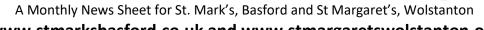
The Lion and The Dragon



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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 who 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.

Rovd. Pat.

Worship Services during November (St Mark's, Basford (B), St Margaret's, Wolstanton (W) 1st 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP) (B) Wednesday 5th 4th before Advent 9.30am Holy Communion (B) 11.15am Mass (W) 8th Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP) (B) 12th Holy Communion (B) Remembrance 9.30am 10.00am Mass (W) 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP) (B) 15th Wednesday 19th 2nd before Advent 9.30am Family Worship with HC (B) 11.15am Mass (W) 22nd Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP) (B) 26th Christ the King 9.30am Holy Communion (B) 11.15am Mass (W) Holy Communion (BCP) (B) 29th Wednesday 10.30am

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

4thSaturday11.00amChurch clean (B)5thSunday15.30pmAll Souls Service (B)5thSunday17.30pmAll Souls Service (W)18thSaturday10.30amChristmas coffee morning

 20th
 Monday
 19.00pm
 PCC (W)

 20th
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 19.00pm
 PCC (B)

Early December Dates

2rdSaturday16.00pmChristmas Meal17thSunday9.30pmCarol Service (B)19thTuesday19.00pmCarol 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



we're Looking for coffee

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.