

Funeral. Friday 12.45 – June Warde.

Family have asked that we wear bright colours.

Refreshments in church, followed by Emberton Village Hall to meet the family after the cremation.

Wednesday morning service at 9.30am. Please come along. Zoom for this service has been discontinued due to technical difficulties.

Sunday Club 21st of November at 10am in Church Hall.

Christingle Service 28th November at 4pm in church.

Church Mice each week on Thursday, in Church, 10 - 11am.

Exploring Faith: Advent 2021. Please register your interest with Katie in the Church Office on 01234 24172, or email office@olney.church. The theme this time is through the lens of a well-known hymn by Charles Wesley, 'Come thou long expected Jesus'. Called 'Long Expected', the course is written by John Birch and explores the themes of Advent through bible readings and the words of the hymn. It's a chance to meet together in discussion, prayer, bible study and fellowship. We're hoping to run two Advent groups, depending on numbers: one on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 – 12.00am in the church led by Rev Janet Lawrence and the other at 8pm the same day, at the home of Ruth & Derek – both will run for four weeks, starting on Wednesday 24 November. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Appeal is to help support those in need at this time of year. Olney is Kind will be taking in donations for their food parcels as well as delivering gifts for both children and adults. I am organising the Christmas Day lunch for those on their own be it a single person, couple or a family, nobody should be on their own on this day. If you need to have a meal delivered because you do not want to mix or are housebound then we can do this. Please contact Pat (Pankhurst) on 07811 492137, for further information, to donate or to register for lunch e-mail Pankhurst.pat48@gmail.com. Thanks, *Pat*

Christmas Tree Festival will be on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th (Dickens Day) of December, 11am to 4pm, in our beautiful Church. Last time we had more than 50 trees and raised a good deal of money for charity. Anyone can join in by providing a tree, decorated however you like, to advertise your good cause, group or business.

Refreshments will be available, and visitors can vote for their favourite tree. We have opportunities for singing groups and performance acts to take part during the festival on our stage among the trees. To register your interest in providing a tree or to perform please email: christmastree@olney.church

This week's hymns: Remembrance Service 498 – O God our help in ages past, 456 – Make me a channel of your peace and 224 - He who would valiant be. Choir anthem: 'Beauty for brokenness' by Graham Kendrick. At 6pm hymns 16 – All my hope on God is founded, 533 – Oft in danger, oft in woe and 173 – Glorious things of thee are spoken.

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Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 10am 14th November 2021

Remembrance Sunday



Welcome and notices

Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3

Gospel: Mark 13: 1-8

Wed 17th: Revelation 4

Psalm 150

Luke 19: 11-28

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**

Response: Unfailing love is yours, Lord: **you are our rock of refuge.**

Intercessions: Almighty Father, we thank You for bringing us together on this Remembrance Sunday. We recall with tenderness and respect those who lost their lives from this town and the many thousands from further afield killed and injured in the wars of the last century.

We pray for all those still caught up in conflicts across the world and acknowledge what may be our own confusion about war and the use of weapons. Help us to meet with You in these moments of worship and make us ever mindful of Your goodness towards us and strengthen us to be aware of the needs of others.

Prince of Peace, as we pray for peace in the world, we ask that You would also give us peace in our land and peace in our hearts.

O God of truth and justice, we hold before You those men and women who have died in active service throughout the world. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in You for the future; for You are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Father God, You know our hearts and share our sorrows. We are hurt by our parting from those whom we loved: when we are angry at the loss we have sustained, when we long for words of comfort, yet find them hard to hear, turn our grief to truer living, our affliction to firmer hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We pray blessing and healing for those who are sick: *Toby O'Grady, Kevin, Pat Major, Bar, Georgina, Michael Seabrook, Rebekah Geary, Kate Nicholas, Jo Lais, Ann Murtagh, Rob & Judith Spray, Debbie Bowman, Richard, Poppy Bailey, Rosemary Palmer and John W.*

We remember the recently departed and pray for comfort for their families & friends: *June Warde*

We remember and give thanks for those whose Yearsmind is now. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer: God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Listening Ear. Please email prayer@olney.church for Prayer

Olney Pancake Race 1st March 2022. Planning is under way for the pancake race to be held in 2022. For various reasons a number of people have stepped down from the organising committee this year. So I am appealing to the people of Olney for new volunteers to come and join us in organising this historic and important event in the Town's calendar. If anyone is interested in joining us and would like to learn more about what would be involved, please contact me at chairman@olneypancakerrace.org or call me on 07912 059491. Many thanks, *David Phillipson*

Teamwork. As we have tried gradually to bring our church, our services and our Church Family, back to normal, we have been so pleased, that so many of you have come forward to make sure the transition has been as smooth as possible. In addition, we have rekindled some regular fundraising and support events (see below), which demonstrate this so well. These have been fully supported by dedicated teams of volunteers (you know who you are 😊)..... Many of us may be pensioners, but it looks like we won't be rusting up anytime soon. Our dear June Warde was 89 and still helping out. What a wonderful example she was, we will miss her.

Thank you, *Susan and David, Churchwardens*

Tabletop Sale. Many thanks to everyone who hired tables, made cakes, helped with refreshments, manned stalls, donated to our shared table or came along to support the Table Top Sale on Saturday – a fantastic team effort! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day, several commenting on the lovely atmosphere. We raised over £1100, with a further £75 from the sale of the remaining cakes in Church on Sunday. All proceeds go to the Princess Poppy Rainbow Appeal for 6-year-old Poppy Bailey, diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma in April 2020. Poppy has already undergone many months of gruelling treatment and her planned surgery to remove the main tumour from around her heart, currently postponed to December, will be followed by more chemotherapy, stem-cell rescue, radiotherapy and immunotherapy. The Appeal is raising money for additional potentially life-saving treatment, not available in this country, to increase her chances of long-term survival. Please continue to pray for Poppy and her family. *Sally and Malcolm Jones*



Fireworks. We shared an evening of sparkle and fun on Sunday, and that was before the excellent fireworks started. Setting up in the dry, using the new, clean and green gazebos donated by the Haskell family, got us off to a flying start. Graham Harrison provided the van, whilst me, Malcolm Jones, Susan, Andrew & Bethany Heron, Andrew & Mary Prosser loaded up. Pat and I had already bought the refreshment supplies. There was a real party atmosphere and folks arrived early. We soon became busy. Liz Sheaf, Pat and Ashley Pankhurst, Sally Jones, Enid & David Aisbett, joined us. We tested (a few times!) the delicious mulled wine made by Gill & Rod Parker. We had to top up beer and lager supply, as we ran out. We used the SUMUP machines, blue toothed to our phones for the first time and... we made a wonderful profit of £1090 for church funds. Derek & Ruth Martin had worked on the gate all evening, and we all agreed it had been a really successful event. Next Year? Hugs to all, *Susan*



Candles at our All Souls Service on 31st October

