



Weston Bampfylde and Little Weston Newsletter November/December 2024

Here we are with services and events up until the end of the year. How time flies. Included is a Parish Letter from Julie and notice of village hall and church dates for November and December.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Tea and Crumpets afternoon on Saturday November 16th Please let us know if you are coming by Monday 11th November

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Cam Vale Benefice Services November/December 2024

Sunday 3rd November

9.30am All age service at Queen Camel

10.00am Common Worship Holy Communion at Corton Denham

3.00pm All Souls Service at Queen Camel

Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday

10.45am Remembrance Service at Corton Denham

10.50am Remembrance services at **Weston Bampfylde**, West Camel, Queen Camel, Sparkford and Sutton Montis.

Sunday 17th November

9.30am Common Worship Holy Communion at Queen Camel

11.00am BCP Holy Communion at Sparkford

Sunday 24th November

10.00am Together at Ten at Sutton Montis

Sunday 1st December

9.30am All age Service at Queen Camel

10.00am Holy Communion at Corton Denham

Sunday 8th December

9.30am Holy Communion at West Camel

11.00am Holy Communion at Weston Bampfylde

6.30pm Tune up for Christmas

Sunday 15th December

11.00am BCP Holy Communion at Sparkford

6.30pm Carol Service at Queen Camel

Monday 16th December

7.00pm Carol Service at Weston Bampfylde

Tuesday 17th December

6.00pm Cubs and Scouts Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December

3.00pm Carol Service at West Camel

Monday 23rd December

6.00pm Carol Service at Corton Denham

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service at Queen Camel

9.30pm Christmas Eve Service at West Camel

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

9.00am Family Holy Communion at Queen Camel

10.00am Family Holy Communion at Weston Bampfylde

10.30am Family Service at Corton Denham

10.30am Family Service at Queen Camel

Sunday 29th December

Together at Ten at Queen Camel

Prayers in Church

Caroline is holding regular time of prayer in each of the churches in Cam Vale. Dates and times are as follows:-

Queen Camel Mondays at 9.30am

Sparkford Mondays 4th and 18th at 6.00pm

Weston Bampfylde Mondays 11th and 25th at 6.00pm

Corton Denham Tuesdays 5th and 19th at 5.00pm

Sutton Montis Tuesdays 12th and 26th at 5.00pm

West Camel Wednesday 20th at 12.30pm

Weston Bampfylde Church is open daily for private prayer or a quiet time from 10.00am to 4.00pm. All are welcome to use the church at these times



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Curry and Quiz Night 2024

In aid of Asha



Saturday 9th November 2024- 7pm

@ The Gateway, Addlewell Lane, Yeovil

Guest Speaker : Freddy Martin, Director of Asha

(Suggested min donation £5 but please be generous!)

Tickets available at The Gateway Reception

Please buy tickets in advance to help with catering.

This event often fills quickly, so tickets may not be available on the door.

For further details and to book a ticket contact Revd
Caroline Walker on carolinehwalker@btinternet.com

Please bring a favourite drink to share

Parish Letter

November, what springs to mind when you think of this month? Fireworks with all their colours and patterns and loud bangs, TV presenters and newsreaders wearing red poppies in their lapels. The countdown to Christmas in our shops; wherever we turn there will be enticing images of gifts and food which will make our Christmas 'perfect'. The clocks have changed to GMT which has shortened the light hours considerably and the weather can be fickle. This will mean that for some there is less socialising or seeing neighbours for a friendly chat, for others it will mean going to work and returning home in the dark. Our children play more inside rather than letting off energy outside. The grass stops growing, so no need for regular mowing.

The list could be endless and there are positive and negative aspects of each.

For some November will bring loneliness and the possibility of increased risk of illness. So how can we approach the beginning of winter this year?

It's all too easy to adopt a pessimistic attitude because of changes in the season which affect our moods and maybe our lives. It could mean a little more hardship in the way we go about our everyday lives, no longer the ease of walking out of the door with no thought of a coat. Instead, the need to wrap up warm with a torch in our pockets, possibly boots on our feet, all needing a little more effort to sort out.

We don't hear children complaining about the puddles to jump in or leaf mounds to kick, the excitement of a bonfire or the expectations of what Christmas will bring. Their minds are carefree, their expectations high. They are more likely to be present in each moment than to think too far ahead.

Jesus asks us all to be more like children. To be expectant of good things, to live in the moment, to put God first and to love and care for others like we love and care for ourselves.

St Paul encourages us to keep our minds thinking about whatever is true, whatever is respected, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever can be loved, whatever is well thought of, if there is anything good and worth giving thanks for, to get on and do it, because by practising this mindset it will bring us peace within ourselves.

At a time in our world where peace is becoming a rarity for many, it is good to think about the truth we read in the gospels; the story that will be retold throughout the world once more next month. That a saviour of the world has been born, has lived among us, has died and is resurrected to new life. A life we all can be a part of. A life which brings hope and healing, light and love. An understanding that everyone is accepted no matter what creed, colour or race.

As we move into the run up to Christmas I encourage you to take some 'me time' and re-read the nativity story for yourself, thinking about the part you might have played within the story.

Were you the inn keeper, short on room and time? Or maybe an official taking tallies of the census? Were you Joseph, who had the weight of how to care for his wife, or Mary, trusting that all would be well?

Sometimes we allow circumstances to dictate whether we are a 'glass half full' or a 'glass half empty' person. I think this year more than ever we need to be reminded of the Nativity story and why it happened.

Julie Ebsworth

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

SUNDAY 3rd November 2024

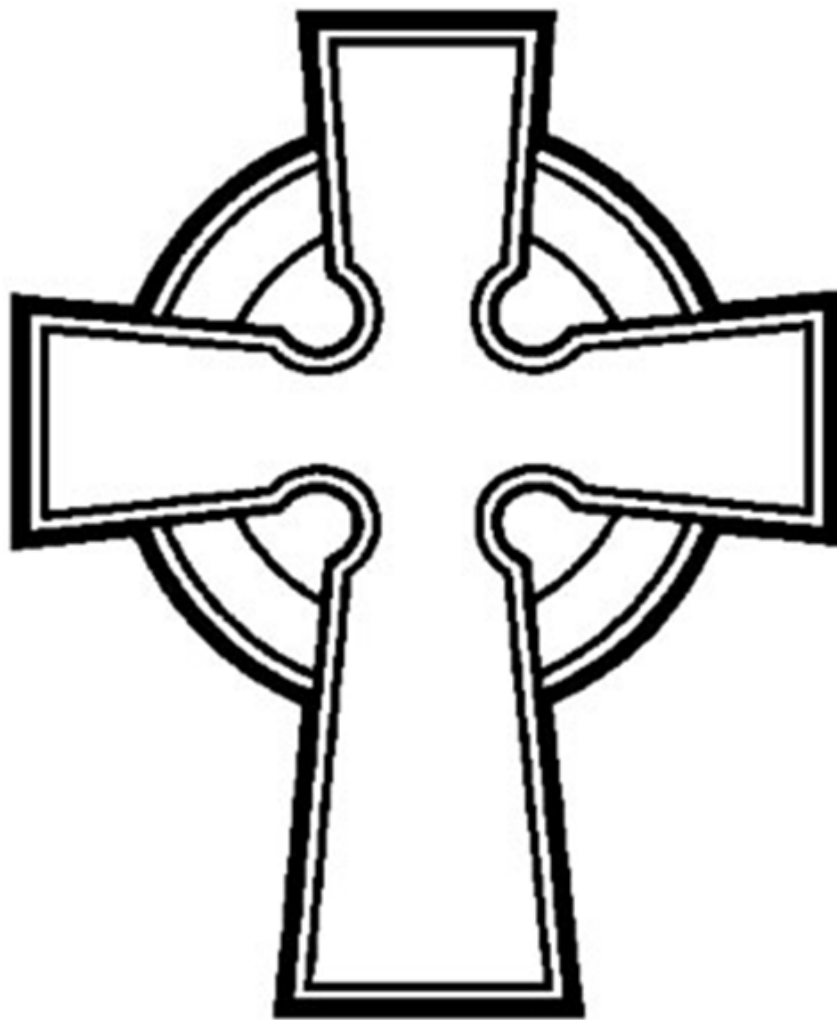
3.00 pm

at

St Barnabas Church

Queen

Camel



An opportunity to remember those from our Benefice who have died recently, and especially within the last year



**Afternoon tea, crumpets
and delicious cakes**

All welcome

At Weston Bampfylde Village Hall

Saturday November 16th 2024

From 3-5p.m

There is the optional activity of a
photo competition.

Please bring along a photo taken by you

Capturing the theme of

Autumn



If you are planning to come
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(to help us with catering)