



Our annual Service of Remembrance takes place on Sunday 9th November at 9.45am followed by laying of wreaths at the town park War Memorial.

Welcome to the November edition of our monthly newsletter

If you are new to our church please do introduce yourself to our welcoming team and pick up a Connect Card from our welcome desk.

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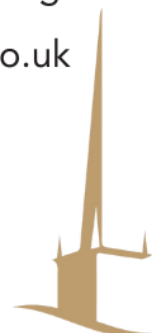
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Rector's Reflection



2025 marks a remarkable anniversary. It's 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea (325 AD), where the *Nicene Creed* was written. Well, almost. The form we recite on communion Sundays is actually the revised edition from 381, which is also known as the *Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed*. Even so, its roots lie in that first gathering of bishops called together by the Emperor Constantine to settle one of the biggest theological disputes of the early Church.

The question at the heart of that debate was this: *Who is Jesus Christ in relation to God the Father?*

Some argued that the Son was created by the Father and therefore not eternal, not equal with God. The bishops at Nicaea insisted otherwise. They affirmed that the Son is fully divine. He is "*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.*" He is not less than God, he is of the same being as the Father.

Why does that matter? Because it's about the very nature of our Triune God. The Creed encapsulates what Holy Scripture reveals about who God is. And because to say the Creed is to join our voices with generations of Christians who have confessed this truth together. It keeps us rooted in faith and united with the wider Church across time and space.



So next time you say those ancient words in worship, remember what they mean. And remember the long line of believers who have said them before you:

*"We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made."*

Jake

Services in November

** indicates livestreamed service*

Sunday 2nd November

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.45am Sunday Worship*

Readings: *Isaiah 1:10-18 Luke 19:1-10*

6.30pm Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service

Sunday 9th November

9.45am Remembrance Sunday Service*

Followed by laying of wreaths at the War Memorial

Readings: *Isaiah 2:1-5 Mark 13:3-8*

4.30pm Family Fellowship



Sunday 16th November

10.45am Sunday Worship (HC)*

Readings: *2 Corinthians 3:12-18 Hebrews 10:19-25*

6.30pm CATA Annual Celebration

Friday 21st November 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd November

10.45am Sunday Worship (HC)*

Readings: *1 Corinthians 2:1-5 John 20:24-31*

4.30pm Family Fellowship

Sunday 30th November

10.45am Sunday Worship (HC)*

Readings: *Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24.36-44*

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Please note there will be no Friday Morning Communion on the 7th November.

St James' November Diary



For all the latest updates go to www.stjamestrowbridge.co.uk/whats-on

Sat 1st	9.30am	Band Practice in Church
Sun 2nd	12noon	Quarter Peal Attempt
Mon 3rd	2.15pm 7.00pm	Monday Fellowship Group at Farleigh Avenue Monday Home Group in Church
Tues 4th	10.30am 11.00am	Fellowship and Crafts (Pat Doel's house) Goodson Lodge Service
Wed 5th	2.30pm	Mothers' Union Meeting in Church Hall
Sat 8th	9.30am 2.30pm	Who Let the Dads Out in the Church Hall Grandparents Tea
Sun 9th	12noon	Quarter Peal Attempt for Remembrance Sunday
Tues 11th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church
Wed 12th	2.30pm	Wednesday Homegroup in Church
Thurs 13th	6.30pm	Soup Run Duty
Fri 14th	7.00pm	YF Bonfire & Sausages Sizzle in the Rectory
Sat 15th	7.30pm	SDGR Devizes Branch Bell Practice
Mon 17th	2.15pm 7.00pm	Monday Fellowship Group at Farleigh Avenue Monday Home Group in Church
Tues 18th	10.30am 10.30am	Fellowship and Crafts (Pat Doel's house) Raleigh Court Service
Wed 19th	10.15am	Mothers' Union Prayers in Church
Thurs 20th	6.30pm 7.30pm	Soup Run Duty Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers Quarter Peal Attempt
Mon 24th	2.15pm	Monday Fellowship Group at Farleigh Avenue
Wed 26th	2.30pm	MU Advent Communion Service in Church Wednesday Home Group in Lansdown Room
Fri 28th	6.45pm 7.30pm	Ringling for Christmas Light Switch On Youth Fellowship
Sat 29th	9.00am 2.30pm	Church Prayer Meeting Bratton Silver Band 'The Snow Queen'



Coffee Corner: Monday, Wednesday & Saturday - 10am to 12noon

We pray for: Bob Hughes, Margaret Gilbert, Audrey Griffiths, Anne-Marie Glenn, Vic Fielding, Jeannette Worth, the Hamilton-Browns, Jan Shrapnell, Joanna Danak, Andrew, Richard Clarke, Kate Winfield and the family and friends of Mary Brooks. *Please let Clair know of names to be added or removed.*



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

On Wednesday 5th Nov we will meet in the Church Hall at 2.30 p.m. with guest speaker Katherine Bowhay from Dorothy House. We will meet in Church for prayers on Wednesday 19th November. *All Welcome.*

Coffee Corner: Mon, Wed & Sat **10.00am to 12.00 noon**

We currently have various gaps on the rota, pinned to the notice board in coffee corner, so do please have a look at this and add your name if you can help. Keeping the coffee corner open is an integral part of St James' ministry and outreach to our wider community.

Thank you - Richard & John



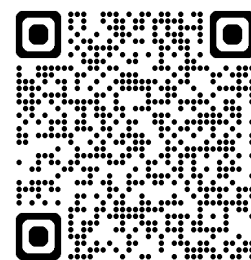
BELL NEWS: Quarter Peal attempts by the tower band are scheduled for November 1st and 9th and the Devizes Branch on the 23rd, all at 12 noon. The bells will be half muffled for ringing on Remembrance Sunday. There is the monthly Devizes Branch Practice on the 15th at 7.30pm. On the 20th there will be a Quarter Peal attempt by Members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers from 7.30pm.

We plan to ring for the evening Services on the 16th and 30th and the Christmas lights switch on at 6.45 on the 28th.

Bell Ringing practice takes place every Wednesday, **7pm until 9pm**



The bellringers now have their very own Facebook page filled with lots of facts about the bells and the history of the tower as well as dates and times of practices and scheduled ringing. You can follow them here [Friends of the Bells](#)



MONDAY OFFICE

A Short service of Morning Prayer on Mondays from 9 to 9.30am in church.

CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

Our Church Prayer Meeting for November will take place at 9am on Saturday 29th
All Welcome.

PRAYER DIARY

Our new look, revised prayer diary is nearly ready for printing and should, hopefully, be out for distribution in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you all for your patience with this and a huge thank you to Barbara and Pauline for your help and that of the LPAs

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
Ephesians 6:18



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Bras for Cancer Research

My "over shoulder boulder holder ladies" have donated 25 kilos of Bras to cancer research, and I have finally managed to get them sent off. 5 Boxes of bras, 5kg in each one, well done everyone. In addition I think the scrap metal people are going to have a field day as well. LOL You can all work that one out for yourselves.!! Anne Coates

Bratton Silver Band presents

The Snow Queen



**The classic tale, reimagined
with music and magic!**



2:30pm Sat 29th November
St James' Church
Trowbridge
www.bebb.org.uk

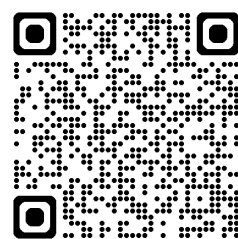
Saturday 29th November

St James' Church, Trowbridge

Doors Open at 2.00pm performance starts at 2.30pm. Tickets £5 per adults, 17 and under free.

Bratton Silver Band invites you and your family to a magical retelling of the classic Snow Queen story, the story that inspired Disney's Frozen. Brought to life with thrilling music and enchanting visuals projected over the band.

Book your tickets online by clicking the using the QR code or by clicking the image or [here](#)



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



Advent Communion Service

Wednesday 26th November
2.30pm in Church



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Advent Carol Service

Sunday 30th November
6.30pm

Ever feel like something's missing?

Find the life you're looking for.
Find life in Jesus.

Over the coming months, churches around the country will be taking part in an initiative called Passion for Life, and we're joining in. Many people up and down the country are realising that they are missing something, like a clock without hands or a tennis racket without strings. Please be praying for this initiative as it takes shape, and we try to point the precious people of Trowbridge to the God who can provide the missing pieces in our lives. We'll provide more details in the near future.

Open Doors



IDOP

International Day of Prayer
for the Persecuted Church

Saturday 15 November



Saturday 15th November is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Open Doors invites each one of us to join in prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters. They are holding a 12 hour Prayer vigil at their office in Witney, Oxfordshire on that date but if you can't make it don't let it stop you praying! The final hour, focusing on Mission and Unity will be available online. If you need ideas for prayer, visit the Open Doors website for further info on Arise Africa, India and The Next Generation.

OUR CHARITY FOCUS

FOR NOVEMBER IS

Storehouse

Foodbank

Thank you so much for the generous and varied donations for the foodbank which were donated at the Harvest Festival. It

took my husband and I two trips with full shopping trolleys to transport the thirty-four bags across to the foodbank, for which they were very grateful.

This month sees the launch by the Storehouse food bank of their 'All Wrapped Up' Christmas project. Eighty Christmas Hampers will be given to families in need so that they can enjoy some of the food and other 'treats, that we tend to take for granted at this time, but could be one expense too many for some struggling families.

If you would like to find out more about this cause or would like to support this by donating towards the cost of a hamper, either talk to me, click on the picture below or scan the QR Code.

You can also support 'All Wrapped Up' by putting Christmas treats in the Foodbank box, such as tubs of snacks, boxes or tins of Christmas biscuits, tubs of sweets, selection boxes etc.

The foodbank will still need the day to day items such as loo rolls, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned meals etc. Thank you for your continued support of this important work in our community. Ann Cook

Prayer Point: *Please pray for all those who are struggling financially and need to use the foodbank, especially leading up to Christmas. Let us remember all those who volunteer and pray that they keep*

energised and healthy so they can continue their good work. Also pray that we will give generously and cheerfully remembering all we have comes from you.



Children & Families



Join us on Saturday 8th November. The topic is 'Praying for our Grandchildren' with guest speakers Martyn and Angela Thompson. Together they run a thriving Grandparenting ministry in the Northamptonshire area, and are about to publish a book on praying for Grandchildren. Whether you've thought about this topic before, or it's new to you, we'd love you to see you there.

GRAND PARENTS

Afternoon Tea



Saturday 8th November
2.30 - 4.30pm
St James' Church

with guest speakers
Martyn & Angela Thompson
Topic: Praying for your Grandchildren

Contact Nick Lambert to book:
nick@stjamestrowbridge.co.uk
Or scan the QR code



WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Saturday
8th November

Toys for the Kids, Tea, Coffee & Great Food,
St James Parish Church Hall 9.30 - 11am



CALLING ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN



EVERY 2ND, 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH SUNDAY
TERM TIME - ONLY
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Wednesdays 10-11.30
in St James' Church Hall

St James' Church Trowbridge

Christmas Tree Festival

Tuesday 2nd to Saturday 6th December 2025
Open daily 10am until 5pm (4pm on Saturday)



All Welcome - Free Admission
Refreshments available



St Leonard's Keevil



Sunday 2nd November

9.15am Sunday Worship

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-3 Luke 4:16-21

Sunday 9th November

11.00am Remembrance Service

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 Mark 13:3-8

Sunday 16th November

9.15am Sunday Worship (HC)

Readings: TBC

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Coming up this month at St Leonard's

RAISE (funds for) THE ROOF! Friday 14th November

A concert in St Leonard's Church with **Andrew Rumsey** - aka the Bishop of Ramsbury - at 7pm (doors 6.30pm). Wine /soft drinks bar and raffle - cash only please. Tickets £10 in advance or £12.50 on the door. from Rachel and Tony Howe 01380 870661 racheltony19@gmail.com Let your friends and family know, all invited!



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