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3rd November 2019 - All Saints Day

Welcome to the Parishes of Stansted Mountfitchet, Birchanger and Farnham. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. If you are here for the first time or visiting from another church, do stay for coffee and introduce yourself.

FARNHAM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE at 10.45am

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL on 14th December

STEWARDSHIP SCHEME

The new monthly and weekly envelopes for the next year are now at the back of the Church on the Sidesmen's Desk, these are for November 2019 until October 2020. If anyone else requires envelopes either for monthly or weekly giving please let me know as I do have extra envelopes on request. These envelopes are a great way to ensure that if you are a tax payer gift aid can be claimed to the monies you give to the Church. *Julie Lenton, 813208, julietlenton52@btinternet.com*

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study tomorrow will be at Kathy's house, 21 Park Road, 1.30 to 3pm. All welcome.

MEDITATION GROUP

Just a reminder that we will not be meeting this week Nov 6th, but will meet again on Wednesday 13th at 7pm.

Revd Helen

BIRCHANGER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BIRCHANGER REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10th November 10:45am at the war memorial.

GRAND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 30th November 2 - 4pm Lots of gift ideas, luxury items for sale, £1 entry includes a mince pie and a cuppa.

BUMPER CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

AT MOORSWOOD

10th December at 10:30 - 12md Lovely items for sale, and a Christmas raffle.

ST MARY'S CAROL SERVICE AT BIRCHANGER

Friday 20th December 7pm Carols, lessons, mince pies and mulled wine. Come and join us.

<u>ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET</u> <u>SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER</u> <u>12 NOON – 3 PM</u>

Thank you to everyone for starting to sell the Grand Draw tickets. As mentioned last week, we are hoping members of St John's congregations will help with this fund-raising by approaching friends and neighbours to buy a ticket or two. If you haven't already done so, please take your envelope from the sidesmen's table. If you see an envelope for someone living near you, it would be really helpful if you could deliver it if they aren't in church this morning. Thanks again.

PS: What else can you do to help? Well, we need bottles for the tombola, paperback books (especially novels), preloved Christmas decorations, toiletries, gifts, homemade cakes. You can leave donations at the back of church or in the church office.

Kathy West & Margaret Hill

CAKE STALL Janet and I are again running the cake stall at St John's Church Christmas Market, and we would like as many cakes/biscuits/jams to sell on the day. Cakes can be left in the Church or Hall on Friday 15th November, or delivered directly to our stall on Saturday 16th November from 10am, or I am willing to collect from your house if you let me know. All contributions are welcome and we hope to also be raffling a decorated Christmas Cake on the day. Thank you.

Julie Lenton/01279 813208

BOOK STALL Liz Jennings and myself are running the book stall again this year. If you want to find a new home for your paperback and hardback books of fiction. Please leave them at the back of the church. Thank you.

Cheryl McGreal

TOILETRIES STALL Dear Friends, this is my annual plea for donations to the Toiletries Stall. Any *unused* cosmetics parfumes, bath products, baby toiletries and products for men would be much appreciated. Please leave at the back of the Church showing my name or call me to collect. Thank you. *Ann Lee/01279 813310/ann@robandann.com*

GIFT STALL We would be most grateful for donations of Gifts to sell on our stall. They can be left labelled at the back of the church or I can collect. Thank you.

Christine Stile/813172

<u>3RD NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS DAY</u>

<u>Hymns</u>: 190, 349, 549, 83, 828 <u>Anthem</u>: 'Holy,holy,holy' Schubert

Bible Readings

Interceder:Janet WilkinReading:Ephesians 1.11-23Reader:Cheryl McGrealGospel:Luke 6.20-31

Traditional Collect

O almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

10TH NOVEMBER – 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT Bible Readings

Interceder:Roland PellyReading:2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17Reader:Janet WilkinGospel:Luke 20.27-38

THE WEEK AHEAD

<u>St John's Stansted</u>

Tuesday 9.15am - St John's Tots Wednesday 9am - Morning Prayers 10am - Holy Communion 7pm - No Meditation Thursday 10.30am - Coffee Pot Sunday 8am - Holy Communion 9.30am - Sung Eucharist

<u>St Mary's Birchanger</u>

Sunday 1.45am - Remembrance Service

<u>St Mary's Farnham</u>

Sunday 10.45am - Remembrance Service

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dawn Venables, Ron Etherington, Kay Everitt, Crystal Cock, Veronica Lynch, Annette Warner, Georgina Kemp, Robert Stubbings, Gillian, that they will have God's healing and peace as they need it and that their families and friends will know God's strength as they support them. ***

Those who have recently died, especially **Trudy Revell, Ann Owen, Ronald William White, Dorothy Joan Turner,** for their friends and families, and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially **Sally Ann Nicholson** from Farnham ***

Pray for the ministry of all those who work with young people, and especially the Diocesan Area Youth Advisers. We remember St Mark's College and all who work there. Also those who manage and minister at the Asheldham Centre. ***

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Please send any material to be shared in the next Bulletin or requests for the prayer list to the Parish Administrator **by 9am on Friday 8th November.** Anything coming after this time will be forwarded to the next Bulletin. Thank you.