

This week we pray in love for:

The life of the villages

- ♦ Our farming life
- ♦ The unemployed
- ♦ The parish councils
- ♦ The village clubs and societies
- ♦ SKAW Neighbourhood Scheme

In our Diocesan Prayer Diary, we pray for the parish of All Saints in Pin Green, Stevenage

November prayers for...

Kensworth

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

Studham

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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, Angela, Catherine, Hilda, Mike; and those who have died recently, including Patricia Thorne, Graeme Downing, Peter Brinklow, Bruce Turvey and Freda Hazell.

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: Lord, we know that life isn't always easy for people. They might be ill, lonely, afraid, out of work, treated badly. We pray for everyone who needs your healing touch on their lives today. Bless them, Lord. **Amen**

Readings for next week: Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 33-43

Dates for your diary

- **Saturdays 8th, 15th 22nd November, from 9am** – Kensworth Churchyard working parties, all welcome!
- **Monday 17th November, 11am** – Service of thanksgiving for the life of Graeme Downing, Studham Church
- **Tuesday 18th November, 11am** – Funeral of Patricia Thorne, Studham Church
- **Wednesday 19th November, 10.15am** – Kensworth School Collective Worship, Kensworth School
- **Wednesday 19th November, 7.30pm** – Dunstable Deanery Synod, St. Fremund's Dunstable
- **Friday 21st November, 11am** – Whipsnade PCC, preceded by a Charities meeting at 10.30am, Kensworth Church Hall
- **Saturday 22nd November, 7.30pm** – Studham Church Quiz Evening, Studham Village Hall

November foodbank requirements:

Long-life fruit juice; tinned meat in sauce; pulses; instant mash; rice pudding; tinned soup; tinned vegetables; long-life milk; carrier bags.

On this Safeguarding Sunday, please pray for all victims and survivors of any sort of abuse; and in our benefice please pray and give thanks for our three Parish Safeguarding Officers; Kathy at Kensworth, Meg at Studham and Mike at Whipsnade.

Welcome to the United Benefice of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade

Part of the North Chilterns Group of Parishes

Sunday 16th November 2025

Safeguarding Sunday/Second Sunday before Advent

Kensworth	10.30am – A Service of Stillness and Reflection
Studham	10.30am – Holy Communion with Children's Church
Whipsnade	9.00am – Holy Communion

Services next week: 23rd November

Kensworth	8.00am – Holy Communion in Kensworth Church Hall
	10.30am – Family Service
Studham	10.30am – Holy Communion
Whipsnade	9.00am – Holy Communion

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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The 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.**

A reading from Malachi

Malachi 4: 1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 21: 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when

will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You, O Christ

Prayer after Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS:

Paul writes about work in this week's lesson. Do we always need a reward for working hard? Is the work itself a reward?

For parents and carers: ask your children, "How do you feel after you have worked hard at something? Tired or happy or both?"