

**THOUGHT FOR NOVEMBER 2020**  
**From our Rector, Rev'd Claire Claxton**



As I write this, I am in self isolation, with Chris, following our visit to England to attend the funeral of Chris' dear sister. Although I have a list of tasks to complete during my enforced two weeks stay at home, it is also helpful to have time to reflect and grieve.

Grief is such a difficult thing to quantify and respond to. There are recognised stages of grief but people also mourn in different ways. Some people keep very busy while others need to spend time apart before feeling able to resume anything like normality. What we must never assume is that someone is 'over' their grief just because they seem to be coping. In my years as Chaplain to Les Bourgs Hospice, running Solace bereavement support group, and through personal experience, I have discovered that one never really gets over losing a loved one. Life cannot ever be the same afterwards although, hopefully, we can still find joy and fulfilment.

November is a month for remembering. On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November we hold an All Souls service at 4 p.m. during which we remember loved ones and give thanks for them. We name them in our prayers and light a candle for them. All are welcome and if you would like someone mentioned by name you are welcome to write their name on the list inside church or to call or email me.

The following week is Remembrance Sunday when we commemorate those in the Armed Forces who have given their lives for others. The Church will be decorated with hundreds of poppies, reminding us of the thousands of flowers that flourished in the middle of the chaos and destruction of Flanders fields – symbols of hope.

Sombre as remembrance can seem, it is also comforting to know that loved ones continue to be remembered. These words in the Bible are from God: "I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands....." *Isaiah 49*

**Ste Marguerite**  
**de la Forêt**



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## November meetings

**Follow the Star: Thursday 12th November 7 p.m. at  
Forest Methodist Church.**

**Advisory Church Council: Wednesday 25th  
November 7.30 p.m. at Forest Parish Church.**

## Dates for your diary in December



**Advent Discussion Group** will meet in church on each of the four Tuesdays of Advent (1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December) from 6.30—7.30 p.m. Our study guide 'Little Town, Big Story' focuses on the words of the well-known Christmas carol O Little Town of Bethlehem. All are welcome!

**Christingle & Opening of Christmas Tree Festival** on Sunday 6th December 11 a.m. Oranges, Christmas trees, puppets. Don't miss it!

**Coffee morning** Wed 9th Dec. 10.30 a.m. — noon

**Carol singing** at Forest Stores on Saturday 19th December at 10.30 a.m.

**Candlelight Carol Service** Traditional service of Nine readings and carols on Sunday 20th December, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**Christmas Eve** Thurs. 24th Dec. Family Crib service at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion at 9 p.m.

**Christmas Day** Fri. 25th Dec. Family Communion at 11 a.m.

## PRAYERS



Please pray for anyone known to you who needs God's helping hand, especially those in need of healing: Brenda/Susie, Wyn, Viv, Jane, Richard and Liz, Peter, Mike, Jenny, Joan and Lucy. We also pray for all those who grieve and those who have lost loved ones during the pandemic.

**Almighty God,  
you are the source of health and healing.  
Grant to each of us an awareness of your presence,  
and give us perfect confidence in you.  
In all pain and anxiety teach us to yield ourselves to  
your never failing care, knowing that your love and  
power surround us. Amen.**

### All Souls Service

**Sunday 1st November 4 p.m. All Souls service when we remember those we love who have died.**



### Round Table Christmas stall

**Sunday 22nd November all day at Beau Sejour. We raise funds for the church by selling jam and chutney and with a Find the Treasure game. Empty jam jars are needed or jars full of home-made jam or chutney!**

**Donations for the Treasure game prize hamper are requested. (See Liz Chamberlain). Come and support us!**

## WELCOME!

Whether you are visiting or regularly worship with us, we welcome you to our beautiful church.

### Services November 2020

#### Sunday 1 November All Saints Day

**11 a.m. Family Communion**

Reader: tba Prayers: Viv Rees

**4 p.m. All Souls service of Remembrance**

followed by refreshments

#### Sunday 8 November Remembrance Sunday

**10.45 a.m. Service of Remembrance beginning with act of remembrance at the Lych gate war memorials**

Reader: Richard Heaume Prayers: Keith Bienvenu

**6.30 p.m. Evensong** Talk by Peter Gallienne

Reader: tba

#### Sunday 15 November 2nd Sunday before Advent

**9 a.m. Puppets & Praise Breakfast service**

**11 a.m. Parish Communion**

Reader: Nancy Smith Prayers: Margaret Boden-Heaume

#### Sunday 22 November Sunday before Advent

**9a.m. Traditional Eucharist**

**11 a.m. Parish Communion**

Reader: Steve Le Poidevin Prayers: Peter Gallienne

#### Sunday 29 November Advent Sunday

**11 a.m. Parish Communion for Advent Sunday**

Reader: Syd Bowsher Prayers: Nancy Smith

## Follow the Star 2020

This year Follow the Star will take the form of a Treasure Trail around the parish, and we would like to provide a small, knitted gift for each participant. A start has already been made! Patterns are available in the church and knitters are invited to knit any or all of the three components that make up the Baby Jesus, blanket and manger - some parts are easy to knit! See below.



## Flower rota

Sunday 1st November: Nicky Hoyland-Birch

Sundays 8th & 15th November: Wendy Cornwell

Sundays 22nd & 29th November: Nancy Smith



## Regular Events

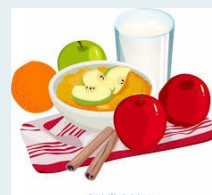
There is lots going on, so do support your church.

### Knit and Natter - from 2 – 4 pm.

Next one is on Wednesday 4th November (normally first Wednesday of each month) in the church vestry.



**Spinning Group (wool variety!).** This takes place monthly in the Forest Douzaine Room (next to Forest Primary School). Tel. Pandy 263068 for more details.



**Ladies' Breakfast.** 2nd Saturday of the month at St. Saviour's Church hall or Rectory 8-9 am. Next meeting will be on 14 November. All Ladies welcome - it is a lovely way to prepare for the weekend.

**Solace bereavement support group** meets fortnightly on a Thursday morning from 10.30 am to 12 noon usually in St Martin's Community Centre. The meetings for November are 5th and 19th.

**Coffee Morning** on Wednesday 11th November (and every 2nd Wednesday) from 10.30 to 12 noon in the church. All are welcome to come enjoy a chat over a cuppa and some cake!

