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From the Baptist Minister

Have you heard any Good News lately? It seems that so much of the news that we are bombarded with tends to fall into the doom and gloom category. At this time there are many restrictions that affect individuals, families and groups, curtailing some of the enjoyment and celebrations associated with this time of the year.

On a more serious note, we have to accept that gatherings associated with Remembrance Celebrations and the Festival of Remembrance have all been seriously affected.

The Apostle Paul, amid many of his adventures, experienced great highs and also great lows in his life.

What we learn from Paul is that he used the value of memory and the ability to recall better days, to help him to cope with times when you would expect him to be quite depressed. In his letter to the church at Philippi we read in the 4th Chapter, how, though he is in prison himself, he can rejoice in the times that he had with the Christians in Philippi.

He knows that they too may not be having an easy life, but he urges them to rejoice in all things, and to seek to celebrate the things which are still worthwhile in life. Instead of being full of anxiety to be positive: Philippians Ch 4 v 6. For this can lead to an experience of PEACE. This is the challenge that we face as well.

Whilst Covid 19 has resulted in all sorts of controls, many people have discovered a new value in the simple things of life: new joy in looking at nature with a sense of awe. Certainly, we can see how many of the things that a secular society holds to be so important do not stand up to the test of supplying what we need when things get tough. Many of those who have stretched out to explore spiritual avenues amid the pandemic say, however, that the pursuit of the values that Paul stresses in Philippians Ch.4 v8 have provided them with comfort and strength.

One preacher recently said of the Covid 19 situation, that it has four F's to be observed.

The first is the FACT that it exists, the second is that it can generate FEAR the third is that it can be put into perspective when we exert FAITH in a sovereign God and fourthly, we can move on into a better FUTURE. May God grant us the ability to rejoice in all things and discover the concept of PEACE.

Yours in Christ
Michael White



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On October 15th Pritchard

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you have gone. Always in our
thoughts. Mum Dad and family

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Times of Prayer

Short Evening Prayer:

Wednesdays 5.30pm. St

George's. From 4th Nov, we hope to offer this as a live event via Facebook.

Sunday 25th October, 4.30pm A

40-minute zoom prayer event. An opportunity to meet and pray for the benefice and nation at this time. Please contact Judith Craig.

Sunday 1st November. 5-6pm. All Souls Memorial Prayer. St George's will be open to drop in to a quiet place to remember loved ones, light a candle, take a prayer card, quiet music, unstructured.

From Tuesday 1st - 22nd Dec

8pm. Advent Zoom Compline.

Please contact Rev Ronnie for joining details.

St George's Roles

Health and Safety Officer

needed for St George's,

Beckington.

In liaison with Wardens and Rector.

(This role is to ensure these checks are made, not necessarily to do the work yourself, or to bear responsibility alone)

- To ensure we are up to date with fire risk
- To ensure the appropriate First Aid provision is available
- To ensure risk assessments are carried out for special events
- To ensure we are compliant under employment law
- To make a periodic check of the building.
- To make an annual report to the PCC - or more often as required

(Templates and further guidance are available)

**Please speak to Judith or
Ronnie**

A black and white line drawing of a church building. The church features a tall, square steeple with a cross on top. The main body of the church has a large, arched window with a decorative frame. The roof is gabled, and there are smaller windows on the side. The drawing is done in a simple, sketchy style with cross-hatching for shading.

Rodden Church will be holding a **Remembrance Evensong service on Sunday 8th November at 6.30pm.**

We will also be holding a Communion Service on **Sunday November 22nd at 4pm. Please note the new time.**

Jim Dowling



for St George's Beckington following on from the several years Mike Rolfe has given to this role. Mike has kindly offered to be alongside whoever takes on the position. It is a voluntary role:

- To keep minutes of PCC meetings.

- To assist the Chair and Vice Chair in setting the Agenda.
- Sending around notification of meetings.
- Responding to correspondence under the direction of the PCC.
- Keeping of PCC records.
- In liaison with the PCC, to manage the APCM

Meetings tend to be 6-8 times a year (currently on zoom)
In terms of hours - an estimate is around six-eight hours to every PCC meeting (Preparation, attendance and write up)

Mike is continuing to manage worship rotas. He has also agreed to be alongside the new secretary whilst they find their way for the first couple of meetings.

For more information please speak to either Mike Rolfe, Judith Craig or Bonnie Crossman.



Beckington Group Mothers' Union

After so many months without meetings, it was very good to see so many members at our October Holy Communion service in St George's church sitting socially distanced from one another, and with no singing, nevertheless this was a joyful occasion, and an opportunity for some to meet our new rector, Rev Ronnie Crossman. After the service, Jenny gave us the latest news, and although we could not have our usual cups of tea, there was an individually wrapped slice of cake for each person to take home!

We will keep in touch as best we can over the coming weeks. Anyone wishing to order MU Christmas cards or calendars is asked to contact Rosemary or Jenny for details. There will not be a meeting in November, but we hope to meet in December in the church for an Advent Service. More details next month.

Rosemary Ball

Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you for all the generous donations given to us.

£400.00 was a very good total as no coffee morning this year!

Freda & Jenny



Springmead School

A key aspect of our Harvest celebrations has always been engaging children in the act of giving. As Mercy-in-Action were unable to ship boxes to the Philippines this year, Springmead decided to support the local food bank (linked to the Trussell Trust) who are crying out for food.

Each class are contributing to our harvest celebration this year, in their bubbles. In our music lessons, through our assemblies and in the giving of our food gifts we have been thinking about all things Harvest and preparing for our Virtual Harvest Festival.

Thank you to all of our parents for the generous gifts; the car was full to bursting! Lenka Grimes (a past parent of Springmead) is now one of the team running Fair Frome Food Bank and asked me to pass on her thanks to each and every contributor.



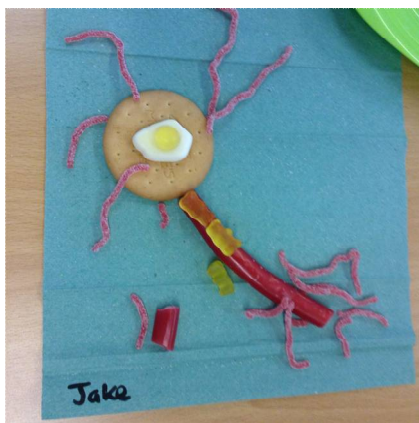
Beckington School

After all the wet weather earlier this month, we have been enjoying our outdoor learning once again, going on welly walks, enjoying forest school activities and doing lots of maths learning outside. You may notice some coloured stones that Robin Class painted, placed in different places near the school. The older children will be painting stones for Remembrance Day and placing them near the memorial by St George's.

The children have started working on their 'Superhero gem learning powers' as they learn more about how their brain helps them learn. Children in Owl Class made some edible models of neurons to illustrate the connections between dendrites and how these multiply and get stronger when we learn new things.

The more you learn about a topic, the thicker your dendrites become! The children have also been making 'kryptonite' crystals (the sort that weaken Superman's powers). To make these they have learned scientific words such as 'dissolving' and 'solution' as they added salt to water, to create saturated solutions in order to grow their salt crystals.

Our virtual tour of the school is now on the school website – you are welcome to take a look! We also want to say a big thank-you for the continued support we receive from volunteers and parent helpers during these difficult times.



Berkley First School

It feels strange writing to you without having had our annual Harvest Church service where we would normally see the parents squeezed in to every corner, waving at their lovely child or children. However, we still want to try and create this special feeling of togetherness. More importantly, we want our pupils to gain a sense of hope, thanks for our farmers and local workers, empathy for those in need and a willingness to make a difference. Therefore, we are having a farm to fork 'Harvest Challenge.' The pupil council have decorated a box ready for food donations; this will be kept outside our school gate. We cannot wait for the fun to begin: the children can make, create or bake, but they only have 2 hours to present something to myself and the office staff from the tray of vegetables presented to each bubble on the day. I am looking forward to seeing what the children wear on this day; maybe I will see a happy courgette or a courageous carrot! Pupils this year are being asked to donate to Fair Frome: this is an amazing resource in our local area. Maybe some pupils will present a crumble. I have already eaten my fair share recently, and with custard. Don't worry, I've been doing my daily exercises; we love to keep active here and IG sports keep us on our toes!

It has been a very busy term and I feel very proud of all my staff and pupils who have risen to the challenges of being in a COVID safe school. We hope our children

learn to be resilient and adaptable, and we strive to be a resilient school. We recently took part in a webinar, and being able to "bounce back" came up a lot. If we face these challenges with the ability to bounce back, and recognise our feelings, we will be able to manage and develop.

This links to spirituality as we reflect on ourselves, and we encourage pupils to do the same. Here are some of the things our pupils have been getting up to this term:

Reception children went out and about collecting items to make their own mini bug hotels. As part of their literacy, they made gingerbread men to take home after learning to tell the story. Our year 1 children created maps and went on a hunt; I think some of them were able to describe what they saw on their journey to school. The Y2 and 3, as part of their homework, had to visit a local woodland and sketch what they saw. I'm sure the teacher will enjoy sharing those in class. Finally, our year 3 and 4 have been engaged in learning about African tales. They have been able to read and share thoughts using our outside classroom whilst the weather has been dry.

You will already have had half term when reading this; I hope it was a fun-filled family time.

Take care of each other,

Suzanne Thompson
Headteacher

Standerwick, Berkley and Beckington W.I.

As the restrictions because of the Corona virus are still continuing, the committee split the membership list between them, and are contacting members to have a chat and make sure everyone is OK from time to time. It's nice to be able to talk and keep up to date with any developments. The felt workshop, due to take place at the beginning of October, was of course cancelled, but the tutor agreed to do a zoom meeting with any of the members that were due to attend, if anyone was interested. Our zoom meetings are continuing every 2 weeks. We may not be able to meet up in very small groups out in the gardens now that the weather has changed, but now autumn is here we can all appreciate the colours.

As it seems to be a very good year for apples, here is a recipe for an apple cake from one of our members.

Dunster Apple Cake

- 3ozs butter
- 6ozs caster sugar
- 1 orange rind, grated
- 1lb bramley apples, peeled, cored and cut into dice pieces,
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 8ozs self-raising flour

Grease and flour a 9inch cake tin. Cream butter, sugar and orange rind and beat until light and fluffy.

Mix 1 tablespoon of the flour with the apples in a dish. Add eggs and milk to the bowl with the creamed butter. Add remaining flour and apples to the creamed mixture and blend well with a metal spoon. Put in tin and cook at 350 degrees F, or gas 4 for 50 minutes or until brown. Serve hot or cold. Happy baking!

Marion Oxlade



Friends of St George's

regret that both the plant Sale advertised on Oct 10th and the Early Christmas Market for November 6th had to be cancelled.

There have been Preserves and Plants on sale, both in church and at 24 Bath Rd. Thanks to our supporters, £580 has been raised through these sales.

The Royal British Legion Beckington Branch

Our district POPPY APPEAL is taking place this year on a reduced scale, with no house-to-house collections and fewer than usual displays of poppies with collecting boxes in public places. Poppies will, however, also be available from displays organised by RBL at a national level in some supermarkets in the towns. Considering that coins in particular are currently much less in use, additional individual “paper” donations to the POPPY APPEAL will be most welcome.

Please consider writing a cheque or putting a note or two into an envelope, writing “Poppy Appeal Donation” on the outside, and delivering it by hand or post either to:

Beckington Motors, Bath Road, Beckington (BA11 6SW) – open Mon to Fri 9-5; or to **Beckington Cottage**, 20 Frome Road, Beckington (BA11 6TD; or by bringing it to the **Remembrance Day service at St. George’s**.

The envelopes will remain sealed and secure at these locations until mid-November when they will be collected and processed by a sub-committee of the branch.

The total result of the district’s Poppy Appeal for 2020 will be published in the December issue of Network.

Remembrance Sunday, November 8th

Remembrance this year will be as important as ever but will need to

be commemorated in a slightly different way as we seek to mark Remembrance 2020 with respect, dignity and safety.

St George’s Beckington will host a service at 10am, including an act of Remembrance at the WW1 memorial and concluding with a short act of Remembrance outside at the WW2 & Falklands Memorial, to include the two-minute silence at 11am. The laying of Wreaths will be recorded for circulation.

It will be possible for those not attending the service to attend the short open-air Remembrance at 10.55am. Congregation members, with the exception of members of the RBL and those with relatives who fell in WW2 or the Falklands, will be asked to remain inside church for the two-minute silence, which will be led from outside.

In order to comply with Covid-19 guidelines, please observe 2m social distancing from other individuals or household groups at all times, outside in the churchyard as well as indoors. Those inside the church need to wear face coverings and use sanitising gel.

In order to ensure that we can safely manage the numbers inside church, **if you wish to attend the service, please book places by contacting Maria Beaven by email, phone or text:**

maria.beaven@outlook.com
01373 830535 07940 420596

Please indicate your name, how many people you need places for, how many are in each household, and how many will need to go outside afterwards to join the WW2 & Falklands act of Remembrance.

We Will Remember 80 years on

This year we've been remembering the Battle of Britain, described by Winston Churchill in August 1940 as: 'One of the decisive battles of the war... never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.'

It was a dramatic turning point in the history of the Second World War. The occasions for Remembrance this month will provide us times of gratitude for what was achieved in the darkest moments of war.

However, this year we are very aware of our own struggles with the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. We face an unseen enemy, but the effects on our lives and society are almost as devastating as world war.

Remembering is not just about focusing on past events. It is also about making present past events, as we give thanks for all that took place. The Battle of Britain was fought by the Few and won in the skies over the Channel. In our battle with the virus, we can call to mind the victory of Jesus:

'Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.' (2 Timothy 2:8).

Jesus secured the victory of death by His cross and resurrection, so that we don't need to fear death,

but trust in His loving purposes for our lives.

Currently we can't see clearly what the future holds for us; it may be very different from what we might expect. However, we can pray for God's will to be done and that we will play our part, just as each of those airmen did so many years ago.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.'

Canon Paul Hardingham



Lives Remembered

WILLIAM and SUSAN BEALBY-WRIGHT died in old age within days of each other, earlier this year, at their home, Beckington Abbey, where they had lived for many years.

We remember the winter Sunday Afternoon concerts that Susan arranged where 100 people would crowd into the upstairs Waggon Room, enjoying top class musicians performing an eclectic mix of music and be served liquorice allsorts during the interval.

Susan was a professional violinist with many musical contacts and William was a talented painter, poet, and writer. He made many ornamental objects for the garden, and musical instruments including his famous “Cacofiddle” (a crude Double Bass with added bells and whistles) which brought wit and humour to their concerts. He even made a violin for Susan out of an olive oil tin and was then featured on the radio! He was a superb performer and many of us will remember sketches he wrote and performed in, for Village Music Hall: “The By-Pass” and “Churchyard Ghosts” were two notable examples. William was instrumental in the arrangements for the By-Pass street party in 1989... who can forget his “Wobbly-a-Saurus” jelly and story?

They were a talented, eccentric couple in many respects, and had been members of a renowned performing group “The Barrow Poets” in 1950s and 60s and

beyond. This music and poetry group regularly featured on radio and records.

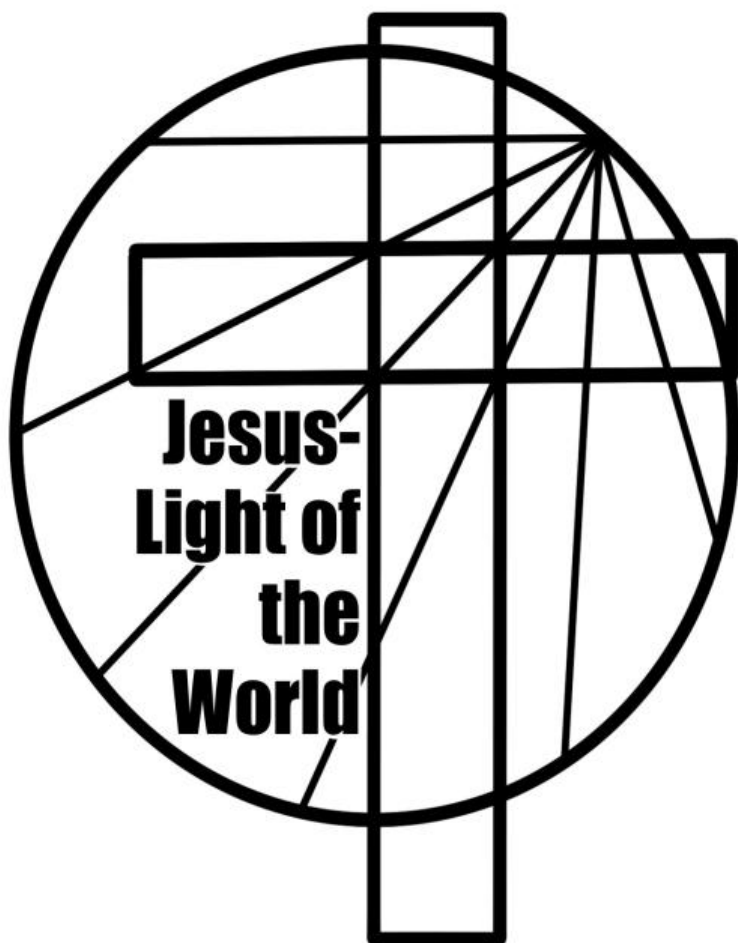
Susan’s very forthright manner was complimented by William’s more laid back and charming approach to life.

Another local resident **ERIC MARLOW** died recently having spent his retirement in Beckington. He lost his wife **Eileen** last year and they leave a son and a daughter.

Eric had a long career with Monsanto and worked in Brussels becoming a devout Europhile with a deep love and knowledge of classical music, good food and wine. In retirement he furthered his European studies with U3A Bath.

Eric worked for over 15 years at Frome Citizens Advice, as an expert on employment relations and tribunals, giving exceptional service. He was secretary for many years (also chairman) of The Patient Participation Group of our Beckington Family Practice. He played regular tennis with local friends and contemporaries and will long be remembered in the village for his hard work in setting up the Tennis Association and getting the courts built.

Eric’s very dry sense of humour was a joy to experience and he could take you to the best place for a bowl of mussels in Brussels!



YOUR GP SURGERY IS HERE FOR YOU

GP surgeries are open as usual but we have brought in some changes to make sure that patients and staff are kept safe.

When you need to see a clinician at the practice, please phone us first. Do not attend the practice in person without an appointment as this would compromise the safety for everyone.

If you do think that you may have any of the COVID symptoms i.e. high temperature, new persistent cough and loss of taste and smell, then you must self-isolate immediately and ask for a test. If someone you live with (or someone in your support bubble) gets symptoms again, you must also self-isolate immediately. To arrange a test, you should call NHS119 or visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

We have seen a big increase in demand for people who are contacting the practice for medical advice or treatment, alongside flu vaccinations and Covid-19, so it's good to know that there is a range of ways to get help:

- Call us on 01373 830006 to discuss a virtual (telephone or video) appointment
- Use our Patient Access online services or the NHS app to order repeat

prescriptions and check your symptoms (online booking of appointments is temporarily suspended)

- Detailed contact information and how to sign up for online services can be found on our website beckingtonfamilypractice.co.uk
- Call NHS 111 or go online to seek advice <https://111.nhs.uk/>
- Pharmacies can advise on a range of minor ailments or medication queries.

If you are choosing the phone, your GP surgery team are grateful for your patience and understanding. Dr Beaven explains:

“We are receiving a high volume of calls and enquiries at the moment. We know it can be frustrating waiting a long time on the phone, but please be reassured that every one of our patients is important to us and that you will get the help that you need. All of our contacts as doctors are by phone initially now, but if there is a clear need to see someone face to face then we will go on to arrange this. Doctors have always made 80% of their diagnoses from their patient's history (story) and we can also now arrange to view photographs or have video consultations using your mobile phone, if needed.

If you need urgent healthcare advice or treatment, please don't delay. Call or visit NHS 111 online, or in an emergency call 999.”

Green grow'th the Holly

A music manuscript from about 1515 and attributed to King Henry VIII has the words:

Green grow'th the holly,
So doth the ivy,
Though winter blasts ne'er so high
Green grow'th the holly.

The next three verses take us through spring, summer and autumn, so this is clearly not a Christmas carol, unlike the familiar 'The Holly and the Ivy'. What may not be known is that holly and ivy are two of the very few native evergreen trees, and in past times must have been especially popular in providing greenery during winter months.

With its shiny spiky dark green leaves, holly is surely one of the most easily recognised trees in this country. Though often bush like, holly can grow up to ten metres high with a straight trunk and pyramid shape. It is *dioecious*, meaning each tree is either male or female, explaining possibly why the one in your garden never has any berries!

Nowadays we associate holly with Christmas wreaths and garlands, cards and carols. Pre-Victorian times saw holly branches used as Christmas trees, with the spiky leaves representing Christ's Crown of Thorns and the red berries as drops of blood. Holly brought into the house was regarded as protection against evil spirits and as a refuge for good 'faeries' who

would guard the residents of the house in return.

It is interesting to note that where no person or animal brushes by a holly, the leaves lack all spines except the one at the tip. This includes upper leaves on mature trees. A bit like people – be nice and they won't be scratchy!

Back to 'Green grow'th the Holly'. The final verse ends:

The God of life can never die,
Hope! Saith the holly.

How wise. Where would we be without hope?

Kirsty Steele



Drawing Ruth King

Network Magazine is looking for articles on growing vegetables, flowers or other general garden related advice. Please send to beckington.network@gmail.com
Thank you.

People in the Parish

This month we have been talking to.... **Graham Hayward** our church organist

When did you start learning to play the organ & why?

"At the age of 7, I commenced learning & playing the piano and enjoyed it. When I was 13, I was encouraged to learn & play the organ. My music teacher at school was an organist who helped out with the organ at Rook Lane church in Frome, where she gave me organ tuition. I also received regular tuition on the organ at St John's Church, Frome. Both my parents had musical interests and gave me their full support."

How long have you been playing our church organs in Beckington & Berkley for?

"I have been associated with St George's church for over 40 years & St Mary's Berkley over 20 years."

Any distinguishing facts/points of interest about our organs?

"The organ in St George's was built in Frome by William Grant in 1891, was installed in Salisbury Corn Exchange in June 1891 then removed & used in Frome Market Hall in September 1891. It was once again removed, installed and used in Winchester Cathedral for a festival service in March 1893. Finally, purchased by Beckington Parish Council, it was installed in St George's in April 1893. In 1974, this fine instrument underwent cleaning & restoration by George

Osmond & Co of Taunton & a new pedal board was fitted.

The organ in St Mary's church Berkley was built by W.G.Vowles of Bristol in 1868. In 1995, this lovely instrument also underwent restoration work carried out by the Dean Organ Builders of Taunton. These fine organs are in the care of Henry Willis & Sons who tune & maintain them."

"I play these organs praising the Lord with great joy and with no regrets."

Briefly describe how the sound is created through the organ

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Graham Hayward & St George's organ in Beckington



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Mars was in the news recently as it was closer to the Earth than it had been for a long time and so was a good opportunity for astronomers to photograph it. Our Chairman of the Beckington Astronomy Society,

Steve Hill, took the attached image using his 10-inch Meade LX200 telescope. Steve said the 'seeing' was not very good. 'Seeing' is a term used by astronomers to say how clear the sky is. Haze, mist air, and light pollution all reduce the 'seeing' and the quality of images seen through the telescope.

If you have an outside light it will contribute to light pollution, particularly if some of the light shines above the horizontal - it is also wasted energy costing you in electricity! Mars was still very small, appearing less than 1/2 the size we see Jupiter at the present time. To give some idea of the challenge to image Mars, it is like trying to see a large house fly 100 yards away! Steve has had several of his images published in national Astronomy Magazines. In November, Mars is still visible in the South at about 9.00pm but is significantly dimmer than when this image was taken. We look forward to when our society meetings can again be held.

John Ball 830419



The Promise of Advent

Stir up our hearts, we beseech you, to prepare ourselves to receive your son. When He comes and knocks, may he find us not sleeping in sin, but awake to righteousness, ceaselessly rejoicing in His love.
May our hearts and minds be so purified, that we may be ready to receive His promise of eternal life.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary

29th November is the start of Advent. There will be an Advent Course commencing on Wednesday 25th November. This will include some online material that you can watch at home & a weekly Zoom meeting over 4 weeks to join with others. Look out for further details at St George's or contact Judith Craig on 830970 or wardens.beckington@gmail.com





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		Nov 15	10.00am BCP Matins
		Nov 22	10.00am Holy Communion
		Nov 29	10.00am Advent Sunday Holy Communion
St. Mary's Berkley		Nov 1	11.15am Holy Communion
		Nov 15	9.15am All Age Worship
All Saints Rodden		Nov 8	6.30pm Remembrance Sunday Evensong
		Nov 22	4pm Holy Communion
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- Dec 3 **W.I.** Kingdom of the Ice Bears

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