



Ruscombe & Twyford LEP Church Newsletter

Mark writes...

This week Sally and I have been enjoying a few days off. Taking sabbath rest reminds us of who we are and how we relate to God. I like this quote from John Mark Comer: *“That’s why Sabbath is an expression of faith. Faith that there is a Creator and he’s good. We are his creation. This is his world. We live under his roof, drink his water, eat his food, breathe his oxygen. So on the Sabbath, we don’t just take a day off from work; we take a day off from toil. We give him all our fear and anxiety and stress and worry. We let go. We stop ruling and subduing, and we just be. We “remember” our place in the universe. So that we never forget . . . There is a God, and I’m not him.”* John Mark Comer, Garden City: Work, Rest, and the Art of Being Human. May you too know Sabbath rest.

There are still a few places left for “Lunches at the Vicarage” on Sundays 24th November and 1st December, so please sign up [here](#). Bring family and friends!

News & Events

Calling all singers! If you would like to join the choir for our service of **Nine Lessons and Carols** (6pm Sunday 15th December at St James’, warm up from 5pm), then please come to as many of the following rehearsals as you can. All are from 7.30-9.00pm:

- Thursday 21st November (St Mary’s)
- Wednesday 27th November (St Mary’s)
- Thursday 5th December (St Mary’s)
- Friday 13th December (St James’)

Please contact [Judith Pritchard](#) or the Church Office for more information.

Children and Families:

- We are looking forward to hosting our free Light Party event this evening (Thursday 31st) at St Mary's from 4.30-6.00pm.
- Have you seen our scarecrow in St Mary's church porch? Don't forget to come and see Paddington and the rest of the amazing trail round Twyford.
- Please join us this Sunday for our fun-tastic Family Service!

Scamming Awareness: There are still places available for this Pastoral Care Team event next Wednesday 6th November 10am-12 at St Mary's Church Centre: Please reserve your free place [here](#) or contact the church office.

Weekend Away: Please don't forget to book your place on our special weekend of renewal and fellowship in Bournemouth (March 21st to 23rd 2025) either via the website [here](#) or paper copies are also available in the Welcome Area at St Mary's.

Church Diary: For a schedule of services and events in our churches, please look at the [Church Diary](#) on our website.

Prayer

We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing, in particular:

Jannette, Philip, Toby, Rachel, Sally, Judy, Steven, Lizzy, Joan, Clara, Sharon, John and Anne.

Here is our November [Prayer Diary](#).

Church Services

This Sunday 3rd November:

- 9:00 am Holy Communion at St James' ([Psalm 44:1-10](#), [Matthew 22:15-22](#))
- 10:30 am Family Service at St Mary's ([The Widow's Mite](#))
- 10:30 am Morning Service at Twyford URC ([Ruth 1:1-18](#), [Mark 12:28-34](#))
- 3:00 pm Commemoration & Thanksgiving Service at St Nicholas' Hurst

Next Sunday 10th November

- 9:00 am Holy Communion at St James' with act of remembrance from 8.55am.
- 10:30 am Remembrance Sunday Civic Service at St Mary's, starting at the War Memorial.

Please view or download an updated page of our November and December [Church Services](#).

Tuesdays at 9:30 am: [Morning Prayer](#) on Zoom. Come together for about 40 minutes to gather, worship and pray. Contact [Alan Gywnn](#) or just join in.

Sundays at 6 pm: Join Christians from other churches to pray for our village at [Sunday Evening Village Prayers](#).