



**St Andrew's Whittlesey, St Mary's Whittlesey,
St Thomas' Pondersbridge and Holy Trinity Coates**
Church of England Team Ministry:

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Sunday 1 November 2020
Services in our parish churches

**At Communion only the bread will be received and we will stand.
Bread to be administered by the priest only.
Face masks must be worn by those attending**

Services for 1 November – All Souls/All Saints (White)

09.30am	Zoom	Morning Praise
	Holy Trinity	Morning Praise
	St Andrew's	Holy Communion
11.00am	St Mary's	No Service
	St Thomas'	Morning Praise

Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

The Collect for All Souls and All Saints

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Monday 2 November- Saturday 7 November 2020

Monday	M P	Psalm 2	Daniel ch. 1	Revelation ch. 1
Tuesday	M P	Psalm 5	Daniel 2:1-24	Revelation 2:1-11
Wednesday	M P	Psalm 9	Daniel 2:25-49	Revelation 2:12-29
Thursday	M P	Psalm 15	Daniel 3:1-18	Revelation 3:1-13
Friday	M P	Psalm 16	Daniel 3:19-30	Revelation 3:14-22
Saturday	M P	Psalm 18:31-50 .	Daniel 4:1-18	Revelation ch. 4

Tuesday Ministry Team Meeting Mid-day Prayer at St Mary's to start at 2.00pm

Thursday Holy Communion at St Andrews 9.15am

Services for 8 November The Third Sunday before Advent (Red)

09.30am	Zoom	Morning Praise
	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance at Coates War Memorial 10.45am
	St Andrew's	Morning Praise with Act of Remembrance
11.00am	St Mary's	No Service
	St Thomas'	Morning Praise with Act of Remembrance
11.30am	Turves	War Memorial Act of Remembrance
12.00noon	Eastrea	War Memorial Act of Remembrance
2.30pm	Whittlesey	Town War Memorial Act of Remembrance

Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

A Prayer for the world

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill. Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.
Amen

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus for daily use.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Ely Prayer

We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for all your gifts to us in the past. We look to you as fellow-traveller and faithful companion on the way ahead. Shelter and protect us from all harm and anxiety; give us grace to let go of all that holds us back; and grant us the courage to meet the new life you have promised us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are in residential homes, hospital or hospice & those known personally to us including:

Marie Rogers, Terry Randells, Emma Aindow-Gregory, Lizzie Monk, Joan Kefford, Cheryl Tyner, Judy Stewart, Richard Willows, Mavis Connor, Joyce Jackson

All NHS staff, care workers, emergency services, shop workers, funeral directors and all key workers.

The families and friends of those who have recently died:

Joan Boome David Jarvis Donald Reddell Isobella Ann Tinkler

John Curtis Private funeral at St Andrews 12 noon 5 Nov, followed by Fenland Crematorium 1.30pm
Hazel Sterling Private service at Fenland Crematorium 5 Nov 11.30 am followed by burial at Muchwood Green Burial Ground Ramsey

Bob Smee Private funeral at Peterborough Crematorium 6 Nov 1.30pm

Patricia Roughley Private funeral at Peterborough Crematorium 9 Nov 10.30am

Sylvia Elderkin Private funeral at Fenland Crematorium 9 Nov 2.30pm

Ray Fordham Private funeral at St Marys 12 Nov 12.30pm followed by burial at Whittlesey Cemetery

Anniversaries 1-7 November 2020

St Andrew's: Ursula Mary Cuffe 1 Donald George Wheatley 1 William Hubert Oldfield 4 John George Marriott 5 Jack Barnes 6 Harry Speechley 6 Ada Anderson 7

St Thomas':

St Mary's: Edgar William Rose 2 Joan Birbeck 2 John William Longstaff 5 Emma Candida Stafford 5 Douglas James Coulson 6

Holy Trinity:

To support you with your daily prayer and contact with the wider church please make use of the following websites.

Church of England. <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Prayer online. <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Diocese of Ely. <https://www.elydiocese.org/>

Ely Cathedral. <https://www.elycathedral.org/worship-at-home>

The diocesan prayer calendar can be found at

<https://www.elydiocese.org/growing-in-faith/prayer-calendar/>

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Notices

The First Sunday in December will be our service in which we collect toys for those children who would otherwise not have any. WE ask that they are new and unwrapped, this year, we ask that they do not include soft toys, thank you for your support and understanding.

Wet Walnuts for sale once again Pat Marston is offering her walnuts at £4 a half kilo, all the proceeds will go to the Little Miracles in Peterborough who help Special Needs Children. If you would like a bag please ring 07443867424 to arrange collection

Morning Prayer at St Mary's on Monday/Tuesdays The members of the Ministry Team meet together on Monday/Tuesday morning to start at 10.00, normally. This week we are on Tuesday to start at 2.00pm for mid day prayers. After prayers we address any issues we have been asked about and go through the draft Newsletter for the following weekend. We would welcome anyone that would like to attend our prayer meetings.

Bible Study We would like to start a Zoom Bible Study that would meet through the season of Advent, on a Wednesday evening, If you would be interested please contact Laura Whitehouse or myself.

November Team Service St Andrew's Because of the current covid crisis we are limited in our numbers that can attend each service, we ask that if you are planning on attending the service on 29 November, that you send you name to David Mason, Church Warden, 208215, who will maintain a list, and keep a standby, so if you then can't come please let the Church Wardens know so that they can move attendees from the standby list, complicated, but, has to be done.

Regular Giving Thank you to all those who have maintained regular giving through a standing order, envelope scheme or in cash during this pandemic.

The Covid-19 outbreak has meant that there has been less money coming into the parishes of our benefice. Some of our fund-raising events haven't been allowed to happen and like other charities it has had a detrimental effect on our income. For those who attend our church services you will know that a collection as such is no longer taken during the service and instead offerings are left on an open plate. I'm sure you haven't overlooked that it's there!

For your information the Team has to try and meet a Ministry Share of £61,893. The cost of providing a full-time clergy post is £75,437. This is for the priest's stipend and all other associated costs including housing. Some subsidy is made from the diocesan investment income and also the March Deanery resulting in the Team's share of £61,893. At the end of September, we had paid £21,103 which leaves over £40,000 left to pay by the end of the year. Yes, it is a massive ask for us to pay that balance and being without an incumbent does not provide for any reduction. Our objective is to pay as much as we possibly can if only to show we can provide for a clergy post here when that happens.

If you would like to know more about regular giving by a bank standing order or an envelope scheme please speak to your parish treasurer or a churchwarden. Payments can also be made directly to the Team account.

Thank you for all you have given and will continue to give to support the ministry in our benefice. RB

Reflection for All Saints' Day

This year All Saints' Day (1st November) falls on Sunday although it is generally celebrated on a Sunday between 31th October and 6th November.

All Saints' Day in the Christian church, also known as All Hallows' Day, commemorates all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have entered heaven. There are various saints' days throughout the year but with so many saints to remember things got a bit out of hand in the early church so it was decided to set aside one day of the year to remember all the saints. Saints are ordinary people who realise their need of God and spend time close to him so that he can help them over the obstacles of life and in all that they do in his name as they journey to heaven.

Our own life is a journey towards heaven, our ultimate home. For all of us there are lots of obstacles, diversions and detours to overcome before we reach our ultimate goal. The following six obstacles cover nearly all those we might encounter as did the saints before us:

Distraction. It is all too easy to be lured away by many things that look attractive and can take us away from our destination. The world is full of distractions that take our attention away from God. They may not be wrong in themselves but if they become too important our spiritual journey will be interrupted.

Pressures of Life. Being too busy we can forget about God and where we are meant to be going. 'Be still and know that I am God!' [*Psalm 46: 10*]

Discouragement. Many things in life can discourage us such as personal setbacks, failures and financial worries. They are not easy to overcome but our journey doesn't end when we encounter them. God will see us safely past them if we trust him.

Crises. Sometimes things go seriously wrong, often due to factors outside our control, such as the current pandemic, illness, bereavement, being out of work or a breakdown in relationships. These may be painful but don't signal the end of our journey of faith. We have to keep going, strengthened by God until the crisis is past and the pilgrimage made easier as we move towards our final goal.

Opposition. Someone, or something else, may deliberately try and take us away from the pilgrimage pathway we are on. We need to spot it when we come across it and guided by God cling to the pathway that we know in our hearts is best.

Doubt. This is something within ourselves, though it's often prompted by external factors. All of us have periods of doubt. We have to journey through the dark and foggy conditions. Trying another route is unlikely to be helpful. God calls us to trust him, even when we are not sure about the next step. He promises to bring us safely to our destination in heaven, if we place our trust in him.

God doesn't want us to make our journey of faith alone but alongside others who share it with us. Together we encourage one another and help each other when obstacles appear. Jesus, who made the journey before us, knows all about the barriers we encounter, and with him guiding us we know we will reach our destination.

All the saints and great Christians of the past have been along this pathway.

'O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.'
Amen. RB

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed – All Souls' Day

This day falls on 2nd November, but our parishes have in recent times linked this to All Saints' Sunday.

Envelopes with the names you wish to be remembered are placed on the altar this Sunday where they remain until Advent Sunday – 29th November.

It is on this All Saints/All Souls Sunday afternoon that we normally have the annual service for the bereaved at St Andrew's – 'A Service to Remember our Loved Ones.' The attendance can often be in the region of 100 people. This year we have not been able to invite those who have been bereaved during the last year and the service itself will not be taking place because of the Covid-19 restrictions. Please keep in prayer those who would have found much comfort had we been able to hold this service. RB