

WEST DOWNLAND BENEFICE

Brightwalton with Catmore, Chaddleworth, Fawley,
Great Shefford, Leckhampstead and Welford with Wickham

November: the Month of Remembering

November is an important month in that it provides us with many opportunities to look backwards in order to steady ourselves for the big push through to Christmas and a New Year of fresh opportunities. This year please add to your remembering a special date, the 24th November. That day the Bishop of Oxford will be joining us in West Downland Benefice, enjoying informal and formal services and a lunch. Please make a note in your diary as this is a very exciting opportunity for us to share with Bishop Stephen the realities of rural church life, both celebrating the joys and demonstrating the challenges. If you would like to join us for lunch please let Mike know by 9am Wednesday 20th November.

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Pew Sheet

To receive your Pew Sheet each week by e-mail, to have someone added to the prayer list, or to place an entry in the Pew Sheet, please contact
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Services for November 2019

3 rd November	8.00am	Chaddleworth	Holy Communion BCP
All Saints' Sunday; 4 th before Advent	9.30am	Fawley	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Great Shefford	Together@Ten
	11.00am	Wickham	All Age Communion
	4.00pm		All Souls Service

10 th November	8.00am	Leckhampstead	Holy Communion – BCP
Remembrance Sunday	9.00am	Great Shefford, service finishes at war memorial	
	10.30am	war memorial Wickham	
	10.50am	Wickham, Act of Remembrance	
	10.50am	war memorial Brightwalton, followed by Holy Communion Service in church.	

11 th November	7.00pm	Shefford Woodlands	Prayers for Peace
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17 th November	8.00am	Fawley	Holy Communion - BCP
2 nd before Advent	9.30am	Chaddleworth	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Great Shefford	Café Church
	11.00am	Welford	Holy Communion

24 th November Christ the King	10.00am	Great Shefford	Breakfast Church with Bishop Stephen
Visit by Bishop Stephen	11.15am	Brightwalton	Holy Communion with Bishop Stephen
	12.45pm	Chaddleworth Village Hall	Holy Communion – with coffee before

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays 5pm

with a cup of tea from 4.45pm

Now that the clocks have changed we shall be saying Evening Prayer in the warmth of our Village Havens – homes throughout the Benefice where we generous hosts welcome us for a cup of tea and the opportunity to meet to pray and discuss a Bible reading. Contact numbers are given for each host.

6th Nov Brightwalton Haven Sue & Mike Ridgeway 01488 638271
Dan. 2.25-end; Rev.2.12-end

13th Nov Chaddleworth Haven Christine Patterson 01488 638349
Dan 5. 13-end; Rev, 7.1-4, 9-end

20th Nov Great Shefford Haven Shirley & Kingsley Harniman
01488 648528 Dan. 9.1-19; Rev. 11.15-end

27th Nov Leckhampstead Haven Ian & Mary Ann Brown
07966 361 648 Isa. 40.27-41.7, Rev. 16.1-11.

United Benefice Festival Choir

The United Benefice Carol Service will take place at Chaddleworth on 22nd December at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join the Festival Choir for this very special occasion. Choir practices will be held in Brightwalton Village Hall at 7pm on the following Tuesdays:

12th Nov, 19th Nov, 26th Nov, 3rd Dec, 10th Dec.

There will be a final rehearsal at Chaddleworth Church, date to be agreed by the choir members.

Contact Judith Orpen for more information: judith@orpenonline.co.uk

If you would like an event to be added to next month's West Downland Summary please contact your churchwarden and ask them to add it to the Benefice Calendar.

Events for November 2019

Sunday **3rd** November 8.00am trial service Holy Communion BCP at Chaddleworth. Support is welcomed by all who would consider coming to see if this service extends beyond a trial period.

4.00pm All Souls Service at Leckhampstead remembering those whom we love, but see no longer.

Thursday **7th** November

Welford and Wickham Community Coffee Morning, Village Hall

Tuesday **11th** November

Schools' Acts of Remembrance

9.00am Chaddleworth and Shefford Schools at St Mary Shefford.

9.00am Welford and Wickham School at St Swithuns Wickham.

10.30am Brightwalton School at war memorial.

7.00pm Prayers for Peace at St Stephens Shefford Woodlands.

Monday **18th** November Shefford PCC 7.30pm.

Tuesday **19th** November 11.00am inauguration of Bishop Olivia at Westminster Abbey.

Sunday 24th November Bishop's Visit. The visit by Bishop Stephen will be an opportunity to share experiences of the joys and challenges of life in the rural parishes and supporting the churches in the benefice.

Monday **25th** November 7.30-8.30pm Brightwalton Aspire Committee Meeting.

Wednesday **27th** November Leckhampstead PCC 7.30pm.

Saturday **30th** November St Marys Great Shefford Advent Fair 10am – 4.30pm (telephone Serena 648213, or Tracy Ball tel 648350).