

## Notices for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

### Prayer for the nation



Loving God,  
at this time of crisis  
when so many are suffering,  
we pray for our nation and our world.  
Give our leaders wisdom,  
our Health Service strength,  
our people hope.  
Lead us through these parched and  
difficult days  
to the fresh springs of joy and comfort  
that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are encouraging us to make this time of lockdown a time of prayer. The letter that they have written to the nation is included separately in this mailing.

They have suggested a weekly cycle of prayer with a particular focus for each day:

<b>Day of the week</b>	<b>Daily theme</b>
Sunday	Family, friends and loved ones
Monday	Schools and colleges, children and young people
Tuesday	Elderly, isolated and vulnerable
Wednesday	Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing
Thursday	The NHS and other key workers
Friday	National and local governments
Saturday	All who are grieving and all suffering with physical & mental ill-health

We are all being encouraged to pause to pray for five minutes (or more) at 6 pm each day. You might find it helpful to set an alarm to remind you!

If you can do so safely, you might like to light a candle at this time and place it in your window as a sign of hope and encouragement.

In the first week there will be a video each day at 6pm on the Archbishops' social media channels calling for this collective prayer.

There are specific prayers and other resources which you may find helpful on the Church of England website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

## **Worshipping together on weekdays during lockdown**

A reminder that Morning Prayer takes place each Wednesday on Zoom at 9.00am.

If you would like to join us, please let me know (contact details below) and I will send you details.

## **Interfaith Week 2020** Sunday 8 - Sunday 15 November.

Please pray for the various events which are taking place and for a deeper understanding between different groups.

The aims of Inter Faith Week are to:

- Strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels.
- Increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society.
- Increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs.

**Next Sunday**      **15<sup>th</sup> November**      **Second Sunday before Advent**

### **10.45am**      **Holy Communion (Common Worship)**

Readings: I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

### **6pm**      **Evensong**

Readings: I Kings 1:15-40; Revelation 1:4-18