



21st November 2021



Last week Sunday, we marked Remembrance Sunday. It was a solemn occasion to call to mind not just the sacrifices of those who have served in the Armed Forces and lost their lives, it was also an opportunity to hear the stories of some of these men and remember why they died. I am particularly grateful to

all who contributed to the occasion, especially our local Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Our local Councillors Ananya, Hilary and Michael Aspel (OBE) and Irene were also an important part of the service. Together, they laid wreaths on behalf of the Men, Women, Children and all in the Oatlands Community, with promises to always remember.

This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. We will use this occasion to remember that in Christ, we have a Prince of Peace and a King above all others. The Gospel reading is from John 18. In it, Pilate asked Jesus if He was the King of the Jews. If you want to know more about this, please join us at both 8 and 10 am Services. Julian Sergeant, our newly Authorised Lay Preacher, will be preaching. On Sunday evening, we will be joining our brothers and sisters at Saint Mary Walton for the confirmation service; Please join me in praying for Julian, Phillip, Eloise and Matthew who are being confirmed.

On Saturday, we will have the Annual Winter Fair. This will be bigger than ever before, with stalls outside and inside of the church and halls. Would you please join us for a time of community fellowship and raise funds for the church's work?

I look forward to seeing you over the next coming days. My prayer for you this week is that God the Father will help you to hear the call of Christ the King. Amen.

I wish you a blessed week.

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This Week's Bible Readings: Daniel 7: 19-10, 13, 14, Revelation 1: 4b-8 and John 18: 33-37 **Praying for the world especially:** Action as a result of COP 26. Individuals bettering the lives of others in unseen ways. **We Remember the Recently Departed:** Molly Stuart, Alexander Animashaun, Paddy Hartigan, Alfred Oliviera, Rita Clarkson, Gladys Clarkson, Janet Craddock and Gordon Jones. **From the Memorial Book:** Jean Vickery, Beryl Sawyer, Sylvia Jones, John Login and Ethel Newton. We also pray for one of our local families who need our love and support at this time. **Please pray for:** Bella Hurst and her family who is being baptised on 21st November and for George Thomas and his family being baptised on 28th November.

Janet Craddock: The funeral of Janet Craddock will take place on Thursday 2nd December at 2pm at St Mary Oatlands followed by committal at Woking Crematorium at 4pm.

Rita Clarkson: The funeral of Rita Clarkson will take place on Friday 3rd December at 11.45am at Randalls Park Crematorium, followed by a Thanksgiving service at 1.15pm at St Mary Oatlands.

Gladys Clarkson: The funeral of Gladys Clarkson will take place on Friday 10th December at 10.45am at St Mary Oatlands, followed by committal at S.W. Middx Crematorium at 12.40pm.

Diary Dates SMART Mother and Toddler Group: Tuesdays during term time 10-11.30am the in the Church Hall. 'Colouring Club' and 'Knit Wits' Wed 15th December 12.30-2 pm in the Church Hall. Please contact Hugh M if you plan to attend. **Film Night** Tuesday 14th November 6.30 pm for a light meal and drinks, film at 7pm followed by discussion of film. Please sign up if you plan to join us. **Annual Winter Fair** Saturday 20th November 11 am-2 pm. We are so excited that our Winter Fair is here and cannot wait to see you. This year it is going to be bigger and better with both the Cleves Choir and Krystyna performing. There will be wreath making, mulled wine, games, things to buy, an amazing collection of prizes to be won at the raffle and lots of food to eat! **Walton Voices:** Christmas Concert Saturday 11th December at 7.30pm The choir will be joined by Promenade Youth Choir for one big festive extravaganza. Refreshments provided in the interval. Tickets are £12 for adults and free for Under 16s and can be purchased via their website: www.waltonvoices.co.uk

Christmas Cards: We have bought a large number of good quality Christmas Cards, personalised on the back with the SMO logo and 'Meeting Point at St Mary Oatlands'. They come in a pack of 10 - 5 designs - for just £2.50 a pack! It would help us enormously if you could support us by buying as many sets as possible! They are excellent value and any profit will help pay for speakers and other costs of running Meeting Point. Joan Ewing will take orders. You can collect from her home or I can bring them to church or drop them off for you. Please make cheques payable to 'Meeting Point'. Thanks for buying from us. We understand that it's a time of year when there are lots of demands for your money... but, if you send cards, these Christmas Cards will only be available this year! Best wishes and thank you in advance and spread the word! Joan Ewing jandpe1@btinternet.com Tel 01932 849845 Jane Ruddlesdin janeruddlesdin@gmail.com Tel 01932 849510

Trees: The trees in the Car Park have now been removed, and 20 others have been planted elsewhere through another charity. We are now at the stage of finalising costs and timings with contractors. However, we are still way off from the amount we need for this project. If you could help in any way, please use the details on the flyer below or contact Mr Brian Stickland on 01932227125 or brian@sticklands.co.uk Your help is very much appreciated.