

Issue 19/25

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025**

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**A time to remember**

For many people, the events around Remembrance Sunday still hold a very special meaning. It's one of the few occasions during the year when people right across the country do something together at the same moment. This year, as we have remembered 80 years since VE and VJ Day, some will feel the significance of this time even more.

As we move into November, our special services will begin with a **Remembrance Reflection** in the *First Wednesday* slot at Wednesday Worshippers (**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11 am at St Mark's**).

These *First Wednesday* services aim to be accessible for those who don't come to church regularly, as well as helpful to our church family – so feel free to invite a friend along. This year I'll be speaking about moving from conflict to peace, as our nation did 80 years ago.

However, our main act of remembrance will, once again, take place on **Remembrance Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> Nov)**, as we join with thousands of others across the country around War Memorials. So once more, we will hold a **joint service at St John's**, starting at **10.30 am**, so that we can gather round our parish's War Memorial and keep the **two minutes silence** at 11 am – followed by the laying of the wreath. (On that day our online service will start a bit earlier, at 10.45 am, so that those watching can also join with the silence.) We are looking forward to welcoming visitors, who want to mark this important day in our national life – invites are available to hand out.

In the afternoon of this special day, our minds will turn to more personal loss, as we hold our annual **Memorial Service (3pm)**, when we invite all those who have recently lost loved ones, to come into St John's to remember and give thanks for their lives, and to draw comfort from God. We will invite all the families we have met through the funeral services we have taken, and we will welcome many others as well. We pray for all those affected in this way. *Mark*

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Fourth Sunday before Advent

Theme: **We Believe - *The maker of... all that's seen and unseen***

Revelation Ch.4

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.1236; St. Mark's pg.1236)

9.00 am	Holy Communion - St John's Church ( <i>Preacher: Mark G</i> ) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30 am	Holy Communion - St Mark's Church ( <i>Preacher: Mark G</i> )
11.00 am (Premiere)	Online Service on YouTube ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> ) (And also available at any time after this.)
4.00 pm	<b>Tea Time Church</b> in St John's Church

### Activities this week

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	10 - 11.30 am	Little Fishes in St John's Church
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayers on WhatsApp <i>please ask Mark, if you would like to join</i>
	11.00 am	Wed Worshippers – <b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Remembrance Reflection</b> in St Mark's Church ( <i>with Mark M</i> )
	7.00 pm	Ignite youth group - St. Paul's Church
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	<b>Together</b> packing <b><i>Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes</i></b> in St. John's <b><i>EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</i></b>
	10.30 am - 12.00 noon	<b>Bethany Again</b> in St. John's Church Hall
	1.30 pm	<b>Great Clacton Jnr School</b> packing shoeboxes in St. John's
	3.30 pm	Meeting with the DAC – Church Hall
	7.30 pm	Thursday Evening Group - St Mark's
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	5.00 pm	Prayers for our Mission Links in St John's Church
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 – 4pm	<b>Private hire</b> of St. Mark's Church

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent  
**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**  
 Micah Ch.4 vs.1-4  
*(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.932)*

	<b>NO</b> 9am Service in St John's Church
	<b>NO</b> 10.30am Service in St Mark's Church
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Joint Remembrance Sunday Service</b> in St John's Church ( <i>Preacher: Mark Mulryne</i> ) <b>with a <i>Children's Workshop</i> in the Church Hall</b>
<b>10.45 am</b> (Premiere)	Online Service on YouTube ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> ) (And also available at any time after this.)
<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Memorial Service</b> in St. John's Church ( <i>Guest Speaker: Rev. Jonathan Clark</i> )

Activities this week

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	10 - 11.30 am	Little Fishes in St John's Church
	2.00 – 3.00 pm	<b>Bethany</b> in St. John's Church Hall
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayers on WhatsApp
	11.00 am	Wednesday Worshippers - St. Mark's Holy Communion ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> )
	7.00 pm	Ignite youth group - St Paul's Church
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod – St Mary's, Frinton
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Persecuted Church Prayers in St John's Church
	10.30am for 11.00 am	<b>Together</b> in St. John's Church 1 John 2: 18-27 ( <i>Preacher: Pam</i> )
	7.30 pm	Thursday Evening Group in St. Mark's Church
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Morning Prayers – St. John's Church
	5.00 pm	Prayers for our Mission Links in St John's Church

***Please consider joining one of our prayer meetings – see above***

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

Theme: **We believe - Jesus Christ, the only son of God**

Hebrews ch.1 vs.1-4

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.1201; St. Mark's pg.1201)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer in St John's Church ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> ) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship in St Mark's Church ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> )
11.00 am (Premiere)	Online Service on YouTube ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> ) (And also available at any time after this.)
4.00 pm	<b>Lego Church</b> in St. John's ( <i>with Mark, Rachel &amp; Hannah</i> )

### Prayer after our Morning Services

*There are people available to pray with anyone who asks.*

*You can ask for prayer for yourself or for someone else*

St. Mark's – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

St. John's – we now offer this every Sunday

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**HEATED CUSHIONS AT ST JOHN'S:** This is something that some other older churches are using in the winter months. They are powered by a rechargeable battery pack and cost about £20. I'd like a few people to try them at St John's, to see if it's worth getting more. If you are willing to take part in this trial, please let me know. *Thank you, Mark.*

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### Church Family Christmas Card

For many of us this can be an expensive time of year. To try and help with this, instead of sending lots of members of our church family Christmas cards, the Church Office plans on producing a "Church Family Christmas Card". There will be an insert with your newsletter on which you can write your Christmas greeting. This can be taken home and given some thought – bring your written greeting back to church along with a voluntary donation of £2 and the office will type your greeting into the card. If you would like to know more about this, or are unsure what it all means, please have a word with me. *Ann-Marie*

# **DATES FOR YOUR AUTUMN DIARY**

## **Stewsdays**

(LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH)

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at St Mark's Church**

Please choose: Liver & Bacon OR Bean burger

**Doors open at 11.45am**, lunch served at 12.15pm

*Booking is essential: 01255 475704 (Church Office)*

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## **Craft Group**

(LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - 4pm at St Mark's**

We'll be making a Macrame Angel

Please bring with you: scissors and glue gun if you have one

Cost £4. It includes lots of time for a cuppa and a chat!

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## **Christmas Coffee Morning**

(COFFEE MORNINGS ARE ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH)

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30-12.30am**

*open for longer than usual!*

*in St. John's Church*

*(See next page for more details.)*

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## **Special Meeting**

*joint with St Paul's, St Bart's, Kirby & Gt Holland*

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm at St Mark's**

**Guest Speaker: John Dunnett** (National Director of CEEC)

*John will be helping us think about all that's been happening in the C of E recently  
and how we should respond and pray,*

*There will also be a time for John to answer questions.*

Refreshments will be served from 7pm,  
giving us a chance to welcome and chat to those from the other churches  
The evening will finish by 9pm.

## **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES**

*You may know that each year we pack **shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse appeal**. Members of Together have done this in the past, as well as the Year 4s from Great Clacton Juniors.*

Together will be packing shoeboxes at **10.30am** on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. ***Everyone who would like to be involved in this is most welcome to come and join them.***

The school children will be packing their boxes that afternoon.

*As with everything, there is a cost to sending these boxes abroad – the recommendation is £3-£5 per box for transportation costs. If you would like to donate something towards the transportation costs, please kindly either place your donation in an envelope marked “**Shoebox Transport**” and put it in the collection plate, or give to Ann-Marie in the Church Office.*

***Thanks! The Shoebox Team***

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## **Christmas Coffee Morning - 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Our **Christmas Coffee Morning** will once again be **held in St. John's** and **not** in the hall. We will **open at 9.30am** and **stay open until 12.30pm** and there will also be filled rolls available for lunch.

If you have any **craft items** made or new donations for the ‘**New Stall**’ please begin to bring them in as it takes time to price everything! On the day we will be needing lots of **homemade cakes and preserves** - so if you are able to bake or make, they will be gratefully received for the cake table.

Finally, extra pairs of hands are always welcome on the day, so if you would like to help please let me know.

***Stephanie and the Team***

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## **TEAR FUND HARVEST APPEAL**

**Donations in the Tearfund envelopes** and the money from our **Clothes Swap** are all going towards the Tearfund Appeal.

***All in all, the final total raised for Tearfund is £999.13!!***

***Thank you to everyone for your help and generosity.***

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**Please continue to pray** for Chris Pearce, who is now home from hospital, but still recovering.

**Please continue to pray for** all those families, who we have had contact with, as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

**Please continue to pray for** those we know who are not well or are undergoing or waiting for treatment at the moment.

**Please continue to pray for** the persecuted churches around the world. *Don't forget our regular Thursday Prayer Meetings.*

**Please pray for** our local schools – Hannah will be starting to plan Christmas events and services for them.

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**As you may have heard in the news, there have been some recent developments in the Church of England and in the Anglican Communion – both around LLF and around the appointment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury.**

*If you can, please join us on the evening of **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November** at St Mark's, when **John Dunnett** will be helping us understand more about the current state of the C of E and how we should respond, both as individuals and as a church family, including how best to pray for the national church.*

**Until then, let's keep praying –**

- for John and for other faithful church leaders, who are involved in working to keep the C of E sticking to the doctrines it has long held;
  - for groups like the Church Society, ReNew and CEEC, which bring together ministers and churches, in order to support one another and contend for the future of the C of E;
  - for the Alliance, which has brought together a wider grouping of organisations from across the C of E, around an orthodox understanding of marriage – in order to try to preserve this
- for Bishop Rob, in the vital role he plays, and for other bishops including the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally.

## **Afternoon Services in St. John's usually at 4pm**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Tea Time Church

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**3 p.m.**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

*a chance to remember loved ones we have lost*

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Lego Church

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Evening Communion

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#### **Normal Church Office** opening times are

Monday	10.00 am	-	1.30 pm	-	<i>Ann-Marie</i>
Tuesday	10.00 am	-	1.00 pm	-	<i>Anita</i>
Wednesday	10.00 am	-	1.00 pm	-	<i>Anita</i>
Thursday	9.00 am	-	1.30 pm	-	<i>Ann-Marie</i>
Friday	9.00 am	-	3.30 pm	-	<i>Ann-Marie</i>
Saturday	9.00 am	-	11.00 am	-	<i>Anita</i>

*(On Fridays 9–10 am we have a Staff Meeting.)*

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#### **Clergy day off**

Mark – day off: Tuesday

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