Prayers for the Community

For the people of Foundry Gardens, Southern View

For prayer: Bunty, Chris J, David, Heidi, Ros, Janine and Alan, William and

Miranda

In memoriam: Bridie Ricketts, Hervey Bungard, Frank Catt, Stephen Coomber *To keep our prayers up to date please let Martin or Sally know about people to list and keep listed in Prayers for the Community.*

RESPECTING OTHERS

'Live together in love, as though you had only one mind and one spirit between you ... in humility think more of each other than you do of yourselves ... learn to see things from other people's point of view.' PHILIPPIANS 2:2-4 (JB PHILLIPS NEW TESTAMENT)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – Commemorating the contribution of British and Commonwealth service men and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts. - Almighty and everlasting God, today we gratefully remember those who died to uphold freedom and justice. Please comfort their bereaved families and grant healing and peace to all who have been wounded in body, mind and spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK begins - 'Choose Respect.'

Father, please help those, especially children and young people, who are subjected to physical, verbal, and online shaming, bullying and abuse. Grant them courage in these distressing situations. We pray too for those responsible to repent and ask for help to change their ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Lord, we pray for people experiencing discrimination, insults or worse, motivated by racist attitudes or contempt for others deemed to be somehow 'different.' May society strongly reject such prejudice that can lead to hateful speech, intolerance and even violence. In Jesus' name Amen.

God of grace, we intercede for a change of heart in those who communicate often with rudeness, intolerance, hatred and untruths especially online. Please raise up people of integrity, eloquence, good humour, humility and forbearance to influence the media and wider society. For Christ's sake. Amen.

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Ascension Weekly

Sunday 10th November 2024 Remembrance Sunday 10.00 a.m. Remembrance Sunday Communion Service with an Act of Remembrance.

Readings: Hebrews 9.24-28 & Mark 1.14-20

Hope

On Remembrance Sunday, we stand with people throughout the world to show our respects and give thanks as we remember the immeasurable cost of war and all those who have suffered and died - and those who still suffer.

As we pause to remember, we find ourselves in a world where the spectre of conflict looms ever larger and can lead to fear taking hold as we contemplate the fragility of peace.

However, we gather in church to do more than join the world in remembrance. As we remember, and show our respects, we can look forward with hope because we also remind ourselves that the future is in the hands of God



who in Jesus said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - and proved the reality of his love by dying for us.

Faith in God doesn't mean we are immune to feeling fear. But it *does* mean we can look to the future with hope, because we don't only remember those who have died in war, we also remember the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is *that* which allows us to remember and still move forward in hope, rather than fear, into the future that is ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

Martin

This Week

Remembrance Sunday

10th November
10.00am Remembrance Sunday
Communion Service

Tuesday 12th November 9.30 -10.30am Food Larder **6.30pm** Alpha 7

Wednesday 13th November

10.30am Midweek Communion

1.30pm Tiddlers

3.30pm Home Group in church

7.30pm Home Group in church

Thursday 14th November

8.30am Morning Prayers

11.15am Open Space following Up

& Amble

12.00 - 1.00pm Food Larder

7.30pm Thursday Home Group at Jill's

Saturday 16th November 9am Community Coffee

Sunday 17th November

8.30am Said Communion

10.00am Worship Service

Please see the website for links for online streaming:

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Remembrance Sunday

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them."



Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to Isaac Elliott

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Prayer Ministry

Starting today prayer ministry will be available in church at the end of the 10.00 am Sunday Services.

Prayer ministry provides a space for people to pray with others who are there to pray with them and for them. If you would like to receive prayer ministry, please see the prayer ministry team who will be waiting behind as people leave the church at the end of the service.

There, will be (at least) two prayer ministers at the front each Sunday, who will be available to pray quietly and confidentially with you as everyone else leaves from the back of church.

Prayer ministry is often appropriately referred to as healing ministry. However, when we talk about healing ministry it is important to remember that God's healing is about far more than physical cure, and God heals in many ways. Prayer ministry provides a space for people to seek God's guidance and healing as He knows best, and to experience the comfort and support - even the *conviction* - of God's presence.

Christmas Services

Sunday 15th December 6.00 p.m. Community Carols with the St. Wilfrid's School Choir. There will be refreshments served after the service.

Sunday 22nd 10.00 a.m. Family Communion Sunday 22nd December 6.00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service.

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th 4.00 p.m. Christmas Carols and Nativity Play. Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th 11.30 p.m. Christmas Midnight Service.

Christmas Day 10.00 a.m. Christmas All Age Communion.

Sunday 29th 10.00 a.m. New Year Communion Service