



South Cotswold Team Ministry  
**Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025**

#### Clergy

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### SERVICES

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

**10.50 am Remembrance Service**

(or 10.30am outside the Hyperion House Nursing Home)

Sidespeople: Michelle Harris, Jilli Connell, Heather Gorton

*No Coffee*

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - 5.00 pm Community Prayers

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

10.50am at the War Memorial – Act of Remembrance

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - 10.30 am Holy Communion

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

10.00 am Common Worship Holy Communion

Sidespeople: Eleanor Toby and Jilli Connell

Readings: Sally Salter

Intercessions: Ruth Blackwell

Offertory: Fiona Gilroy

Prayer Rota: Ann Nicholl and Val Trafford

*Coffee: Sarah Bottomley and Carol Thompson*

**From Rev'd Caroline - [carolinesymcox@googlemail.com](mailto:carolinesymcox@googlemail.com), 01285 712467**

Reading for Sunday: John 15.12-17

Our November season of remembrance comes to one of its key points this weekend, as we gather for the solemn occasion of Remembrance Sunday. This has always been an important part of the life of the church since it was instituted in 1919, the year after WWI, or the Great War, as it was then known, ended on Armistice Day, the 11<sup>th</sup> November. But it feels as if this occasion has grown in national recognition over the last few years, with more people noticing and marking this call to remember.

I'm sure a great deal of ink has been spilled as to why this should be. Locally, it feels as if this day is a touchstone – a moment carved out in time, in the busyness of peoples' daily lives – to connect with the reality and importance of death and sacrifice. This is a good thing. Modern life is a mass of contradictions, as we wrestle with our identity in a world of technology and mass information. It's possible for us to simultaneously be bombarded with news that makes us feel completely under siege, and at the same time be cocooned in our own bubble, untouched by things we don't want to see or hear.

Remembrance Sunday cuts through that. Like a magnet dropped onto a plate of iron filings, we see how it catches and alters the paths of peoples' everyday lives. It places the concept of death and remembrance in front of us in a way we simply cannot ignore or bypass.

This year is also a significant year – 80 years since the end of the Second World War, and all the horrors that brought into the world and the lives of people, military and civilian, who lived through that time. There have been many conflicts since, and violence continues to touch the lives of so many people around the world, and so we remember them too. We give thanks for the sacrifice of the fallen, and offer our own prayer and commitment that we, and the whole human race, may turn aside from violence and seek the greater good.

We remember, so that we might not forget. So that we might not repeat. So that our eyes might be opened to the world around us, to the fragility of human life, and the preciousness of it.

Let's take that time, hold it close, and let that remembrance take root.

*Rev'd Caroline*

This coming week we will only be having Zoom Morning Prayer on Saturday, due to scheduling issues. Please join us on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9am using the link and information below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82168687276?pwd=bLnz9hVRNO4EPnfoDIgy0IDWz50W1C.1>

Meeting ID: 821 6868 7276

Passcode: 829504

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My office hours are 10.00 to 1.00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I am also continuing to work from home so you can contact me at either the office or home. The office is closed on Mondays and Michelle will be in on Fridays from 10.00 to 12.00.

If you are sending in your articles, photos etc. for the bumper copy at the end of the month I will need them by 12 noon on the last Wednesday of the month. For the weekly newsletter I would still like articles in by Wednesday midday.

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**Please remember the following in your prayers:**

**Those who are ill:** Grace Slack, Hannah, Laurence Burgess, David and Glynnis Langley

**Those who have died:** Ronald Cole, Mike Gray

## **PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

### **Community Prayers**

All are welcome to come and pray together for the world, the nation and our community along with any prayer requests that are placed in our prayer box in the Lady Chapel. We meet every Monday at 5pm for 30 minutes in the Chancel. Please use the north door.

*(Please also note we do not always meet on Bank Holidays, please check notices above for clarification)*

For further details contact Rev'd Canon Denise Hyde  
[denisehyde15@gmail.com](mailto:denisehyde15@gmail.com)

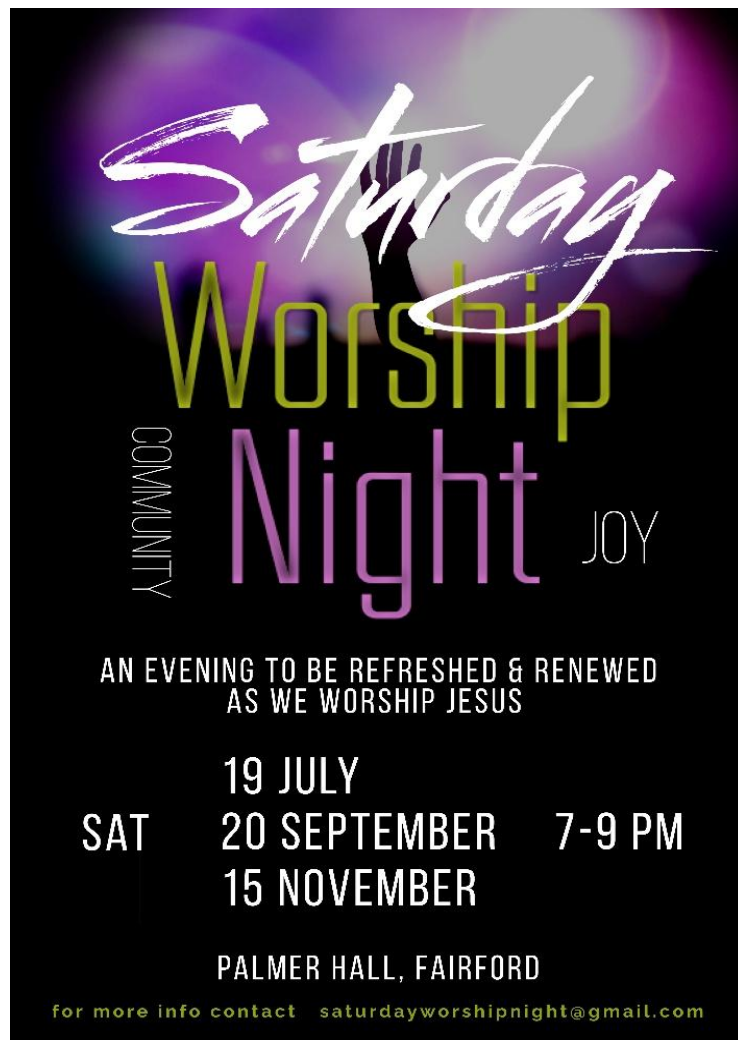
### **Prayer/Thought for the Week**

Don't lose your peace!

Next time you get all worked up, ask yourself, what is the enemy trying to do? His plan is to spoil your peace.

Lord, we remember with sadness the horrors of war, help us to work to a better understanding between races and nations. Open our eyes to see our own part in discord and aggression between people now. Forgive us our pride and divisions, and renew in us the search for peace so that trust may replace suspicion, friendship replace fear, and your spirit of reconciliation be known among us.

We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN



## NOTICES

### Date for your Diary

- 10.50 am Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Short Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Geoff and Hope Price will be speaking to us about their recent visit to Rwanda. Geoff will preach at the 10am Communion Service, and both he and Hope will lead us through a presentation in the Community Centre during coffee after the service.
- Mike and Alison Godsall are having their Advent Drinks Party on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon in the Farmor Room. More details later

### Used Cards

Thank you for all those who have donated their used Cards to The Cobalt Unit. They continue to be very grateful for all cards. If you have any, Birthday; Thank you; New House etc. – they can be recycled to raise funds for The Cobalt Unit to help diagnose Cancer and Dementia. Please put your cards (there is no need to cut off the written bit as they put a cover over this) in The Paper Recycling box in The Corpus Christi Chapel in St Mary's Church Fairford. *Thank you in anticipation. Carol Thompson*

## **Brass Cleaning**

For many years Wendy Graham has been cleaning the brass with other volunteers. In the last year or so she has found that she is the only cleaner left and understandably finds it too much on her own. Are there any willing 'cleaners' who would be happy to take over from Wendy? If you would like to help please contact the office (712611).

Very many thanks to Wendy who has bravely continued to clean the brass on her own as people have dropped out. It always looks beautifully clean and shiny.

## **Items for Ukraine**

The people taking a van to Ukraine no longer have room for bedding, clothing or shoes. They are VERY grateful for all the items on the blue poster here. We will continue to take them to the Ukrainian Church in Gloucester who are transporting them to Ukraine. If you have a question about any other items, please phone us on 0779 555 4102

Thank you.

*Geoff & Hope*

**Advance Notice - The Fairford Christmas Day Lunch** will of be taking place as usual in the Community Centre on - no surprises! - 25th December.

Further information and contact details will be available towards the end of October.

*Amanda and Mervyn Cully*

**Fairford & District Choral Society Christmas Concert** will be held at 7pm on Saturday 29 November at St Mary's Church, Fairford. The choir will be performing Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols accompanied by Reuben West on the harp. The choir will be joined by Fairford Primary School to perform Wassail by Alexander L'Estrange. The Musical Director will be Nia Llewelyn Jones. Tickets are £15 and available from Fairford Opticians.

## **Music at St. Mary's - update**

An evening of Schubert with Roderick Williams OBE and the Carducci String Quartet held on 23rd September at St. Mary's Church, Fairford

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this wonderful concert. To hear the Carducci perform once more in St. Mary's Church was already a gift, the value of which increased considerably with the addition of Roderick Williams' beautiful voice.

St. Marys was one of only eight venues across the UK to perform this interpretation of Schubert's "die schöne Müllerin" and our wonderful acoustics and the intimacy of the setting made it truly magnificent. Roderick Williams expertly involved the audience in the story of the lovestruck young miller and swept us along by involving us intimately in every twist and turn of the folly of young love.

The entire event made £6,695.50 and will contribute just shy of £3,500 after costs once all monies have been collected.



We plan to play host to a series of musical concerts this year to raise money and the profile of our beautiful church.

**29th November** – Fairford & District Choral Society Winter Concert  
(see poster)

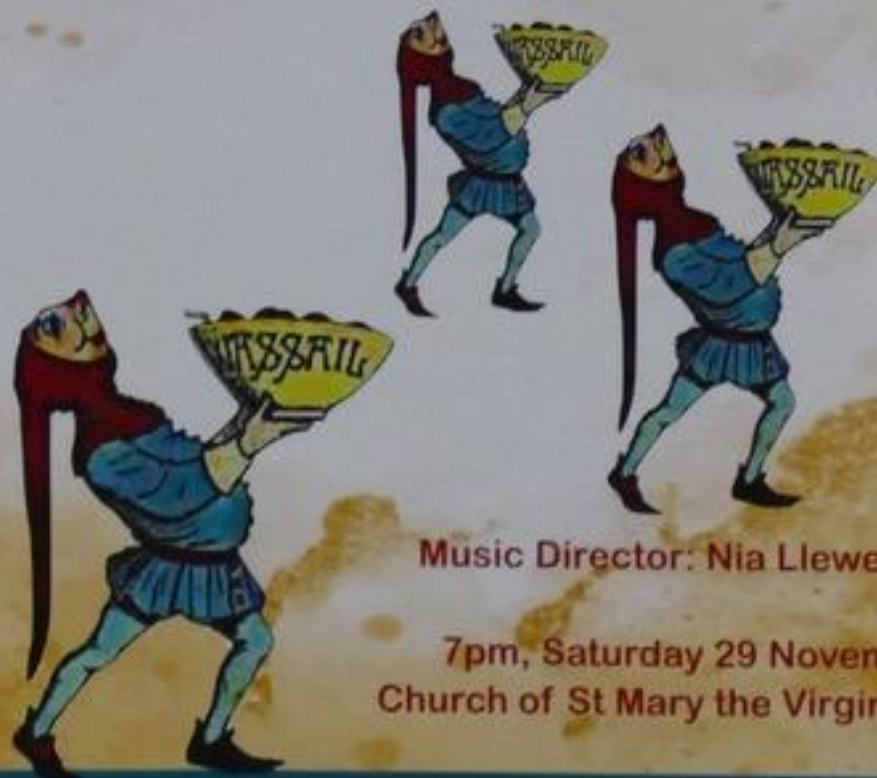
**13<sup>th</sup> December** - Coln Choir Concert (see poster)

This is an exciting programme, and it needs good organisation. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help make these events a success. If you would like to help with making these concerts a success in raising money for the church. Please speak to a member of the PCC to find out more or to express an interest. Your PCC members are (in order alphabetical): Doug Crowley, Jackie Cullum, Fiona Gilroy, Alison Godsal, Sheila Hughes, Jane Emma Peerless, Meg Ralph, David Salter, Michael Vann

*Benjamin Britten*  
*Ceremony of Carols*

*Alexander L'Estrange*  
*Wassail! Carols of Comfort & Joy*

**FAIRFORD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY**  
with the choir of Fairford Primary School  
& accompanying musicians

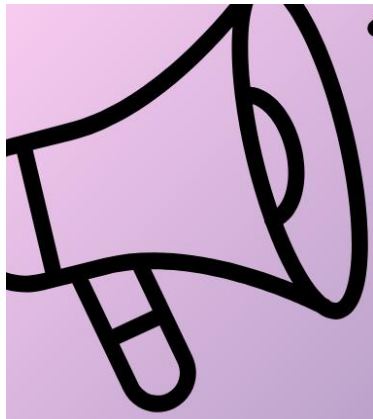


**Music Director: Nia Llewelyn Jones**

**7pm, Saturday 29 November 2025**  
**Church of St Mary the Virgin, Fairford**

**Tickets: £15, under 18s £5**

**Available from Fairford Opticians, High Street, Fairford,  
01285 713313. Also available on the door.**



# BIG NEWS



The Warm Welcome Room & Warm Working Space is back from 1<sup>st</sup> of October but also a Quiet Corner café every Wednesday from 3<sup>rd</sup> October!



**WARM WELCOME ROOM IS BACK**


When: Every Monday, Tuesday and pop ups on certain Fridays!  
10am-2pm.

Help yourself to refreshments-FREE!  
From 1st October until 1st March.

Where: Fairford Community Centre, High Street, Heritage Room.

Also available a Warm Working Space - this is designed for people working from home to come and be in a community space. Please book for desk space!


FREE EVENTS AND SPACE!  
Contact Mary Ann for more information 07555738138



LISTENING SUPPORTING CONNECTING


**QUIET CORNER CAFÉ**

A calmer space inspired by the success of our Talking Café




Fairford Community Centre  
Barker Room



Every Wednesday  
10.30am - 12 noon



**What is it?**

A welcoming café designed for those who enjoy company in a quieter, gentler setting. No loud crowds, just friendly faces and peaceful conversation.



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Stratford Theatre Company proudly present

# Three Men in a Boat

(No sex nothing of the dog)

adapted from the hilarious book by Jerome K. Jerome

Starring Giles Shenton

(Old Herbaceous & Much Ado About Taxtuff)

"the nearest thing  
I've heard to  
audio slapstick"

"seriously funny"  
The Guardian

"a masterclass in  
stagecraft &  
delivery"

"95 mins of  
pure delight"

"amazing, energetic  
& totally engaging"

"timeless appeal"  
The Independent

"Giles Shenton draws us into his world making the characters so  
real you feel you have known them forever"

Edinburgh Fringe Review

## Quenington Village Hall

### Sat 15 Nov 2025 7.30pm £15

Quenington, Gloucester GL7 5B3

Tickets from [queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com) or Cole Community Store

or online at [www.buytickets.at/gileshentonsproductions](http://www.buytickets.at/gileshentonsproductions)

[www.stratfordtheatrecompany.org.uk](http://www.stratfordtheatrecompany.org.uk)



Tickets are available from Val Trafford.  
Raising funds for Quenington Village Hall

Fairford United Church invites you to a

# Coffee Morning and Jigsaw Sale

**Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 10–12 noon**  
**at the Hidden Church in Milton Street**



**Donations to MSAVLC**

**Medical and Scientific Aid to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia**

# FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025**  
**at 3pm**



Peter and Mary Lidgard, John and Lynn Firth, and Jenny Gold formerly of Fairford and Susmita Ghosh – trustees.

## **Medical and Scientific Aid for Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.**

**Peter and Mary Lidgard  
will speak of their work with the charity.**

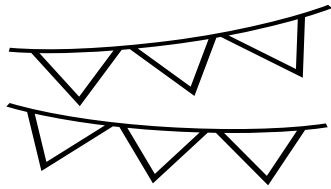


The charity provides aid, supplies and equipment health related organizations in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia focusing particularly on children and affected by poverty and war.

**Tea and cakes will be provided.**

**Please join us**

**No ticket required. Contacts are Rachel Emmerson 01451 844532:  
Jane Pitts on 01285 712718 or Chris Watson on 01285 713003**



# CRAFT & CAKE

You're invited to come and buy handmade crafts and cake!

All sales support local charity

**HELP MADINA**

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November



2 - 4pm



Fairford Community Centre

Free entry for everyone!

Charity Raffle      Cash sales

**See you there – don't miss out!**



**Fairford United Church  
Presents a 'Christmas Concert'  
Featuring:  
'The Swindon Male Voice Choir'  
Saturday 6 December @ 15.00  
Tickets £10, to include Tea and  
Cake afterwards, from:  
Brian Routledge 01285 712853/  
07712100386**





Please join Coln Choir  
and friends for

**'Tis the season**  
*a concert of songs and carols*

DECEMBER **13** AT 7.00 PM

St Mary's Church,  
Fairford

Tickets £10  
available on door or from  
[mandyrambaut@gmail.com](mailto:mandyrambaut@gmail.com)

All profits to Fairford and Lechlade  
League of Friends  
and Mindsong  
*please bring cash  
for raffle and refreshments*

