

Fr Hugh Writes:

Remembrance Sunday: The Parish Council have decided to close all roads including Church Lane on Remembrance Sunday for much of the morning (8th Nov). That does affect us obviously, and I was a little cross to find out and that we hadn't been consulted.

A compromise for this year is that we celebrate our Sunday Mass at 9am that Sunday. It means that you can still drive to Church and park and escape home again whilst the parade is in St Peter's Church. I thought this was the best solution as many parishioners come from the outlying villages.

If you find 9am too difficult, may I suggest the alternatives of Mass at the Towers Saturday evening or one of the weekday Masses. We shall not have Holy hour that morning.

Next Sunday (1st November) is All Saints Day and our Mass will be a celebration of the many saints in the Kingdom.

All Souls day follows on Monday (2nd) with Mass at 10am as usual.

November is traditionally our month of prayer for the Holy Souls: You can make an offering for a Mass intention for a particular intention, or through the 'Holy Souls' wall box. A customary offering is £10.

This is half term week for our schools, a chance for teachers particularly perhaps to have a bit of a rest, and as this is the last Sunday in the month it is the weekend that the clocks 'go back' one hour.

An extra hour in bed Sunday morning but also earlier dark evenings from Sunday, perhaps not so good for the ½ term break.

Monday is an optional Memoria of Sts Chad and Cedd, while Wednesday is the feast of Sts Simon and Jude.

There is quite a good resume in pictures on the diocesan website of Bishop Stephen's episcopal ordination on Monday last at our Cathedral. It was a long but splendid liturgy 2 1/3rd hours led by the Archbishop of Southwark, (our metropolitan).

Bishop Stephen becomes the 6th Bishop of Arundel and Brighton and his name is now included in the Eucharistic prayer at Mass.

The clergy of West Sussex are meeting with him on 2nd December at Arundel.

A storm is forecast for Thursday as I write, just as the late Chrysanthemums come into bloom! We need the rain, as when digging to plant some new stuff the ground is bone dry 2" down. That means of course there is nothing in the ground yet to replenish the reservoirs and aquifers.

We can take the opportunity for time out in the garden as weather permits. This is the best time for planting whilst the ground is warm. Roots can grow out in readiness for 2027. Again this year the Nerines are fabulous next to the sacristy door.

Notices:

Children's Liturgy takes place in our hall at 9.30am on Sunday mornings.

Suitable for children aged from 6 to 13 years It is followed by 10am Mass in church.

For more details please contact Andreia Gaio by [email: andry_nunes_18@hotmail.com](mailto:andry_nunes_18@hotmail.com)

Following last week's sad news of Dan Hurley, his Requiem will be on Thursday 12th November at 12.30pm, followed by Cremation at 2pm.

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The Collection of items for UKRAINE is this week

Please bring your donations to our church hall only on the following days and times:

Tuesday 27th from 5pm to 7pm

Wednesday 28th from 2pm to 5pm also Thursday 29th from 2pm to 5pm

The following items are needed:

**Tinned & Dried foods, Coffee, Soups, Hot Chocolate, Toothpaste, Toiletries,
Sanitary wear, Sleeping bags and Warm Waterproof Coats**

Please phone Celia (07802847234) if you are available to help. If you are unable to help physically/mentally please send a prayer for a successful closure on the current War in Ukraine. *Many Thanks, Celia*

There are no House Groups meeting this week. (The Thursday groups will next meet on 5th November. (The Convent Wednesday group is cancelled for the time being)

Faith Explorers: There will be an open meeting here in our hall on Monday 2nd November at 7pm. Faith Explorers is a programme to explore the Catholic faith together, ask questions, share and grow in faith in a warm and welcoming environment.

The meeting is for anyone who identifies with any of these statements:

- *I am not Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic faith.*
- *I am not Catholic and would like to become Catholic.*
- *I am Catholic and would like to know more about my faith.*
- *I am Catholic and I missed out on Confirmation and would like to "fill the gap".*

All are welcome. Should you be interested in attending the course, please make every effort to be there on 2nd, as we make a start and plan together.

Food Bank: Thank You for all your food bank donations. When I delivered them to Roger our local collector, he was thrilled as he said that the food donations recently have been drying up. So some of our local beneficiary's will benefit from your good will. Celia

For families: 'Celebrate Home' are offering an Autumn family pack of 'Crafts, Prayers and a Movie Night'. If interested, click on the link: [Autumn Pack — CELEBRATE Trust](#)

Missio Red Box Holders: A thank you to all who collect for missionaries in a red box or gave to last Sunday World Mission Day. Another reminder to bring your boxes in so the contents can be banked before the year end and hand them to Margaret Hollingsworth.

Pope Leo XIV has released the **"Pray with the Pope"** video accompanying his prayer intention for this month of October which is for Mental Health Ministry.

In the video produced by the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#), the Pope prays that the Mental Health Ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

For any parishioners unable to get to a church there are many churches in the Crawley Deanery that live stream Holy Mass. Go to <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> where you will find over 30 churches, plus Arundel Cathedral, to choose from.

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The Village Advent Service at St Peters Church this year is on Sunday 29th November at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join this special Ecumenical Advent Service of words, music, prayer and contemplation.

There will be an **Advent Taizé Service** in our church on Saturday 12th December, from 6.30pm to 8pm. More details nearer the time. All welcome.

The 2026 Wintershall Nativity is on 17th to 20th December, Guildford, GU5 0LR
(Tickets: Adult £27 and Child £17)

Discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable event for all the family. It's a Nativity like no other. Stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. You can book your tickets directly through the A&B Diocese website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 25th October (Clocks go back one hour)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10am Mass

27th to 29th October: Ukraine Collections in our hall
Tuesday 27th: 5pm – 7pm. Wednesday 28th: 2pm – 5pm.
Thursday 29th: 2pm – 5pm

Sunday 1st November – All Saints
10am Mass

Monday 2nd November
First “Faith Explorers” open meeting in the hall, 7pm. (*see notices*)

Thursday 5th November
House Groups, times/locations to be confirmed

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday
Mass at 9am due to road closures