

## Weekly benefice diary 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

| Date                        | Church    | Time    | Service/event       |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| <b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup></b>  | St A's    | 8am     | Early Eucharist     |
|                             | St Mary   | 10am    | Family Eucharist    |
|                             | St A's    | 10.30am | Family Eucharist    |
|                             | St Bart's | 11am    | Parish Eucharist    |
| <b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b>  | St A's    | 10.30am | Warm Welcome        |
|                             | St A's    | 11am    | Balance Class       |
|                             | St A's LC | 11am    | Higford service     |
|                             | S'wood    | 3pm     | Eucharist           |
|                             | St A's    | 6pm     | Centre Stage        |
|                             | St Barts  | 7pm     | Special PCC meeting |
|                             | St Mary   | 7.30pm  | Choir rehearsal     |
|                             | St A's    | 10.30am | Open Door           |
| <b>Tue 25<sup>th</sup></b>  | St A's    | 11am    | OD Communion        |
|                             | Trinity   | 6pm     | Say Yes             |
|                             | St A's    | 9.45am  | Little Fishes       |
| <b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></b>  | St A's    | 10-2pm  | Counselling Vestry  |
|                             | St A's    | 10.30am | Warm Welcome        |
|                             | St A's    | 12.30pm | Chair Yoga          |
|                             | St A's    | 2.30pm  | Piano tuning vestry |
|                             | Trinity   | 5.30pm  | Youth Alpha         |
|                             | St A's    | 7pm     | AA Meeting          |
|                             | St A's    | 7.30pm  | Joint PCC Meeting   |
|                             | St A's    | 10am    | Eucharist           |
| <b>Thur 27<sup>th</sup></b> | St A's    | 10.30am | Warm Welcome        |
|                             | St A's    | 11am    | Balance Class       |
|                             | N'wood    | 11am    | Communion           |
|                             | St A's    | 2-9pm   | Hamper packing      |
|                             | St A's    | 6pm     | Breath of Life      |
|                             | St A's    | 7.30pm  | Bell ringing        |
|                             | St Mary   | 9am     | Playgroup           |
|                             | St A's    | 10.30am | Warm welcome        |
| <b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup></b>  | St A's    | noon    | What's for lunch    |
|                             | St Mary   | 3.15pm  | Community Cafe      |
|                             | St A's    | 6.30pm  | Choir practice      |
|                             | St A's    | 9.30am  | Eucharist           |
|                             | St A's    | 10.30am | Baptism             |
| <b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup></b>  | St A's    | 8am     | Early Eucharist     |
|                             | St A's    | 10.30am | Family Eucharist    |
| <b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup></b>  | St Bart's | 11am    | Parish Eucharist    |
|                             | St Mary   | 3pm     | Advent Greening     |
|                             | St Mary   | 4pm     | Greening Fair       |
|                             | Trinity   | 6pm     | Taize service       |
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### Christ the King

Reaching out together  
to share God's amazing  
faith, hope and love!

### St Andrew's Young

**Church** - Sundays 10.30am Come and enjoy stories, crafts & games.

**St Andrew's hymns:** God is our strength, Beauty for holiness, Show me how to stand for justice, 268. 279, 40, 242

**St Mary's hymns:**

**St Bart's hymns: 408, 120, 216, 551, 758**

**Prayers for healing and wholeness:** Diana Watson, Harvey Allen, Paul Joseland, Diana Barnes, Jim Young, Marjorie Rudolph, Tara Davies, Doreen Griffiths, Doris Gadd, Paul Grinnell, John Deane, Rob Purser, Mike Shinn, Kate Hume, John Thorneycroft, Margaret Lewis, Lisa-Jane Rawling, Derek Davies, Wendy Weaver, Terry Connell, Margaret Higgs, Barry Norwood, Neil Robinson, Nicky Eames, Linda Carlsberg, Frances Norwood, Doug Hughes, Brenda Barber.

**Recently departed:** David Hallchurch, Barbara Bulley, Muriel Cooil, Mike Collins, John Mackay, Alan Brice, Tony Seall, Pam Plant.

**First Years Mind:** Graham Coley and Gloria Lee.

**Weekly birthdays:** Harry Etheridge, Joan Burgum and Liz Walker.

### Notices

**St Mary's Advent Greening Festival** - Sun 30<sup>th</sup> November 3:00pm Traditional Greening service with Community Choir, followed at 4pm by a fair of homemade wreaths, flowers and produce, with refreshments.

**Taize Service at Trinity** on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm – all are welcome.

**St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival** is on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> December from 10am – 6pm and 7<sup>th</sup> December from 1-5pm. Can you sell some raffle tickets – please speak to Kathy James.

**Bottle tombola** - please leave bottle donations in the basket in the Warm Welcome area. We will require around 200 bottles for the 3-day event. Thank you.

**Saturday 9.30am Communion on 6<sup>th</sup> December** has been cancelled due to the Christmas Tree festival. **Sunday 8am service** will still go ahead.

**Bereavement Café** at the Trinity Centre 10.30am – noon on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. Come and join us for coffee, offering support and understanding.

**St Bart's Special PCC Meeting** with the Archdeacon on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

**Joint PCC Meeting** on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in St Andrew's.

### **The Collect**

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

**Amen**

### **First Reading**

#### **Colossians 1.11–20**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.  
Brothers and sisters:

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm**

#### **Psalm 46**

1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble;

**2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

3 Though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**4 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day.**

7 The nations make much ado and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken and the earth shall melt away.

**8 The Lord of hosts is with us;**

**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

**10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;**

**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear  
and burns the shields with fire.**

11 'Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'

**12 The Lord of hosts is with us;**

**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **Gospel reading**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 23.33–43**

**Glory to you O Lord**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!'

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

### **Post Communion**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**