



Remembrance Sunday - 13th November 2022

Today's readings are 2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13 & Luke 21: 5 - 19

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There will only be a 9am Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas'. There will be no 10:30am Service at St Saviour's – instead there will be a Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Sway Road commencing at 10.50am. There will be no parade, instead please assemble by 10.40am at the site and disperse from there at the end of the Service.

Service For Wholeness And Healing - Friday 18th November 7.30pm at St Saviour's

As part of the Deanery Weekend for the healing ministries, a Service of Healing and Wholeness will be held at St Saviour's Brockenhurst on 18th November at 7:30pm. It will be led by our guests from the interdenominational *Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre* and will comprise a range of recent and traditional sung piano-led worship, prayer and scripture to help us draw close to God and rest in His presence. The topic for the address will be "Does God still heal today?".

This service is open to all so please attend and think about who else you might invite to attend: sometimes people mistakenly believe that services are only for those experiencing illness, but the truth is that all can receive from God. The words below, taken from the Order of Service, may be helpful as you encourage others to participate:

"We come together to seek God's blessing and his healing of soul, mind, and body. We believe that he wants to make us whole. We all need some measure of healing, either for ourselves or for someone else - in the form of inner peace, stronger faith, or the removal of physical symptoms. Those who support others at this service have no claim to any special gift of healing but simply put themselves into our Lord's hands to be used as channels of his love and healing, as the focus of the prayers of the congregation. We believe that everyone will receive a blessing and healing in one form or another in this service. God is faithful and keeps his promises and so we shall receive from him that healing which we need if we are but willing and humble enough to ask."

For more information on this service or the other activities during this weekend, please speak to Simon Newham or John Pearson - or mail

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Poppies - we will be taking down the 'field of poppies' after the Holy Communion Service on **Thursday 17th November**.

Please come along at 10.45am if you are able to help.

Sale in Church Hall Foyer

On Sunday, 20th November after the 10.30 Service in the Church Hall Foyer there will be a sale of items relating to our church.

China mugs of St Saviour's and St Nicholas' church, magnetic bookmarks, Christmas cards and T-towels, all at reduced prices and all profits for church funds.

The next meeting for Mothers' Union will be on Monday 21st November at 7pm in the Church Hall. Elizabeth Webster, the daughter-in-law of Diane Webster, is coming to talk about 'Restorative Justice' at our Mothers' Union meeting. Come and learn what this term means - it promises to be a fascinating evening so do put the date in your diary.

Advent Carol Service Sunday 27th November 6.30pm St John's Church, Boldre A very warm welcome is extended to all. This is a beautiful service and a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent.

Christian Aid Autumn Lunch

You are invited to join us for an Autumn Lunch on **Sunday 27th November** at 12.00pm for 12.30 pm in St. Saviour's Church Hall to support the work of Christian Aid, particularly helping the people suffering drought in East Africa. Bring your own drinks. Vegetarian Option on request. There will be a raffle while tea and coffee is served after the lunch.

Tickets £12 on sale in the Church Office.

Brockenhurst Warm Welcome Hub - Village Hall - Monday 10am – 4pm

This event is open for anyone in our community. Hot refreshments and light snacks will be available. Packs of cards and games, puzzles will also be on hand to encourage everyone to stay and socialise.

EcoChurch Weekly tip – November's theme is 'Around the home'

Ensure your heating is switched off at night and when you are away from your home, except in sub-zero conditions, and save 500kg CO₂e a year. Don't heat rooms you don't use, turn the radiator off and close the door.

The Advent Spiral – St Saviour's, Thursday 1st December at 4.30 pm



**And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".**

And he replied:

**"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.
And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.**

Minnie Louise Haskins

Advent signals a time of wakeful preparation for the birth of the Christ child; heralding the arrival of the world's true light.

The Advent spiral symbolises our journey from darkness towards and into Christ's light and the sharing of that light with our fellow travellers on their journey.

Upon arrival, you will find a beautiful green spiral with a single lit candle at its centre. With gentle instrumental strands filling the air, you are warmly invited to walk the spiral at a pace appropriate to you. As you journey to the centre to have your candle lit from the central candle, hold in your heart those absent and so draw them near. On your return journey, find a spot to place your lit candle and so provide light for those still to come. When everyone has made the journey, the whole spiral is aglow with light, reminding us that light is more powerful than darkness, that love is stronger than hate and that the Prince of Peace is with us.

If you can help with some greenery from your conifers at home, please bring it to the church any time between the 20th and the 29th. If you need help getting it to the church, please let me know, via the Church Office, and I will collect. Many thanks, Luke

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



We remember with gratitude those from our village who have lost their lives in war and we pray for their families during this time of remembrance. We pray too for the Royal British Legion and the valuable work they do, as well as all involved in the Poppy Appeal.

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We give thanks and pray for all who help with the distribution of the Parish Magazine each month.

Pray for our County and District Councils and for decisions to be made with wisdom as they look at the future of our village and surrounding area.

Please give thanks for the links between the primary school and the church. Pray that these may continue to strengthen and develop as the children learn more about choosing to follow Jesus.

Pray for all who live in Avenue Road.

Mission of the Month – A Rocha UK Caring for God’s Earth. Through Eco Church and other projects, A Rocha UK provide a forum for understanding the relevance of the Christian faith to environmental issues. Please pray for this work and, in particular, that we, here in Brockenhurst Church, would fully understand our biblical mandate to care for all of God’s creation as a core part of our mission.