

East Loveden Churches And Parish News NOVEMBER 2024

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FROM THE RECTORY

November marks a significant time of remembrance within the Christian calendar, as we pause to honour those who have gone before us. All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are both celebrated this month too, encouraging us to reflect on the lives and legacies of saints, loved ones, and all who have passed. This time is also linked with Remembrance Day, honouring those who sacrificed their lives in times of war for peace and justice.

In church, the theme of remembrance reminds us that we are part of a long and faithful lineage, a community bound by love, memory, and hope.

Hebrews 12:1 speaks of a “**great cloud of witnesses**” that surrounds us, encouraging us in our journey of faith. Remembering those who have gone before us—saints, family members, or those who served in the armed forces—is a way of connecting with this cloud of witnesses, drawing strength and inspiration from their lives.

Reflecting on remembrance is more than recalling the past; it is a call to live with gratitude and intentionality in the present. Those we honour this month teach us that faith and courage are not abstract virtues; they are lived out in daily acts of love, sacrifice, and resilience. As we look back, we can be moved to carry forward the best of what they embodied—faith, compassion, courage—and live them out in our own lives.

In church, lighting a candle, saying a prayer, or even silently naming those we remember can be a powerful way of inviting God's presence into our grief and gratitude. Our memories, though often touched with sadness, can also be filled with peace and thankfulness as we recall the goodness and faithfulness of God throughout time. We are reminded that death is not the end; Christ's resurrection offers us hope that there is more beyond this life, where we will one day be united with God and our loved ones.

As we come together in November to honour and remember, let us be filled with a sense of hope as we pray for peace in all the troubled parts of the World [UKRAINE; PALESTINE; ISTRAEL; LEBANON]. In every act of remembrance, we not only celebrate lives well-lived but also renew our own commitment to follow Christ's call. As we continue our journey of faith, may we be inspired by the legacy of those who came before us and find strength in knowing we are never alone.

Rev Georgie

“For Grief”

When you lose someone you love,
Your life becomes strange,
The ground beneath you gets fragile,
Your thoughts make your eyes unsure;
And some dead echo drags your voice down
Where words have no confidence.
Your heart has grown heavy with loss;
And though this loss has wounded others too,
No one knows what has been taken from you
When the silence of absence deepens.

Flickers of guilt kindle regret
For all that was left unsaid or undone.

There are days when you wake up happy;
Again inside the fullness of life,
Until the moment breaks
And you are thrown back
Onto the black tide of loss

Days when you have your heart back,
You are able to function well
Until in the middle of work or encounter,
Suddenly with no warning,
You are ambushed by grief.

It becomes hard to trust yourself.
All you can depend on now is that
Sorrow will remain faithful to itself.
More than you, it knows its way
And will find the right time
To pull and pull the rope of grief
Until that coiled hill of tears
Has reduced to its last drop.

Gradually, you will learn acquaintance
With the invisible form of your departed;
And, when the work of grief is done,
The wound of loss will heal
And you will have learned
To wean your eyes
From that gap in the air
And be able to enter the hearth
In your soul where your loved one
Has awaited your return- All the time.

Prayer for NOVEMBER

Heavenly Father

This year the world seems a fractured place with conflicts in Ukraine, Israel, Sudan and the threat of terrorism worldwide.

We pray for the victims of war, especially those held hostage, the severely injured, the bereaved and all children caught up in nightmares not of their making.

We thank You for the opportunity to bow our heads in silent reflection and give thanks for the freedom to do this because of the sacrifices of those who gave their tomorrows for our today and, in silence, we pray for peace.

Amen

BENEFICE PRAYER

Heavenly Father

As we put our trust in you, send Your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, and guidance and direction for the future of our churches.

May we be the salt and light to this place as we embrace our diversity and work together in unity to make disciples of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

AROUND THE PARISHES

ANCASTER

The church is open most days.

The foodbank box is available in the church for donations, also available is an Ink Jet recycle box.

Ancaster Coffee Morning:

First Friday every month. 10:00 am till 12:00 noon.

In Ancaster Village Hall.

Robert & Kerry Bushby warmly invite you to a

**Prayer Breakfast
on Saturday 16th
NOVEMBER at 9.00am.**

Come and share croissants and cereal, tea and coffee followed by a time of prayer for the villages.

To be held at:-

19 Brookside, Ancaster NG32 3QT

If you would like to come, please leave a message on 01400 269940 or text Robert on 07491 711112



Prayer 
Breakfast

East Loveden Group of Parishes

Community

Praise

at The Village Hall, Ermine Street, Ancaster

Sundays at 5pm. on

15th September 2024

13th October 2024

17th November 2024

15th December 2024

12th January 2025

A time of Christian worship and exploring faith.

All are welcome.

If transport is required, phone 01400 269940.



Lest we forget

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

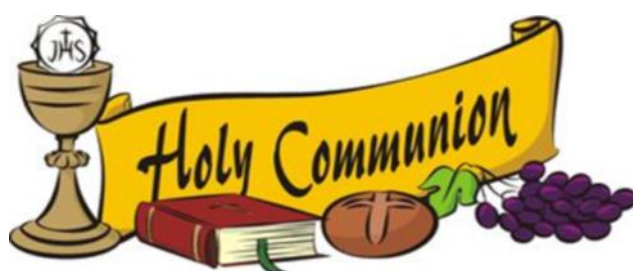
ST MARY SYSTON	9:00
ST MARTIN ANCASTER	10:45
ST NICHOLAS BARKSTON	10:45

WREATH LAYING SERVICES:

ST PETER RAUCEBY	12:00
WEST WILLOUGHBY	12:00

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1st NOVEMBER

19:00 KELBY ALL SOULS SERVICE

3th NOVEMBER

09:00 ANCASTER MORNING PRAYER

11:00 BELTON REMEMBRANCE BCP SERVICE

15:00 HEYDOUR ALL SAINTS SERVICE

10th NOVEMBER

09:00 SYSTON REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

10:45 ANCASTER REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

10:45 BARKSTON REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

12:00 RAUCEBY REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL SERVICE

12:00 WEST WILLOUGHBY REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL SERVICE

17th NOVEMBER

10:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

24th NOVEMBER

10:00 WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION

ALL WELCOME