

***This week we pray in love for:
The worshipping life of the churches***

- ♦ Church organists
- ♦ Our choirs and other musicians
- ♦ Our bell-ringers
- ♦ Our flower-arrangers
- ♦ The benefice prayer group
- ♦ Those who worship with us from outside the parishes

♦ Those who care for our churchyards
In our Diocesan Prayer Diary, we pray for retired clergy in the Diocese

November prayers for...

Kensworth

Remembrance and those who have lost a loved one in the past year

Studham

Remembrance and those who have lost a loved one in the past year

Whipsnade

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This week please remember in your prayers: those in the midst of illness, operations or accidents, including Frank and Barbara Walker, Trish Palmer, Alan Geeson, Jo Hutchinson, Clifford Bygrave, Ann and Malcolm Weir, Wendy Kennedy, Pat Mitchell, Chris Hazell, Hilda, Mike; and those who have died recently.

Do you have a name or a request for prayer that you wish to have included on this prayer list? Please email Nicola on revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com before Thursday each week.

A prayer for this week: God of grace and glory, we thank you for the saints of your church. Love us into wholeness so that we too may reflect your love to all those we meet. ***Amen.***

Readings for next week: Job 19: 23-27a;
2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end; Luke 20: 27-38

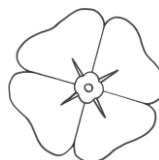
• ***Dates for your diary***

- **Wednesday 5th November, 12.30pm** – Whipsnade Village Lunch, Whipsnade Village Hall
- **Saturdays 8th, 15th 22nd November, from 9am** – Kensworth Churchyard working parties, all welcome!
- **Saturday 8th November, 10am** – AGM of 'Parish Link', Kensworth Church Hall – this is an open meeting, do come along and support us!
- **Saturday 8th November, 10.30am** – Studham Church flower arranging planning meeting, Studham Church (followed by the arranging on Saturday 29th November at 10.30am)
- **Wednesday 12th November, 10am-12noon** – Whipsnade Church Coffee Morning
- **Wednesday 12th November, 12.30pm** – Dunstable Deanery Chapter
- **Friday 14th November, from 3.30pm** – Studham Kids' Club, Studham Church
- **Saturday 15th November, 9am-12noon** – Whipsnade Churchyard working party, all welcome!

Foodbank requirements:

Long-life fruit juice; packets of sweets/chocolate; tinned meat in sauce; jars of jam; pulses; instant mash; long-life milk; tea; carrier bags.

Our retiring collection for the DEC Middle East appeal continues this week. Please give generously.



Welcome to the United Benefice of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade

*Part of the North Chilterns Group of
Parishes*

Sunday 2nd November 2025
All Saints Sunday

Kensworth	10.30am – Holy Communion
Studham	10.30am – Family Service
Whipsnade	9.00am – Family Service

Services next week: 9th November

Kensworth	10.30am – Remembrance Service at Kensworth Methodist Church
Studham	10.00am – Remembrance Service followed by procession to Studham War Memorial
Whipsnade	9.00am – Remembrance Service with Sunday School

If this is your first visit to one of our churches, then please make yourself known as we're a friendly lot – really! The rector (Nicola) can be reached on (01582) 872223 or at revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com. Please also email Nicola if you'd like to receive this service sheet weekly by email. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

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All Saints Sunday

The Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.
Amen.

A reading from Daniel

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever - for ever and ever.'

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

A reading from St Paul's to the Ephesians

Ephesians 1: 11-end

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, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 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; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to You, O Lord

Luke 6: 20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 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. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. '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. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. 'But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 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. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS:

*Remember in your prayer the saints who have influenced your faith, whether famous or known only by you.
For parents and carers: ask your children, "What do you think being a saint means?"*