November 2026

Together in Wotton

Christians worshipping and working together in Wotton under Edge

Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 8th November

Seating from 11.15am, service will start after parade is seated (lasting approx. 45mins)



Our Service of Remembrance will take place **after**

The Act of Remembrance at War Memorial

(The service could start anytime from 11.30am)

Collection during the service will be for

We will remember them

Remembrance Day

The Service of Remembrance on Sunday 8 November will be lead by Revd Canon Jane Kenchington, with Revd Jimmy Cullingford giving the address.

And a poem for remembrance day written in 1996 (when mostly it *was* 'men') by eleven year old Jodie Johnson after seeing a service of Remembrance in Aldershot and was published by the Kensington Regimental Association

Who are these men who march so proud
Who quietly weep, eyes closed, head bowed.
These are the men who once were boys
Who missed out on youth and all it's joys.

Who are these men with sorrowful lookWho can still remember the lives that were took.
These are the men who saw young men die,
The price of peace is always high.



Who are these men with aged faces
Who silently count the empty spaces.
These are the men who gave their all
Who fought for their country, for freedom for all.

These are the men who in the midst of pain
Whispered comfort to those who would not see again.
These are the men whose hands held tomorrow,
Who brought back our future through blood, tears and sorrow.

Who are all these men who promise to keep
Alive in their hearts the ones God holds asleep?
These are the men to whom I promise again
Veterans, my friends, I WILL REMEMBER THEM.





Sunday 1st Nov

3pm

Remember those that you have loved & lost with prayer and lighting of a candle.

If you would like a name of a loved one read out during the service, contact the office, by Wednesday 29th October 01453 842175 or office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk

St. Mary's Church

The Wall of Remembrance will be re-dedicated after the service

There will be tea & cake after the service

Christmas Bazaar

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
10am - 12pm

CHRISTMAS GOODIES, BOTTLE STALL, RAFFLE, CAKE STALL, FESTIVE HAMPER DRAW AND MORE

AT OLIVER MEMORIAL CHAPEL, THE GREEN, SYNWELL







Proceeds to the chapel flower guild & local charities



PLACES TO TRY THIS NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2026

MEN'S SHED: KEEPERS
Wednesday 11 November, 10am to 12 noon
Wednesday 9 December, 10am to 12 noon
www.thekeepers.org.uk

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Saturday 28 November, 8.30am
Full English, All Welcome, Wotton Baptist Church
vince@wottonbaptist.org.uk

MIND INFO HELPLINE 0300 123 3393
UK.MOVEMBER.COM/MEN-S-HEALTH/SPOT-THE-SIGNS
SAMARITANS 24/7 116 123

Churches Together in Wotton
The Keepers

www.wottonbaptist.org.uk
www.wottonparishchurch.org.uk
www.thekeepers.org.uk

"We aspire to live life in all its fullness (John 10:10) and to enable others to do the same." (Matthew 22:37-39)

As we begin our journey through this school year, it has been wonderful to see our theologically rooted Christian vision continue to come to life across so many aspects. At Blue Coat C of E Primary School, we seek to provide opportunities for every child to flourish academically, socially, spiritually and emotionally, while encouraging them to support and uplift those around them. As school leaders, we have been busy developing a personal development and well-being strategy based on this to ensure our pupils are ***"Future Ready!"***

This month, one of our collective worships focused on seeing God within our curriculum. Together, we explored how God's creativity, wisdom and love can be recognised through the subjects we learn every day.





OPAL Play and Code Club

Whether discovering the wonders of the natural world in science, appreciating beauty and expression through art, or understanding people's stories and experiences in history and geography, pupils reflected on how learning helps us better understand God's world and our place within it. These discussions encouraged curiosity, gratitude and a deeper appreciation of the gifts and talents that God has given each of us.

We have also celebrated a growing enthusiasm for mathematics through a lively Times Tables Rock Stars assembly. Learning times tables may seem like a small step, but these essential skills provide children with greater confidence and success in mathematics. It was fantastic to see pupils encouraging one another and sharing in each other's aspirations, reflecting our commitment to helping everyone fulfil their potential.

Another exciting development has been the launch of our new Coding Club for Key Stage 2 pupils. This opportunity allows children to develop valuable digital skills, problem-solving abilities and creativity through programming activities. The club has already generated great excitement, with pupils receiving a badge – a huge thanks to Mrs Dougall for leading this. Opportunities such as these helps prepare our children for the future while nurturing their confidence and curiosity.



Deputy Head Mr Glen Bickle is a TT Rock Star!

Of course, our school vision is also evident every day through our outstanding OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision. The creativity and joy seen during playtimes continue to demonstrate the positive impact of outdoor learning. Children are building dens, creating imaginative worlds, solving problems together and developing friendships across year groups, all while enjoying the wonders of God's creation.

As we reflect on the month, we are incredibly proud of the many ways our children continue to embrace opportunities, support one

another and grow in confidence. Through worship, learning, play and enrichment activities, we remain committed to helping every child live life in all its fullness and enabling others to do the same.

Glen Bickle

Deputy Head







The Ark

Advent calendars, calendar cards and candles are on sale now.

We are selling packets of Christmas cards – Leprosy Mission, Compassion, Transform Trade, Tearfund.

Also, pop up cards & various individual cards. Gifts available soon.

Come and see us at The Ark, 45, Long Street, W-u-E. All welcome.

Mon- Fri: 9am-12 midday & Thurs/Fri: 2.30pm-4.30pm
Sat 9.30am - 12.30pm

Next in the **Wotton Concert Series**: Tenebrae Choir on 21 Nov

Dryleaze Saturday Club

10 October 2026

The October Meeting of the Club was held on a golden Autumn afternoon in the Lounge at Dryleaze House. The opening hymn gave thanks for “all God's gifts around us” at this time and a reading from the Psalms enjoined us to “sing a joyful song to the Lord”.

This the Meeting proceeded to do - thanks to the able assistance of the Morning Choir. It was a great pleasure to welcome them again for another visit. They regaled us with a variety of songs, some familiar, others not. Some of the multi part arrangements were not easy to sing but the Choir tackled them with aplomb and made them sound easy and very tuneful. A most enjoyable afternoon.

In the absence of two of the Ladies usually responsible for arranging the Meeting several “auxiliary “ helpers came to lend a hand. They served the refreshments. These as usual consisted of a variety of cakes and tea breads and the welcome cup of tea.

A Member's forthcoming birthday was celebrated with the customary card, cake and candle and a salute from the piano.

It was understood that a letter of thanks had been received from “The Keepers” for the Harvest contributions sent from the September Meeting.

Thank you to everyone involved in any way in the afternoon's arrangements including the “regular” Ladies, the “auxiliary” helpers and, not least, the Members of the Morning Choir who contributed so much to the afternoon.

Mary George

Holy Communion at Dryleaze House

There will be a Communion Service in the Lounge at Dryleaze House at 11am on 18 November, Everyone welcome to this quiet reflective half hour of hymns, prayers and readings, and thoughts of families and friends. Holy Communion will be available to those who wish to receive it.

The next Saturday Club

The next Saturday Club will be at 2.30pm on Saturday 14 November and will include a short Remembrance Service

Winter Charities Fair

The 31st Charities Fair will be held at the Civic Centre on Saturday, 21 November, 10 - 4 pm. This year we have 15 charities, including the delightful 1st Woodend Scouts who serve the refreshments with dedication and enthusiasm! There's always a lovely positive atmosphere - do come along and give your support!

Alison Sutton

The Living Crib – (A Churches Together in Wotton Event) 5 December 2027

Part of CUTE - Christmas Under The Edge

This has come round so quickly but just a note to let you know what is happening. Planning is still in its very early stages so might change a bit but please come and join the fun of bringing the community together and **reminding them the real reason for Christmas.**

- Backstage Crew from 2pm onwards (TBC) – Decorate the gazebos (outside The Swan) to make it look like a stable, set up pianos and amps etc for the choir/pianist area
- Nativity actors etc – Meet at WBC to get dressed and hopefully have a run through 2.30pm (?) Costumes will be provided.
- Part of the parade from the bottom of the street at 4pm (TBC) ending up outside The Swan to go straight into The Living Crib. Hoping both Bluecoat & British will be a collective choir.
- After TLC, choirs may sing a few songs and then clear up and back to WBC
- People to help clear the gazebos (bigger stuff)

Will need –

- Actors
- Costume leader and helpers
- PA leader and helper
- Volunteers to decorate the gazebos (stable & choir area) Moving of bales of straw/piano/amp etc
- If we have young people/children taking part, a parent or carer will need to be involved too

Karen Dover

Read with Me - autumn fayre at St. Mary’s on 14 November

Holiday Club 2027

For children who have completed Reception to Year 6.

The dates for next year's Holiday Club will be Thursday 22 July – Sunday 25 July.

It's a bit different from usual because some of the primary schools don't break up until Wednesday 21 July. However, this means that those who work and haven't been able to be a part of this fun event in the past, can now join in!

Will you be sending Christmas Cards this year?

Personally I love to send and receive cards. I also love the round robin letters that get such a bad press (why?)

But oh, the cost! Cards cost from £2.99 for 10 at Cancer Research UK; £3.50 for a 'bumper box' of 12 with British Heart Foundation - or pop into The Ark where the prices are competetive (see p.ix). I'm sure Aldi and Lidl will sell them for less, but they probably don't benefit any charity, and Christmas Cards must represent quite a good percentage of charities' income

Then there are e-cards; very clever and usually beautiful motion images. But I haven't yet worked out how to put them up on my mantelpiece.

Now add postage: Second class 91p and First Class £1.80, with no guarantee it will arrive any sooner. But remember, old Christmas NVI stamps – those that say 1st and 2nd and no value – are still valid.

Sadly and for a number of reasons but *don't blame the postie,* deliveries are becoming increasingly erratic, so you really will have to Post Early for Christmas: I'm not sure all of mine have arrived from 2025!

Perhaps you have received one of those emails that says 'Clarissa and Rupert Ponsonby-Smythe would like all their friends to know that instead of cards this Winter Holiday, they will be making a donation to charity, but you will still be in their thoughts". Hmmm.

It's a personal choice, but please be assured, I will be sending cards and they will have a real Christmas message, and I hope they will also help to fill some or other charity's bank account.

Ed.

'Together in Wotton' is produced ten times a year on behalf of all the Churches of and Christians in Wotton.

Articles, diary items and anything of interest can be sent to judy.mills@live.co.uk and for the December and January edition, should arrive by ***5pm on Monday 23 November***