WING & A PRAYER

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Sunday 8 November 2026 -
Remembrance Sunday

Sun 8 Nov	**10.30am: Remembrance Sunday Eucharist** President and Preacher: Fr Simon
Wed 11 Nov	**9.30am: Morning Prayer** at St Michael's Chapel
	10am: Holy Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel
Sun 15 Nov	**10.30am: Holy Eucharist** President and Preacher: Rev'd Nick Parker

WE PRAY FOR

In need: Angela, Hazel, David Yarnold, Morwenna Nicholls, Rowan & Gill Hughes, baby Shae.

The departed: Rose Hayler, Jean Holland.

In memory: Lyn Fellows, Sheila Hadley, Bernard Callaghan, Gordon Court, John Sumner.

COLLECT PRAYER

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when the wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25.1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaid[1] took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

NOTICES

The People's Emergency Briefing Film:
Mon 16 Nov at 7.15pm or Tues 17 Nov at 10.15am at St Alphege Church. This film (suitable for ages 16+) brings together leading UK experts to discuss how changes in climate are affecting our food security, health, economics, national security etc. It will be followed by a discussion about what this means for our community and what we can do locally. Each event should last under 2 hours and refreshments will be served. Booking not required.

'Prayer Paths' Parish Prayer Morning – Sat 21 Nov 10am-1pm. An invitation to pray across the parish asking God to bless and guide our life and work. More details to follow.

St Helen's Christmas Fayre: Sat 28 Nov, 11am-2pm, supporting two local charities: AFIA and Troop Aid. We invite donations of: raffle prizes, tombola items (beverages & chocolates), cakes, preserves, toys, books, quality gifts or craft items. Please contact either Julie or Mark Norman on sthelenschristmasfayre@gmail.com or call 07974 587508. Please pray that the fayre will bless our community and support these worthwhile charities.

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.
O Master, grant that I may never seek....

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

3. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.



We will remember them.