Parish of Thatcham
St Mary's Church & St Barnabas Church

Services this week: 1st – 7th November 2026

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All Saints Day
8:00am Holy Communion
10:00am Parish Communion
Also service at St Barnabas
6:00pm Evensong
Readings this Sunday of
1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5. 1-12
Readings next Sunday (Fourth Sunday before Advent)–
1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matthew 24.1-14

Prayer (Collect) for the week
Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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.

Prayer
Please do use the prayer book in the chapel to tell us about your prayer requests – and also speak to us. These prayers are used every day at morning prayer (9:30 am except on Wednesdays when it is 9:00am before communion).

All are welcome

This Week's events

Monday
9:30am Morning prayer
2:00pm CAMEO
Tuesday
9:30am Morning Prayer
6:00pm Come and Pray
7:45 pm Tower Bellringing
Wednesday
9:00am Morning Prayer
9:45am Holy Communion
10:30am ABC
2:30pm Mah Jong
Thursday
9:30am Morning Prayer
Friday
9:30am Morning Prayer
7:30pm Choir Practice
Saturday
Sunday
Fourth Sunday before Advent
8:00am Holy Communion
10:00am Parish Communion
3:00pm Baptism

Current Foodbank requests

Urgently needed items

- Biscuits
- Savory Biscuits
- Tinned Meat
- Deodorant
- Female Razors
- Mug Shots
- Male Razors
- Toiler Roll
- Tinned Fruit
- Drinking Chocolate
- Noodles
- Shaving Foam

Upcoming funerals

Upcoming events

The last ever Watership Cantabile concert will be held on 8th Sunday at 4pm. It will be a glorious celebration of the music performed over the last 42 years. Free to come along and enjoy.

Coffee and Tea morning is on the 21st November from 10am – 12:00pm. We need volunteers to help serve drinks and help wash up afterwards. Please speak to Mike or Marion if you can help.

The last Churchyard working party of the year will be on Saturday 21st November, 10:30am – 12:30pm. Remember your gardening tools and come along.

Christmas Raffle is on Sunday 22nd November after the 10am church service. If you have quality items for the raffle, please donate them.

St Mary's will be having a stall at the Thatcham Lights Switch On Saturday 28th November. Details are still being finalised. Please speak to Kate Jones or Pauline Donnelly for more information.

We are looking for a Health and Safety Officer for the Church. Please speak to a member of the clergy or churchwardens.

There are boxes at the back of the church collecting for the following charities: Parkinsons Uk – Postage stamps and old UK and foreign coins. Air Ambulance – Washed milk bottle tops

Also speak to Mark if there are things you think we should include as regular prayers in our prayer diary (prayer themes for each day of the month).

Floodlights

Just to note that is still possible to sponsor the floodlights.

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Please send bulletin and booking requests to Revd Mark Bennet, and also follow up with a phone call or speak to him.

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We have a number of vacancies for PCC (church council) and volunteer roles.