

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: To mark Remembrance Sunday safely and with the reverence it deserves, arrangements will be very different this year, because of Covid-19. In each village, there will be a short wreath-laying ceremony and prayers, with minimum personnel present. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans may attend at their discretion, but must maintain social distancing and provide contact details.

Aldbourne 10.45 (At the War Memorial; live streamed)

Froxfield 10.30 (At the War Memorial)

Baydon 10.40 (Outside the church)

Chilton 10.50 (At the Lych Gate)

Ramsbury 10.45 (At the War Memorial; recorded).

Others are asked to honour the silence on their doorsteps, and to put a poppy in their window or garden, or on their door. Where possible, we will toll a bell to mark the Silence; in Ramsbury the old air raid siren will sound through the village at 10.55am.

A full Remembrance service, recorded across all our villages, will be posted on @WhittonTeamNews and on the Parish Website, together with a copy of the Order of Service.

We hope that you will understand the need for these changes. Hopefully, next year we can meet as usual!

PRIVATE PRAYER: Our churches are remaining open for private prayer. Please see individual church noticeboards for days and times.

WHITTON WONDERINGS: Follow us on our Facebook page see <https://www.facebook.com/WhittonTeamNews/>.

PASTORAL CARE: We are committed to continue providing spiritual and pastoral care for all who live in our communities.

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Parish of Whitton

**Aldbourne, Baydon, Chilton Foliat, Froxfield,
Ramsbury with Axford**

Unfortunately, because of the current “lockdown”, weekly services in church will be suspended until 2nd December 2020. From the 15th November we will continue to provide our phone-in/online morning worship at 10am for the duration of lockdown.

More information, service sheets and links to all our services are available on the website: www.whittonteam.org.uk - and on Facebook [@WhittonTeamNews](https://www.facebook.com/WhittonTeamNews)

This Sunday – Remembrance Sunday/ 3rd Sunday before Advent

There will not be a phone in / Zoom service this week

This week’s readings

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end, Matthew 25.1-13

Next Week: The Second Sunday before Advent (15th November)

10am Phone-in / Online Morning Worship on ZOOM

Dial: 020 3481 5240 or 020 8080 6591

or join us via the internet using Zoom if you are able:

meeting ID: 948 3407 2630 password: 343860

Next Week’s Readings:

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end, 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

Please pray for those who are sick or in pain, especially for **Verdiana (Didi) Diaris, Pat Bracey, Eric Jennings, Tara Elliot, Julia Blunt and Ian Coles.**

Pray for all our schools, which continue to open during this time.

Please also pray for our new Team Rector, the Revd Beth Hutton, preparing to join us when she is licensed on the 19th November.

We remember the family and friends of those who have died, and those whose anniversary falls this week.

8th November 2020 – Third Sunday before Advent – Remembrance

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

OLD TESTAMENT – Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

NEW TESTAMENT - 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others
do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord

himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL – Matthew 25.1-13

Jesus said 'the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

