

Lord, we pray for hostilities to cease in Ukraine, between Israel and Gaza and in all lands where unrest is rife. We pray for all civilians caught up in atrocities. Like the newborn babies brought safely out of Gaza, we pray too for the safe release of all hostages. We pray for aid to be allowed through to reach those in dire need.

We pray for all Christians affected by tension and violence because of their faith. We pray for Jews in this country who are being targeted because of the war between Israel and Gaza.

We pray for governments the world over. Many speak promises yet their actions are corrupted by the lust for power and greed. We pray for stability within our own government and the fulfilment of promises made. May all in parliament look to serve the people and not their own importance.

We pray for churches throughout the land to rise and abide by your Word. Bring leaders to the forefront who will not waver from your truth and lead accordingly. We pray for your children who have lost their way, succumbing to worldly influences. Good shepherd, bring the lost sheep back to the fold.

We pray for all who are suffering; the lonely, the sick, the abused. We pray for the NHS, for community nursing and for all those whose health is deteriorating as a result of lengthy waiting lists. We pray for those suffering mental health issues who are struggling to find help due to lack of resources.

You are always there to listen and call upon, Lord. Help those in turmoil to find their way to you. Bring into their lives people who will walk with them in the dark times and accompany them to greener pastures.

We pray for our neighbourhoods: for rough sleepers in need of a home. For the poor needing help with finances and food. For children in need of loving care and a safe place to call home. For our streets where knife crime is growing and 'no go' areas exist for many.

We pray for all who have died remembering today the soul of Charles Hogarth. **Rest eternal grant unto him, and let light perpetual shine upon him**

Weekly Notices

Rector: Rev. Jonathan Gordon 01442 871547
Associate Priest: Rev. Michael Eggleton 01442 823273
Readers: Peggy Sear and David White
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Services for November 26th
Christ the King
8am Holy Communion BCP

10 00am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 26, 514, 287, 158

Readings:
Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1: 15-end
Matthew 25: 31-end

6pm. Evening Prayer
Psalm 93
2 Samuel 23: 1-7
Matthew 28: 16-end

Services for December 3rd.
Advent Sunday
8am Holy Communion BCP

10am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 307, 219, 3, 235

Readings:
Isaiah 64: 1-9
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 24-end

6pm Advent Carol Service at
St. Mary's Northchurch

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

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.

Collect Prayer for Peace

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; 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.

Church Lottery

The Church Lottery for October and November 2023 was drawn last Sunday, the Winning numbers are as follows;

£30 Prizes – Ball numbers 1, 4, 9, 11, 30, 37, 39 and 50

£10 Prizes – Ball numbers 22 and 47

£8.66 Prizes – Ball numbers 27 and 36

All prizes were paid out by BACS during the last week.

Wigginton History Society

**Tuesday Dec 5th - 8pm start
Village Hall, Wigginton**

Frogmore Paper Mill



A talk by the CEO of the Apsley Paper Trail Trust, Elena Lewendon, about the past, present and future of Frogmore Paper Mill. Learn about why the site should be a UNESCO World Heritage Site, understand the impact of paper on the world and find out about the exciting plans to re-build the museum after a devastating arson attack in 2022.
Everybody welcome to our meeting.

Cost £4.00 inc. mulled wine and homemade mince pies

Safe your used Postage stamps

This Christmas again I'm putting a red box on to the piano in Church, for the collection of used postage stamps, both U.K. and foreign. If you are donating, please leave a border of about a cm around each one. The box will stand there till Epiphany.

The collection is in aid of DENS, the Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter, based in Hemel Hempstead. Not just a night shelter these days, it runs a hostel, day centre and Bike project, plus working alongside the Trussell Trust at the Foodbank. It aims to be the first port of call in Dacorum for people facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion. At this time of the year, the collection of used stamps helps raise funds.
Thank you, Gill Fleckney

Church website. Check out the website regularly for updates and news of services etc.

A Celebration of Christmas in Music and readings

The choir of the Hospice of St. Francis would like to invite you to "*Welcome Christmas*" with a celebration of music and words at St. Bartholomews Church Wigginton
on Wednesday 6th. December at 5pm
All are welcome and a retiring collection will be for the Hospice of St. Francis and St. Barts