**Upcoming dates for your diary**

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| **Family Time Together** | Sun 8th Nov | 3-4.30pm |
| **Light Party** *(for primary school age)* | 31st Oct | 5-6.30pm |
| **Service for Remembering** | Sun 1st Nov | 3pm |
| **Church Pantomime –** *"A lad in a manger"* | Sat & Sun Dec 12-13th | 3pm |

***Josephine Groves:*** *Jo was a member of St Mary's Church and, sang in our choir, for many years. Her funeral will be held on 30th October at 11.30am at St Mary's Church.*

**You can still help our pantomime: "A Lad In A Manger"**

Thank you to all those who have shared our excitement and vision to bring pantomime to Chartham.

Even if you are not taking part, you may be thinking **"How can I help?"**. If so then perhaps you would be happy to buy some of the inexpensive props we need:
eg. hats for the wise guys or a flashing wand for the angel.
To make it easy I have created **an Amazon wishlist**. If you want to buy some items then please do. When an item is bought from the list, it will be automatically removed so we don't get duplicates. Alternatively, we are **happy to take donations** to help us buy the items ourselves and cover other costs. To access the wishlist use the QRC, or follow this link:
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FD4K00KN1IZ0?ref_=wl_share
Thank you. **Louisa Waters - louisa.waters1@outlook.com**

***Light Party on Saturday October 31st.***
*For primary school age children. Dress code: costumes but nothing scary! Think super-heroes and princesses.*
*From 5-6.30pm in St Mary's – no charge. Any queries to Alex Potts or Laura Gilbert.*

**Service for Remembering, 1st November 3pm:** Everybody is invited to a this service in St Mary's church. There will be an **opportunity to remember your loved one by name** and to **light a candle** in their memory. Followed by refreshments and a chance to chat.

***An evening with Colonel Bob Stewart:*** *Friday 7th November at 7pm in St Lawrence Church, Godmersham CT4 7DS : Hear Colonel Bob Stewart DSO, former commander of British UN forces in Bosnia share insights from his time serving during the Bosnian conflict.*

**Remembrance Sunday Service 8th November 10am:** This year we have decided not to have communion in this service so that we can be at the war memorial at 11am to mark the 2 minute silence. Please let friends and neighbours know that we will be at the war memorial earlier than in past years. Thank you - Rev Andrew

***Faith. Politics. Planet – Hope in a Divided Age, 7pm at St John's Waterloo, London on Tuesday 10 November:*** *a special evening to mark the opening of COP31, with Ruth Valerio and Andy Flannagan exploring how faith can inspire meaningful climate action. More information via the QRC, or contact Sarah Challender.*

**Pop-Up Café Proposal**

We are exploring the possibility of opening a café a couple of times a week to serve the local community and to address the needs of home or hybrid workers, young parents, and indeed anybody who may like a social meeting place in the heart of Chartham.

So, we have designed a survey to help us understand local needs & preferences and would be most grateful if as many people as possible could complete this – it should take no more than 3 minutes of your time.

The survey can be accessed via **https://forms.gle/qD5AJPhbWxqgbfSf8** or the QRC, and will be available until the end of October.

Thank you for your help with this. **Mike Potts, Laura Gilbert & Pippa Kiss**

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***Time to act:*** *Christian Aid, CAFOD, Embrace the Middle East and other Christian agencies have recently set up a website to help people in the UK to hear the call of Palestinian Christians and stand alongside all those living and working for a just peace in Palestine and Israel.*

*The website (**https://justpeacecoalition.com/**) brings together testimonies and news about the situation in Gaza and the West Bank together with prayer resources and ideas for ways that we can respond.* ***Rev Andrew***

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**Collects and readings**

**Sun 25th Oct: Holy Communion**

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication
of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who
worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this
place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple
acceptable to 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.

**Exodus 32:1-14 & Matthew 22: 1-14**

**Sun 1st Nov: Family Praise**

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Revelation 7:9-17**

**Sun 8th Nov:**
**TBA**

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