

## OAK HILL GROUP OF PARISHES

(Alderton, Gt. Washbourne,  
Dumbleton & Wormington)

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**NOVEMBER 2023**

Dear Friends

This month we mark Remembrance Sunday. At our services of remembrance in church and at the war memorials, we will remember those whose lives were given and taken away in the two world wars and in subsequent conflicts. We will also pray for reconciliation between the nations, that all people might live together in freedom, justice, and peace. Yet this year we will do so in the shadow of major conflict: the ongoing battle between Russia and Ukraine, and the rapidly escalating war in the Middle East.

The world today looks very different from the way it appeared thirty years ago. In September 1993, the then Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, and the PLO leader, Yass-er Arafat, shook hands before cheering crowds on the White House lawn. The handshake – the first ever in public between the two former enemies – marked the signing of a Declaration of Principle for peace between the Israelis and Palestinians. Since then, peace moves have stalled and more moderate voices who seemed open to compromise have been replaced by more extreme ones. As we watch, with horror, this conflict unfold, how can we respond?

Firstly, as many nations believe, we need to recognise that no attack on civilian women, men and children can be morally justified. We should grieve with all those who are suffering in the Holy Land, and elsewhere in the world.

Secondly, we should pray for those who are suffering, for a de-escalation of violence, and for peace and justice for all.

Thirdly, we can give. In response to the growing humanitarian crisis, Christian Aid has launched a Middle East crisis appeal. Through its established partners in the Middle East, it will help to provide food, shelter, and sanitation for those forced to flee their Homes.

Finally, we can work for peace in our own lives. Jesus says, 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God; (Matt 5.9). We might not think we have much influence, but every day we can choose to work for peace. By learning to forgive and let go of grudges, being willing to admit when we are wrong, living alongside others with different opinions without animosity, we reflect the likeness of Jesus, the one who came to break down division and hostility, and we help to bring hope and healing to our divided world.

At a recent Collective Worship with the children from a nearby school we talked about how we can be peacemakers. There were some great answers, but I think my favourite was from a girl who said, 'Take six deep breaths'. In other words, before we say or do something that might cause or escalate an argument, take a moment to reflect [and I would add to that, 'to pray']. This struck me as a very good place for any of us to start as we seek to build a world where all people may live in peace.

In this season of Remembrance, 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. This comes with every good Blessing as we continue our journey towards winter. Julia x



Notice from Lucy Barbour, Pioneering Minister Bishops Cleeve

## ALDERTON

**CAFÉ CHURCH** for all our 4 churches on the Oak Hill Group will be on **Sunday 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER in DUMBLETON CHURCH at 4pm**. This is a relaxed short service with half of it being an opportunity to talk to friends over a drink (including mulled wine!) and a sausage roll and apple cake. Do come and join us.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** is on November 12th and as before there will be a short part of the service at **the War Memorial** starting at **10.50am** for the laying of the wreath where we would be very pleased if you would join us, but also following on in Church to sing some special songs and remember all those people who fought to protect the United Kingdom over the decades.

**St Margaret's CHRISTMAS FAIR** is fast approaching on Saturday **2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER** from 2 - 4pm in Alderton Village Hall. The Raffle tickets are available to buy and once again there are many excellent prizes. The stalls will include Gifts, Tombola, Cakes, Delicatessen, Jams and Plants and a variety of Craft stalls. Afternoon Tea will be available and the children can meet Father Christmas in his Grotto and play some children's games! If you have any items for the stalls, they will be very welcome - Sandy would be very pleased to receive gifts such as toiletries and unrequired presents at 11 Ellenor Drive and Raffle prizes to Nicki and Sheila at 10 Church Road - both by November 25th. Other items on the day.

The money that is raised will go to Church funds - the Church has just had its **5 yearly comprehensive building inspection** and as with any old building, no doubt there will be some costly repairs that need doing so we really value your support. Thank you.

## **GREAT WASHBOURNE**

It was lovely to see the church dressed for harvest, to sing together in our service of songs and readings and to share lunch with so many people last week.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone in the village for making it possible and to everyone for supporting the North Cotswolds Foodbank. We were able to send a significant contribution towards their work.

## **DUMBLETON**

**HARVEST.** Huge thanks to everyone who helped to make the church look so beautiful for the Harvest Service on 1st October. Also many thanks to you all for the wonderful donations of food which were taken to a very grateful North Cotswold Food Bank. Your contributions weighed in at over 60kgs.

Staying on the Harvest theme, forty people sat down to enjoy this years Harvest Supper at the Village Club. We **thank all the people** who made delicious Puddings and provided the amazing assortment of cheese. **Many thanks also to the Club** for the use of their premises. A final monetary figure is not yet to hand.

**CANDLELIT CAFE CHURCH 5th NOVEMBER at 4pm.** The Theme is "All Saints". Please Join us for this 'SPARKLING' relaxed candlelit event. There will be Mulled Wine and Snacks for you to enjoy. This will be a lovely community occasion so do come along.

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER.** We will again be holding the Act of Remembrance at the Village War Memorial. Please gather at the Memorial at 10.50am in readiness for the 2 Minutes silence at 11am, after which there will be a short service. There will be a collection in aid of The Royal British Legion. The service will be held in church should the weather prove inclement.

Our next FUNdraising event is one **NOT** to be missed!!

**DATE: FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER at 7.30pm; VENUE: St PETER'S CHURCH, DUMBLETON; - SUBJECT: "DUMBLETON 1870 - 1970"**

An Entertaining, Informative and Amusing talk by FRED INVINE who will give us an insight into some of the past events and happenings of our beloved village. Fred is an excellent speaker so this promises to be a fantastic evening. Please join us.

**TICKETS! £10 to include Refreshments are available from Jenny Maher, 01386 881474. [jennylynne71@icloud.com](mailto:jennylynne71@icloud.com).**

From the Registers: Holy Matrimony 14th October. Thomas PICKNELL, Georgia Grace WILCOX.

## **WORMINGTON**

**"EVEREST HIGH PASSES TREK" PRESENTATION - FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER**

7pm Dumbleton Cricket Club. Bowl of Chilli and a sweet treat served. £10 a head.

Funds in aid of St Katharine's Church turret repairs. Book by 15th November. Tickets from: Angela and Neil Piercy 01386 584416 [angela.piercy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angela.piercy@hotmail.co.uk)

Organized by: "The Friends of St Katharine's & Wormington PCC"

## SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2023

### Lectionary Year A

1 <sup>st</sup> Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> November 4A Green	9.00am <b>GT WASHBOURNE HC FOR ALL SAINTS</b>	<b>4.00PM DUMBLETON CAFÉ CHURCH FOR ALL SAINTS</b>	<b>Isaiah 56.3-8 Heb. 12.18-24 Matt 5. 1-12</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> November 3A Remembrance Green	<b>10.50am War Memorial Remembrance Service DUMBLETON</b>	<b>10.50am War Memorial Remembrance Service Followed by short Church Service ALDERTON</b>	<b>Amos 5.18-24 1 Thess 4.13-end Matt 25.1-13</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2A Green	9.00am <b>GT WASHBOURNE HC TRAD</b>	10.30am <b>DUMBLETON HC CW</b>	<b>Zeph 1,7,12-end 1 Thess 5.1-11 Matt 25.14-30</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Christ The King</b> Red	10.30am <b>ALDERTON HC FOR CHRIST THE KING</b>	<b>6.00pm WORMINGTON Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Esek 34.11-16, 20-24 Ephes 1.15-end Matthew 24.31-end</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> December <b>Advent Sunday</b> Purple Lectionary Year B	9.00am <b>GT WASHBOURNE Advent Communion</b>	10.30am <b>DUMBLETON Advent Communion</b>	<b>Isaiah 64.1-9 1 Cor 1,3-9 Mark 13,24-end</b>

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