**WEST DOWNLAND BENEFICE**

Brightwalton with Catmore, Chaddleworth, Fawley,

Great Shefford with Shefford Woodlands, Leckhampstead and Welford with Wickham

**Sunday 8th October**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**Collect**

Almighty Father,

whose will is to restore all things

in your beloved Son, the King of all:

govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,

and bring the families of the nations,

divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,

to be subject to his just and gentle rule;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Old Testament**

**Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16**

**Description of Wisdom**

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.

**Psalm 70**

O God, make speed to save me;
   O Lord, make haste to help me.
 Let those who seek my life
      be put to shame and confusion;
   let them be turned back and disgraced
      who wish me evil.
Let those who mock and deride me
   turn back because of their shame.
But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
   let those who love your salvation say always, ‘Great is the Lord!’
As for me, I am poor and needy;
   come to me quickly, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
   O Lord, do not delay.

**New Testament**

**1 Thessalonians 4.13-end**

**The Coming of the Lord**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 25.1-13**

**The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids**

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids 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.

**This week**

**Live Radio Service on BBC Radio Berkshire**

**Sunday 8.40am with Revd Richard Littledale**

**Recorded Services from East Downland**

A recorded Eucharist is available from each Sunday at 8.30am

<https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/faith-and-worship/online-worship>

**Prayers for Peace: Wednesday 11th November at 5pm on Zoom**

Everyone is welcome to attend this short service of prayers, readings and music.

Join the Zoom Meeting on your computer or mobile device:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87501594911>
Meeting ID: 875 0159 4911

Dial in on your landline

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       0203 481 5237 United Kingdom
       0203 481 5240 United Kingdom
 Meeting ID: 875 0159 4911

**Midweek Coffee Zoom**

**11am -11.30pm**

Everyone is welcome for a chat – bring your own coffee and cake! Please invite friends and neighbours to join us.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86033054876>
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**Next Sunday**

**Zoom church 10.45am**

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