

The Good Shepherd Church
Park Road Loughborough
November Focus 2017

As I write this, I am looking at the clock, seeing 7.30pm, and realising that the lamp on my desk has been switched on since about 4pm! The nights are drawing in fast now and by the time you read this, we will have put the clocks back to enable us to have more light early in the mornings, so that we can rush headlong into the busyness of the day I suppose.

We put so much store these days in being able to do things quickly, and supposedly, more efficiently, regardless of the consequences for others. Changing the clocks backwards and forwards is just part of what we do in this country every March and October and have been doing since 1916, losing an hour of sleep in spring and gaining it back in autumn. It is all to do with saving the hours of daylight, and was started by a London builder, William Willett (no relation - he's missing an s at the end of his name anyway!!). He first proposed the idea of British Summer Time in 1907 in a pamphlet entitled 'The Waste of Daylight'. Willett had noticed that bright summer mornings' light was wasted while people slept, and that the time could be better utilised later in the afternoon if clocks were moved forward. After campaigning for years, the British Government finally adopted the system a year after Willett's death.

Spare a thought for the staff of the Royal Houses. They will spend over 50 hours adjusting over 1000 clocks spread across the official residences of The Queen. Following months of planning, staff at Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh start work in the early hours of the morning to ensure that the time is set accurately. There are 379 timepieces at Windsor Castle, 500 at Buckingham Palace and 80 at the Palace of Holyroodhouse including organ clocks, astronomical clocks, musical clocks and mechanical clocks.

But what a lot of confusion it brings too, cows, for instance, must surely get very confused over milking times, and then like the Queen we all have those clocks and timed gadgets that need to change - how long does that take us- all to take advantage of extra light, but do we really need it? Well, there are many arguments for and against to be honest but I do know that we would all benefit more if we all knew the real 'light of the world'.

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. If you follow me you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life'. John 8.12

So as the nights draw in; will you walk with Jesus, will you allow him to show you how to cope with not only the physical darkness of night but the other things that from time to time make life seem dark and difficult? November is a time for remembering the past, with Bonfire Night and Remembrance Sunday as well as All Souls', but it's also the time to prepare for the new liturgical year as on 3 December we will move into the season of Advent, so will you prepare to meet again with the Light of the world who comes that we might live our lives without any fear of the dark?

Sue

PS Keep a watch out too for information about things happening in December so you can save the dates in your diaries!

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November 2017 News, Views and Calendar

Church Services in November Every Sunday Morning

8am

Holy Communion Traditional Prayer Book
(BCP)

10am Services

Nov 5th Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Nov 12th **Remembrance Sunday and
Morning Worship**
Nov 19th Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Nov 26th Morning Worship

Morning Prayer

Each Monday and Friday 8.45am link Room.

Parish Breakfast

November 26th at 8.45am

Sunday Prayer Meeting

Nov 12th at 4pm.

Every Wednesday Morning

9.30am

Holy Communion (said)

Thursday Ladies' study group

2-3.30pm Please
contact Jackie for
details 01509
212207. New
members Welcome.



**The next
Messy Church
Will be on November
18th at 4.30pm**

Stage Group Panto.

Nov 30th till Dec 2nd.
7.30 pm. Matinee
Saturday Dec 2nd
2.30pm.
Only a few tickets left

Toddler Group

Toddler Group meets
each Friday 10 –
11.30am

Wednesday Friendly meets at 2.30pm

Nov 1st
Nov 8th
Nov 15th NO MEETING
Nov 22nd
Nov 29th
Please ask for details
for the Christmas lunch
6th December

Christian Aid Lunch

Please see
noticeboard for
details



Service of Light & Remembrance. December 10th 4pm.

More details to
follow next month.

Thank You.

Brian Cockain would like to say a big thank you for all of the cards, Prayers and wishes sent to him following the passing of dear Joyce. He found them all of great comfort. He also says thank you for all the help and support that is being given to him at this time.

Radio Leicester "Sing Christmas"

This will be held on **December 18th**
**commencing at 6.45pm – 8pm in the
Church Hall.** We will be serving mince pies
and mulled wine, teas and coffee. During
the evening we will have a cake stall and
will be selling raffle tickets for the Grand
Raffle. This is opportunity to get into the
Christmas atmosphere when we will sing
carols broadcast by Radio Leicester from
their studio along with presenters from
locations around the county. Please do
come along, and have an enjoyable evening.

Christmas Coffee Shop.

This year by way of a change we are going to
hold a Coffee Morning / Coffee Shop on
November 25th 10am till noon. At this event
we will be holding a cake and provisions stall,
Christmas crafts and launching the grand
Christmas raffle, which this year will be drawn
on December 18th at the Sing Christmas Event.
Donations of cakes and preserves for the stall,
along with items for the grand raffle would be
welcomed. Please see the list in the Vestibule.
Come along and have a chat with people who
will drop in.

This is the final
fund raising opportunity
for the year.



Children's Society Boxes.

Once again it is the time of the year for boxes
to be emptied. Please bring them along During
December. Thank You.