the service is in progress.

Date for your Diary: **SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER** at 4pm **A CANDLELIGHT CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS.** More details next month.

From the Registers: Internment of Ashes. 30th September Derek Bernard Lyes

WORMINGTON

No Service on the 8th November as the **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** will take place in Dumbleton by the War Memorial. Please all be there by 10.50am.

We will be ringing our Bell in St Katharine's Church, Wormington on the **11th November for the 2-minute National Remembrance silence.** All are welcome to join in.

EVENSONG will be held on **Sunday 22nd November** at 6pm.

Date for your diary: **Sunday 13th December Service of 6 LESSONS AND CAROLS 6pm** – all welcome. Mulled wine and mince pies served after the service.

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2026

Lectionary Year A

If you wish to receive personal prayer for yourself or a
family member/friend after the Service, please speak to Julia

1st November **1st Sunday** **ALL SAINTS** **WHITE**	**9.00am** **GREAT WASHBOURNE** **HC CW**	**10.30am** **DUMBLETON** **HC FOR ALL SOULS & ALL SAINTS**	Revelation 7.9-end 1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12
8th November **2nd Sunday** **3rd before Advent** **REMEMBRANCE** **RED**	**10.50am** **ALDERTON** **WAR MEMORIAL** **FOLLOWED BY** **HC IN CHURCH**	**10.50am** **DUMBLETON** **WAR MEMORIAL** **SERVICE**	Amos 5.18-24 1 Thess 4.13-end Matthew 25.1-13
15th November 3rd **Sunday** **2nd before Advent** **RED**	**9.00am** **GT WASHBOURNE** **HC CW**	**10.30am** **DUMBLETON** **HC CW**	Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-end 1 Thess 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30
22nd November **4th Sunday** **1st before Advent** **CHRIST THE KING** **RED**	**6.00pm** **WORMINGTON** **CHORAL EVENSONG**	**10.30am** **ALDERTON** **HC CW**	Ezekiel 34. 11-16. 20-24 Ephesians 1.15-end Matthew 25.31-end
29th November **ADVENT SUNDAY** **LECTIONARY YEAR B** **PURPLE**	**9.00am** **ALDERTON** **Said HC for ADVENT**	**10.30** **GREAT WASHBOURNE** **ADVENT CAFÉ CHURCH** **WITH INFORMAL HC**	Isa. 64.1-9 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.24-end
6th December **1st Sunday** **Advent 2** **PURPLE**	**9.00am** **GT WASHBOURNE** **ADVENT HC**	**10.30am** **DUMBLETON** **ADVENT HC**	Isaiah 40.1-11 2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark1.1-8

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