

SERVICES

November, December 2018 January 2019

All are warmly invited to come and worship on Sundays at 10.30am and all other services.

4 th November	Morning Prayer
11 th November	Morning Prayer <i>at 10am</i> followed by a service at the War Memorial; then coffee in the Anchor <i>Second Sunday @ Six</i> Informal Holy Communion
18 th November	Morning Prayer
25 th November	Holy Communion
2 nd December	Morning Prayer <i>Toy Service</i> <i>Advent Carol Service at 6pm</i>
9 th December	Holy Communion
16 th December	Morning Prayer
23 rd December	<i>Carol Service at 3pm {No morning service}</i>
25 th December	Morning Prayer followed by shortened Holy Communion
30 th December	Holy Communion
6 th January	Morning Prayer
13 th January	Holy Communion <i>Second Sunday @ Six</i>
20 th January	Morning Prayer
27 th January	Holy Communion

Children are welcome at all services.

Please note that the new website www.stjohnsbourneend.org is now operational so please check for changes or updates to services.



Parish Room for Hire

St John's Parish Room is available to hire for events and meetings. Please contact the Treasurer or the Churchwardens to check availability and for more details.

St John's Church Bourne End



NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Vicar

Remember, remember...

The Alzheimer's Society calculates that there are 850,000 people with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to rise to over 1 million by 2025. 225,000 will develop dementia this year, that's one every three minutes. 1 in 6 people over the age of 80 have dementia. These are horrible figures which are made worse when we think of the people we know and love who suffer from this cruel disease.

One of the reasons that the inability of people to remember events, places and people is so tragic is that it seems to make them less themselves. It also reminds us how important remembering is to us as individuals and to us as families and communities. Remembering is important to who we are and to our bonds with those around us. Once again we are entering a season of remembering. We are enjoying a glorious autumn which has been full remembering uses for apples (the Vicarage freezer and larder, not to mention compost heap is full of them!) and memories of long summer days. We are about to remember the casualties of war and in particular, the centenary of the end of World War I with our services and events for Remembrance Weekend. Then we move to remembering the birth of the Christ Child as we celebrate Christmas.

The Bible is full of commands to remember: to remember what God has done for us in the past; to remember God's love for us; to remember Jesus' words and actions. We are told to remember so that we can be encouraged that this same God is at work today. We are told to remember so that we can be confident of God's love for us. We are told to remember so that we can have hope for a future. We are told to remember so that we can grow as followers of Jesus. So this season, let us remember and may our remembering help us to draw nearer to God and one another.

'Remember the former things, those of long ago;

I am God, and there is no other;

I am God, and there is none like me.' (Isaiah 46.9)

with love and prayers Rebecca

Village Prayers: Prayers in church each Sunday include ones for the residents in each of the village roads in turn. Please continue to post your prayer requests on the board in the porch and do encourage us by giving us feedback if you can.

November: Pouchen End **December:** Pix Farm Lane & Sharpes Lane

January: London Road West and Lauries Close

Dates for Your Diary

Pot Luck Lunches



Third Wednesday of the month 1pm in the Parish Room.
21st November; 19th December; 16th January.

Coffee Morning



Last Friday of the month 10-12 in the Parish Room.
30th November (Christmas Bazaar); 25th January.
N.B. No Coffee Morning in December.

Note please: The coffee morning on 30th November will be from 10am to 1pm and will incorporate the Christmas Bazaar.



Meet the Vicar

First Thursday of every month between 8 and 10pm.
1st November; 6th December; 3rd January.

Rebecca will be in The Anchor and looks forward to meeting village residents there.

Remembrance Sunday {and Saturday}



Sunday 11th November is the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. It is proposed to have the church open on Saturday and Sunday of that weekend with a display commemorating this event. If anybody has any relevant memorabilia which could be used in the display please contact one of the Churchwardens.