

St Mary's Church News



Ministry Message

How many times have you seen something so spectacular, so amazing and so wonderful that its beauty just blows you away? There have been some fantastic sunsets recently, and as I write this at the beginning of a new month, the whole sky is a blaze of golden colour. No doubt you will be able to recall some of your own.



November is a time when we remember many things, but I suppose to most of us it is at or around the 11th of the month that we take time out to remember all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, and given their lives in the defence and protection of this country. I'm sure it is right that we remember all of the lives lost in the theatre of war, but this year perhaps we should also take time to remember all of those who have died as a result of this current pandemic, and give thanks for everyone involved in the treatment and care of those who are suffering, even now.

One thing that Covid-19 has shown is just how important communication is; what with news conferences on the TV showing us the latest data, and now with the NHS Covid app, etc., we have every chance of keeping abreast of the daily news.

2,000 years ago, very little was ever communicated by writing and stories were passed around by word of mouth. It wasn't until many years after Jesus' death that the four gospels were actually written down. In the beginning they were relayed by those who had witnessed and experienced the last three years of Jesus' life. They were written in Greek, with the earliest being Mark's gospel in AD 66-70. Matthew and Luke's gospels were written around AD 85-90 and finally John's gospel was written AD 90-110.

These days communication is so much easier when we can speak face to face to the other side of the world on our phone or tablet. I am not a great lover of "txt spk" but I do appreciate how easy it is now to keep in contact with friends and family wherever they may be. Whilst we still experience restrictions on where and when we may travel, our phones have probably become very helpful in keeping us in touch, knowing that we can speak to anyone whenever we want.

The business of running our three parishes continues even though our churches may remain silent. Indeed, the members of your ministry team regularly meet 'remotely' to consider how best we can serve each parish on a day-to-day basis and in the weeks ahead.

All three churches of Welton, Scothern and Dunholme still worship regularly every week, however, and have done ever since Covid-19 arrived on the scene, back in March. We all share in a brief 30 minute service every Sunday evening, thanks to the good offices of YouTube and some technical wizardry! If you'd like to join us, finding our service is very simple; you just open YouTube on phone, tablet or TV and search for "wds benefice". Once there, you will find the latest service as well as previous services.

Together with other members of the Ministry team, you will also find Revd Jane, who was ordained a deacon at the end of September and who will be supporting Revd Adam within parts of our benefice, and Revd Paul Maple, who was ordained a priest in early October. Both of them will continue to make contributions to the running of the benefice in the weeks ahead, under the guidance of Revd Adam.

I close with a short prayer:

Father God

When we are tired, renew our energy, help us to face the day, give us peace...

Sometimes we feel overwhelmed by difficult decisions or bewildered by the directions our lives take...

Give us peace of mind, the wisdom to see ahead – and boldness to walk it together with you.

In Jesus' name we pray

AMEN

Peter Everett ALM
The Benefice of Welton, Dunholme and Scothern

St Mary's Church Re-Opening

We have re-opened our parish church, but on a limited basis due to Covid-19. Initially it will be for specific times and dates for our community to access for private prayer and quiet contemplation. Ministers may be on hand to offer support and comfort if required. Safeguards are in place: face coverings (e.g., masks) must be worn, hand sanitisers are in place, cleaning programmes have been actioned, numbers and seating at any one time are restricted and church members will be on hand to guide you to seats. Notices of opening dates and times will be posted on the church porch gates and main notice board by the lychgate, but we expect to be open most of the day on Monday 2nd November for All Souls' Day to remember loved ones and light a candle in remembrance.

Hopefully we may be able to have some services as well in the not too distant future. We'll keep you posted.

Mike Cosford, Churchwarden

Readings for November

Date	Sunday	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
3rd	All Saints Day	Daniel 7 1-3, 15-18	Ephesians 1 11-end	Luke 6 20-31
10th	3rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	Job 19 23-27	2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-3d	Luke 20 27-38
17th	2nd Sunday before Advent	Malachi 4 1-2a	2 Thessalonians 6-13	Luke 21 5-19
24th	Sunday next before Advent Christ the King	Jeremiah 23 1-6	Colossians 1 11-20	Luke 23 33-43

Church Services in November

3rd	11am	Holy Communion
10th	8am	Said Holy Communion
	10.45am	Remembrance service
	6.30pm	Evening prayer
17th	11am	Holy Communion
24th	11am	Holy Communion

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During November St Mary's, St Chad's and St Germain's churches in our Benefice will be praying for Welton streets as follows: Prebend Lane, Stonecliffe Park and Moncé Close.

If you would like to join us as prayer triplets or just know a bit more before you make up your mind, please contact Glyn on 861907 or Dave on 860986.

Light Up St Mary's

St Mary's Church will be especially floodlit on the following dates:

Monday 2nd November for LISA DAWN ZEALAND, who sadly passed away at the age of 43. So sadly missed by her husband Leslie, her daughter Isla Rose and all her family and friends. We miss you so very much. Xxxx

Tuesday 10th November for IRIS VRABEL: To a special mum, gran and great-gran on your birthday. We all love and miss you; with love from the family.

Thursday 26th November for JOHN ROBERT EVERETT: Remembering a wonderful dad, grandad and great-grandad on what would have been his birthday. You are always in our hearts, and we miss you, especially at this time. With love from the family.