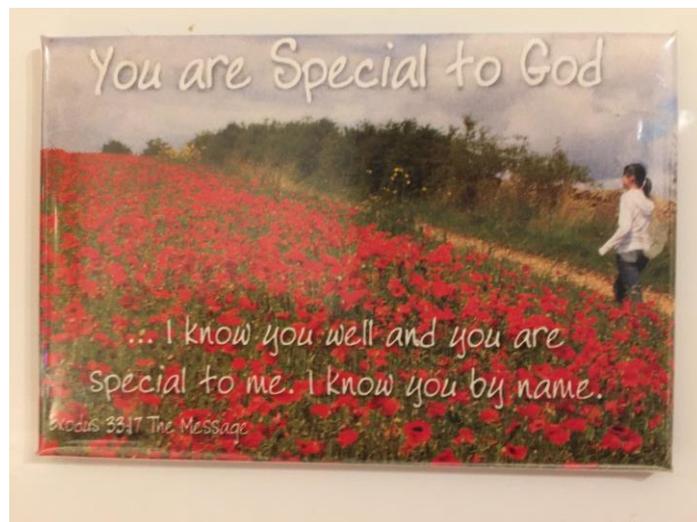


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Dear Friends

We can breathe in the love of God - it's November, the days are short, and the nights are long and those of us with dog companions wrap up warm and try to catch some sunlight as we venture outside and remember what a wonderful God-made world we live in. Then it's home again to a hot drink, and if we are lucky a warm fire to sit in front of with maybe a cat or two curled up, purring contentedly. As I type one of my cats insists she wants to sit on my laptop!

Those of us who are organised might be busy trying to work out what we can do for Christmas, especially now we have sort of come out of lockdown, although numbers of those suffering with Covid are rising rapidly and so we need to put plans into place making sure loved ones stay safe as we prepare to gather. Some ultra-organised people among us may be wrapping up presents already! I have a list of suggested presents given to me by my younger nieces and nephews!

As Remembrance Day draws near, some of us will be remembering our loved ones that are no longer with us. As we think back in time, we remember that the world has faced many crises and God has brought us through them. Maybe not through miracles, but through the love of friends and strangers, and the courage of knowing God is with us. I'm reminded to look again at Psalm 23 and remember that 'though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.'

On the other hand possibly upper most in minds at the moment is the safety of those who have public positions in our communities and the abuse, often with a violent content, which they appear to be subjected to. But also we may have in mind, I'm sure, the Cop 26 meeting taking place this month and all that will be decided there and hopefully will be acted on by us all.

And in every community there is increasing pressure on our Medical services and so we need to keep all emergency services in our thoughts, praying for a fair distribution of the excess supply of vaccines which some countries have. Likewise it is a fact that our businesses are struggling with supply difficulties – much to pray for.

With Remembrance Services soon to take place, please do join us if you are able to, to thank God for those that have loved us, or tried to love us, and those that died for us through war.

As a church we send you our love through our News Letter. We hope you might be able to join us in some way to worship our loving heavenly father, during the coming months. We also thank you for your continued support of the church, whether it be financial or some other form, which enables us to reach out and support others in turn.

Winter has come, but we know it will not last forever. And we know we are not alone. Jesus says, 'the kingdom of heaven is at hand'. Even as I sit here now, I can breathe in the love of God, to fill me from head to toe, I pray that you can to. And so this comes with love and every Godly Blessing as we continue to journey through these 'Covid' times. Julia x

ALDERTON

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER: once again we will meet at the War Memorial at 10.50am and there will be a short service to follow in Church. The service will be taken by Rev'd Michael Hand as Julia will be taking the service at Dumbleton. In light of the high cases in our area, please observe social distancing.

CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY DECEMBER 4th 2pm - 4pm in Alderton Village Hall. Father Christmas will be visiting and there will be a variety of stalls, including cakes, delicatessen, preserves, gifts and tombola. If you have items that you would like to donate, they can be dropped at Helen's house - Junipers, opposite the shop or on the day.

The **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** will be drawn at 4pm on the day. If you would like to donate any raffle prizes/gifts these would be gratefully received. Please drop them off at Nicki and Sheila's at 10 Church Road, who are organizing the raffle prizes for the draw or arrange for collection by calling them on 01242 620960. A group of people, including Nicki and Sheila, will be selling tickets in November. Tickets will also be on sale in the village shop when Yari returns.

CAROL SERVICE: it is our intention to hold a Carol Service of Lessons and Carols by Christingle Candlelight at 4pm on Sunday December 12th. More details in December.

GREAT WASHBOURNE

It was lovely to see so many at the Harvest Thanks Giving Service and supper last week, as a result we were able to take a substantial donation over to the North Cotswolds Food Bank. Our thanks go to all the cooks and to Karen and Rupert Cox for hosting.

Our next event is a **COFFEE MORNING** at the church on Saturday 6th November 10am to noon, just a chance for an informal get together and perhaps empty those little loose change boxes that many of us have.

We are very aware of the rising number of Covid cases in our area and we continue to be vigilant in our approach to safety when meeting in the church including a request to continue to wear face coverings at church services.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY, Christmas Carol Singing will take place at the church at 6pm on Monday 20th December. Our Christmas Day Service will be at 9am.

DUMBLETON

TWO BIG HARVEST THANKS! Firstly to those who supported the Harvest Festival Service and donated items of food for the North Cotswold Food Bank. I am sure you will be pleased to know that our contribution weighed in at over 33kgs and was greatly appreciated.

Secondly to everyone who supported the Harvest Supper and helped in any way. **THANK YOU!** As yet a final figure as to what was raised is not available but it should hopefully be somewhere between £850 and £950. A BRILLIANT RESULT!

REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER. Please assemble at the War Memorial at 10.50am for the annual Act of Remembrance at 11am which will be followed by a short service outside. There will be a collection in aid of The British Legion. However should the weather prove inclement the service after 11am will move into the church.

FABULOUS FUNdraising FILM NIGHT SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER 7.30pm at The Village Club. We hope to see you at this popular Church FUNdraising event when we will be showing the classic film "It's A Wonderful Life" which we hope will help kickstart your Festive Feelings. Entrance is £5 to include nibbles. Drinks can be purchased at the bar. See you there.

CHRISTMAS TREES IN CHURCH from December 1st. It will be wonderful to once again decorate the church for Christmas. Any individuals or village organisations are welcome to help by bringing either a festive item or a decorated tree to place in the church. Please let Jenny Maher know if you are able to help. (01386 881474).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Saturday 11th December at The Club. "A Christmas Celebration". A fun evening for everyone to enjoy. More details next month.

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Holy Matrimony.	2nd October. David D'AVANZO and Lauren Elizabeth Alice DANCE
Baptism.	21st October. Catherine Emilia BANKS
Wedding Blessing	Sunday 10th October Benjamin WARREN and Henrietta WARREN

WORMINGTON

A big "**THANK YOU**" to Craig and Fiona Fees for their "volunteer litter picking" that has kept our lovely village so tidy. The villagers presented them with an inscribed Winchcombe Pottery plate in appreciation.

WORMINGTON PCC MEETING – Thursday 11th November 7pm in church.

No service on Remembrance Sunday as this will be held in Dumbleton

WORMINGTON VILLAGE SOCIETY – "TAKEAWAY" FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Two courses £12.50 a head. Deliveries to Wormington and Dumbleton between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Please contact Angela Piercy 01386 584416 angela.piercy@hotmail.co.uk for menu. Orders by Monday 29th November.

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Lectionary Year B

ALDERTON WASHBOURNE DUMBLETON WORMINGTON

1st Sun
7th Nov
3 Advent
Green

9.00am
HC

10.30am
HC

Jonah 3.1-5, 10 Hebrews 9.24-end Mark 1.14-20

2nd Sun
14^h Nov
2 Advent - Remembrance Sunday
Green

10.50am
War Memorial

10.50am
War Memorial

Daniel 12.1-3 Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25 Mark 13.1-8

3rd Sun
21st Nov
Christ the King
Red

9.00am
HC

10.30am
HC

Daniel 7.9-10, 13, 14 Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37

4th Sun
28th Nov
Advent 1
Purple

10.30am
HC

YEAR C

6.00pm
Choral Evensong

Jeremiah 33.14-16 1 Thess 3.9-end Luke 21.25-36

1st Sun
5th Dec
Advent 2
Purple

9.00am
HC

10.30am
HC

Malachi 3.1-4 Phil 1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6

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