Two Shires Link - Weekly News

for the Parishes of

Tatworth, Chaffcombe, Winsham, Thorncombe and Cricket Malherbie

Remembrance Sunday, November 8th, 2026



.On Remembrance Sunday, we gather in our churches and at our village war memorials. We hear names that have been read aloud for generations. Some are surnames we still recognise. Each name belonged to someone who had a life here, who walked these lanes, sat at a kitchen table and was expected home. In the silence, we remember those who died in war and all who still live with its cost.

“Love one another as I have loved you,” Jesus tells his friends in John’s Gospel. He speaks these words on the eve of his own death. When he says that there is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends, he is telling them what he himself is about to do. His words help us honour the courage of those who put themselves in danger for others. They also ask something of us in the lives we lead now. What might it cost us to stand beside someone who is being treated unfairly, or to take the first step towards mending a quarrel?

In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul writes to people who are grieving. He knows how painful it is to lose someone and wonder whether we shall ever see them again. He points them to Jesus, who died and rose again, and to the promise that we shall be with the Lord for ever. Then he asks them to encourage one another with these words. I find that last instruction especially tender. Hope is something we can help one another hold, especially when it feels hard to hold it ourselves.

When the silence ends on Sunday, we will go back to our homes and the ordinary things that fill our days. We can carry our remembrance with us in the way we live together. It may begin as simply as knocking on the door of someone who has been on our mind, or listening a little longer to someone whose experience is different from our own. These are small things, but they are among the ways peace takes root in a village.

A prayer for Remembrance Sunday

God of mercy, we remember before you those who have died in war and all whose lives have been changed by conflict. Comfort those who grieve, strengthen those who work for peace, and teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us. Keep us steadfast in the hope of his resurrection. Amen.

Services November 8th, 2026

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Sunday 8th November

Chaffcombe	Tatworth	Thorncombe	Winsham
10am	10:30am	10:30am	3pm
Holy Communion			



Readings

John 15: 9 to 17

9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you
keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my
Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to
you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.
14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you
servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is
doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you
everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I
chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that
the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you
these commands so that you may love one another.

1 Thessalonians 4. 13 to 18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those
who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to
you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the
coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the
Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will
rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the
clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with
the Lord for ever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the
King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the
families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be
subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

.**Services Sunday November 15th:**

Winsham 10am, Morning Worship

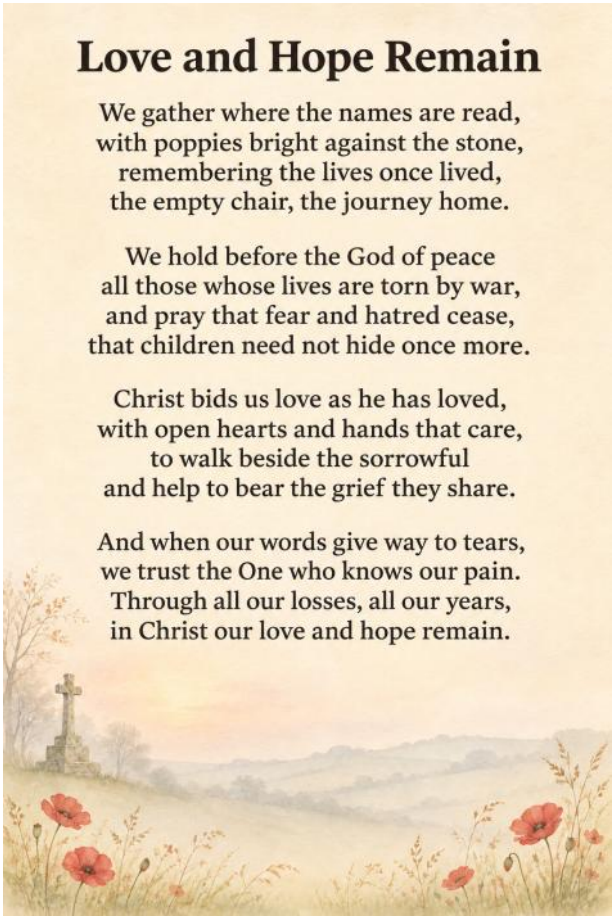
Tatworth: 10:30am Holy Communion

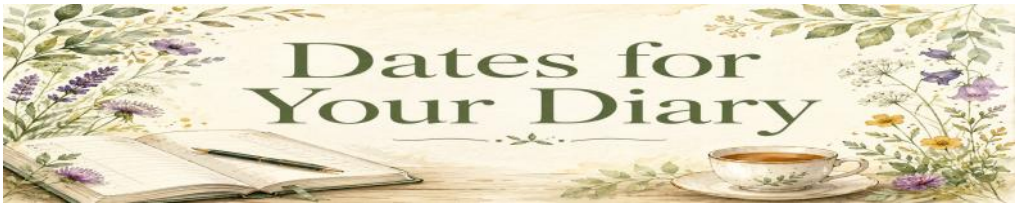
Readings :

1 Thessalonians 5. 1 to 11 and Matthew 25: 14 to 30



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.





November 12th at 1pm
Monthly Pudding Club at Jubilee Hall, Winsham

November 16h
Prayer Group with Angela and Brian

November 18th
House group Bible Study at John and Angela's

November 25th 10:30am
Coffee and Social Morning in St Stephen's Church

November 25th 2:30pm
(4 week) Advent Course with Revd Anne Perez at John and Angela's

If you have an event or news to share please contact revdanne@outlook.com

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