



Two Shires Link - Weekly News

for the Parishes of
**Tatworth, Chaffcombe, Winsham,
Thorncombe and Cricket Malherbie**
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All Souls' Day – A Time to Remember



Each year on 2nd November, the Church of England marks All Souls' Day, also called The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. It is a gentle and hope-filled day when we pause to remember those we love but see no longer.

All Souls' follows All Saints' Day (1st November), when we give thanks for all God's saints in heaven. On All

Souls' Day, we turn our prayers to everyone who has died in faith, entrusting them to God's eternal care and love.

Many churches hold a special service of remembrance, often with candles, music, and space for quiet reflection. It's a moment to give thanks for the lives of those who have shaped us, and to find comfort in the promise that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

As we light candles and remember, we hold onto the hope that one day we will all share in the light of Christ's resurrection — where sorrow and parting are no more.

*Eternal God,
grant to the faithful departed
rest and peace,
and bring us all into the joy of your eternal kingdom.
Amen.*

There will be a café style service of remembrance and hope at St John's, Tatworth at 10:30am on All Soul's Day.

This Week's Services in the Benefice

Forde Abbey BCP HC

Winsham 10am Holy Communion

Tatworth 10:30am Emmaus

Collect for this Sunday

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This week's Readings

Ephesians 1: 11 to end

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 6:20 to 31

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you[d] on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day

and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. ²⁷ 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Next Sunday's Services - Remembrance Day

Winsham 8am BCP Holy Communion and 3pm Remembrance Service

Tatworth 10:30am Remembrance Service

Chaffcombe 10:30am Remembrance Service with Holy Communion

Thorncombe 10:30am Remembrance Service

Next Sunday's readings

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5 , 13 to end and Luke 20: 27 to 38

"All Souls' Day"

In quiet hush the candles gleam,
Their trembling light, a tender dream;
Each flame a name, a life, a prayer,
A whisper saying, *God holds care.*

We gather here, the earth still cold,
Yet love burns bright as stories told;
For though the years may fade and flee,
Love's thread runs on, eternally.

The ones we've lost are never gone,
Their laughter echoes in our song;
Their faith, their kindness, linger still—
A spark of grace no night can kill.

So, Lord of life, we place our trust,
In mercy vast, in hope robust;
For every soul, by love set free,
Finds rest in your eternity.



Dates for your diary!

St Stephen's Winsham:

- * House group at John and Angela's house (3rd Wed at 2:30pm)
- * Prayers for Healing and Wholeness November 16th at 4pm

Advent Studies:

- **Light at the Table:** 6:30pm for 4 Tuesdays from November 25th at Revd Anne's House. The theme is 'A Journey through Advent:
- **Lectio Divina** 2:30pm for 4 Thursdays from November 28th at Revd Judith's House.



*Loving God,
you are close to the brokenhearted and you hold the weary in
your arms.
Be near to all who are unwell, bringing them peace and
strength.
Be gentle with those who grieve, surrounding them with your
love and the hope of eternal life.
May they know they are never alone, for you walk beside
them, today and always. Amen.*

Welcome to the Two Shires Link. Available weekly by email or at your local church. We hope to share the great things that are happening in the Benefice. If you would like a copy, have an event that you would like to add to the diary and/or some news to share please contact Revd Anne at revdanne@outlook.com or call 07504 338529 The deadline is Tuesday each week.

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