



The Lion and The Dragon

A Monthly News Sheet for St. Mark's, Basford and St Margaret's, Wolstanton

www.stmarksbasford.co.uk and www.stmargaretswolstanton.org

November 2023



Greetings to my brothers and sisters at St Marks and St Margarets.

As I sit to write these few words this morning there's a chill in the air and I have reluctantly turned on the heating for the first time. I've tried to delay this action for as long as possible but with the cold spell arriving, I weakened.

Some words have been running through my mind for the last week as I contemplated this article. You will find them in St Paul's letter to the Ephesians chapter 1 v15 onwards where he writes, 'I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers..... Worth reading to the end of the chapter.

As we enter November, we enter into a time of Remembrance a time of thanksgiving for all that we have received from God our Father. November 1st is the feast of All Saints followed on the 2nd by the feast of All Souls. Nothing to do with Halloween! In the Anglican lectionary I think I counted 22 days when we give thanks for the Saints of old or Commemorate men and women long gone from this world who have worked for the good of others; some having given their life for what they believed to be right and just.

The USA also have their own special day of Thanksgiving when families gather together and give thanks to God e.g for the safe journey and discovery of new shores and also the ending of

the civil war. Google the article if you are able, it offers quite interesting facts.

Also, in November we enter a time of Remembrance. Each Remembrance Sunday is a solemn reminder of family members and friends who lost lives in the two world wars and those whose lives were changed irrevocably by a brush with war. Each year our remembrance is infused with our profound hope and prayers for peace. We remember particularly at this time the need for prayers for peace in the war between Israel and Gaza.

This year the All Souls' service when we give thanks and remember our loved ones long past will take place on Sunday 4th November at 3.30pm replacing the evening of Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service. Please share this information.

As we recall the conflicts in the many parts of the world and the large-scale loss of life and suffering, we must remember that remembrance isn't just about looking back. Remembrance is about standing together to make a difference for the future. It's about building a world in which diversity is celebrated and embraced rather than viewed with suspicion and hatred. So, this month we give thanks and also remember and acknowledge the love of the Creator of the world who made the world for all to live in and to share.

Rev'd Pat.

Clergy: Fr Tommy Merry ☎ 01782 624450 ✉ frtommymerry@gmail.com; Rev'd Pat Dunn ☎ 01782 846417.

St Mark's Parish Administrator and Reader: Julie Atkins ☎ 01782 632213 ✉ jous1506@gmail.com

St Mark's Churchwardens: Diane Downward ☎ 01782 621424; Nick Atkins ☎ 01782 632213.

St Mark's Reader: Janet Pazio ☎ 07594135691; **Safeguarding Coordinator:** Jill Ayres ☎ 07792 549356.

St Margaret's Churchwardens: Dai Elias ☎ 07562 988435; **St Margaret's Safeguarding Coordinator:** Catherine Plumb 07944578077

Worship Services during November

(St Mark's, Basford (B), St Margaret's, Wolstanton (W))

1 st	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) (B)
5 th	4 th before Advent	9.30am	Holy Communion (B)
		11.15am	Mass (W)
8 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) (B)
12 th	Remembrance	9.30am	Holy Communion (B)
		10.00am	Mass (W)
15 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) (B)
19 th	2 nd before Advent	9.30am	Family Worship with HC (B)
		11.15am	Mass (W)
22 nd	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) (B)
26 th	Christ the King	9.30am	Holy Communion (B)
		11.15am	Mass (W)
29 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) (B)

St Marks Church clean:

Please, if you can spare some time, we are going to do a deep clean of St Mark's church ready for our busy Advent/Christmas season on **Saturday 4th November at 11.00am**. all help no matter how big or small will be really appreciated. Remember many hands make light work.

All Souls' Service of Remembering:

Services will take place at St Mark's church, Basford on Sunday 5th November, at 3.30pm and St Margarets church, Wolstanton at 5.30pm.

Remembrance Sunday:

Please note on Sunday 12th November, Mass at St Margaret's church, Wolstanton will be at the earlier time of 10.00am. St Mark's church, Basford service will be at the normal time of 9.30am.

Diary Dates for November

4 th	Saturday	11.00am	Church clean (B)
5 th	Sunday	15.30pm	All Souls Service (B)
5 th	Sunday	17.30pm	All Souls Service (W)
18 th	Saturday	10.30am	Christmas coffee morning
20 th	Monday	19.00pm	PCC (W)
20 th	Monday	19.00pm	PCC (B)

Early December Dates

2 nd	Saturday	16.00pm	Christmas Meal
17 th	Sunday	9.30pm	Carol Service (B)
19 th	Tuesday	19.00pm	Carol Service (W)

Christmas Coffee morning:

Come and join us at St Mark's church for a natter over tea/coffee and cake while having a look at our Christmas stalls on **18th**

November

10.30am – 12.30pm



Christmas Meal:

Our Annual Christmas meal: Tickets are now on sale for our annual Christmas meal taking place in the church hall on **2nd December 4.00pm for 4.30pm start**. Tickets are priced at **£15 per ticket**.