

This week we pray in love for:

The worshipping life of the churches

- ♦ Sunday worship
- ♦ Those who read and lead intercessions on Sunday mornings
- ♦ Those preparing for baptism and confirmation
- ♦ The Sunday Schools and Children's Church and their leaders
- ♦ Our Messy Church and Kids' Club and their helpers
- ♦ All visitors and newcomers

In our Diocesan Prayer Diary, we pray for the parish of Wymington in the deanery of Sharnbrook

October prayers for...

Kensworth

Common Rd from Dovehouse Lane to Hollicks Lane

Studham

Pubs and businesses; and Knoll House

Whipsnade

Chiltern Cottage to the Zoo and Dagnall Road

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, Ann and Malcolm Weir, Wendy Kennedy, Chris Hazell, Catherine, Hilda, Mike and Karen; 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: Lord, you have commanded us to love you and to love one another. Help us to keep this commandment with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind. ***Amen.***

Readings for next week: Revelation 7: 9-end;
1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12

• ***Dates for your diary***

- **Friday 30th October, 7.30pm** – Friends of Studham Church and Friends of Studham Common 'Call My Bluff' wine evening, Studham Village Hall
- **Saturday 31st October, 9am-12pm** – Kensworth Churchyard Working Party, Kensworth Churchyard
- **Saturday 31st October, 11am** – AGM of the 'Parish Link', Kensworth Church Hall, all welcome!
- **Wednesday 4th November, 12.30pm** – Whipsnade Village Lunch, Whipsnade Village Hall
- **Wednesday 4th November, 7.30pm** – Dunstable Deanery Synod, All Saints', Leighton Buzzard
- **Saturday 7th November, 9am-12pm** – Kensworth Churchyard Working Party, Kensworth Churchyard
- **Saturday 7th November, 9am-12pm** – Whipsnade Churchyard Working Party, Whipsnade Churchyard

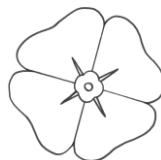
Churchyard working parties

Saturday 31st October (please note change of date) and Saturday 7th November, 9am-12pm – Kensworth

Saturday 7th November, 9am-12pm – Whipsnade

Foodbank requirements for October:

Meat in sauce; rice puddings; pasta sauce; long-life milk; tinned vegetables; tinned tomatoes; biscuits; sweets and sweet treats; carrier bags (in good, clean condition); baked beans (yes, really!) No pasta or rice please.



Welcome to the United Benefice of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade

*Part of the North Chilterns Group of
Parishes*

Sunday 25th October 2026

Last Sunday after Trinity

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

Studham 10.30am – Holy Communion

Whipsnade 9.00am – Holy Communion

CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR...

Services next week: 1st November

Kensworth 10.30am – Holy Communion
Studham 10.30am – Family Service
12.00pm – Service of
welcome and blessing
Whipsnade 9.00am – Holy Communion

If this is your first visit to one of our churches, then please make yourself known to whoever gives you a service order. If you need a gluten-free wafer or Holy Communion brought to you in your seat, please let us know. 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 find your time with us prayerful, inspiring and enjoyable.

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The Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A reading from Leviticus

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

A reading from St Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle* among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to You, O Lord

Matthew 22: 34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' ". If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer after Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS:

How hard is it to keep Jesus' commandments of love? Where can we seek help to do this?

For parents and carers: ask your children, "What does it mean to truly love someone? Why does God ask us to love other people?"