BCD Churches News Sheet
Sunday 15th November
2nd Sunday before Advent

SERVICES IN BOTLEY, CURDRIDGE AND DURLEY:

Sunday 15th November		
8.00am	Botley Church	Holy Communion Service
10.00am	Botley Church	Parish Communion Service
10.00am	Curdridge Church	Parish Communion Service
10.00am	Durley Church	Parish Communion Service
Sunday 22nd November		
8.00am	Botley Church	Holy Communion Service
10.00am	Botley Church	United Parish Communion Service
10.00am	Durley **SCHOOL**	United All-Age Stir-Up Service during which we will be making the 3 Parish Christmas Cakes! 

READINGS

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25. 14-30

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The sick

Elizabeth Denholm, Debra, Graham Barker, Mark & Jane Tolliday, Jake Wade, Ffion Smith, Olivia, Mel Neilson, Hannah, Irene Kosted, Mike Hutfield, Jeremy Barnes, Sally Ball, Michael Wood, Feliks, Margaret Selby

RIP

Stuart Collins

PRAYER REQUESTS

Care/Nursing Home/Housebound

Beryl Cook (NH), Geoff Gamblin (CH), Colin Asprey (CH), Joyce Marsh (CH), Ann Compton (CH), Penny Bristow (CH), Marion Smith (CH), Rosemary Taylor (CH), Wendy Lewis (CH), Ida Varcoe (HB), Jenny Lowater (CH) and all residents who are housebound or in care homes.

We also pray for Christians who are being persecuted in Nigeria.

For the headteachers of our schools - Sally, Joe, Sarah, Caroline and all school staff.

Please pray for all those experiencing financial hardship.

Bishops Waltham Deanery & Churches Together (HEWEB) For Jamie & Jeena Harding who are running the new Christian Community in Boorley Park.

Window Cross - All Saints' Botley



All Saints' Botley – Monthly Coffee Morning

Tuesday 17th November 10.30am – 12 noon



All Saints' Botley – Café Chat

EVERY Thursday 10.30am - midday

Please come and join us for refreshments and a chat. No charge. All welcome



BCD Men's Breakfast - The Bugle, Botley
Saturday 21st November 8.30am
Please join us for our popular Men's Breakfast at The Bugle. The cost is £15 which covers a delicious full English breakfast and coffee. It was agreed that £4 of this would be donated to a local to charity at Christmas. If you would like to come, please email Mike Gibson: mikegibbogibson@googlemail.com



All Saints' Botley - Churchyard
Many thanks to all who came to our churchyard tidy up on Saturday. Everything was ready for our Remembrance Service on Sunday. The memorial cross was clean and tidy to receive the new poppy wreaths and the paths were cleared of weeds and leaves. Thank you.
Julia





Christmas Market Update

Thank you so much to everyone who has responded to our appeals for help already.

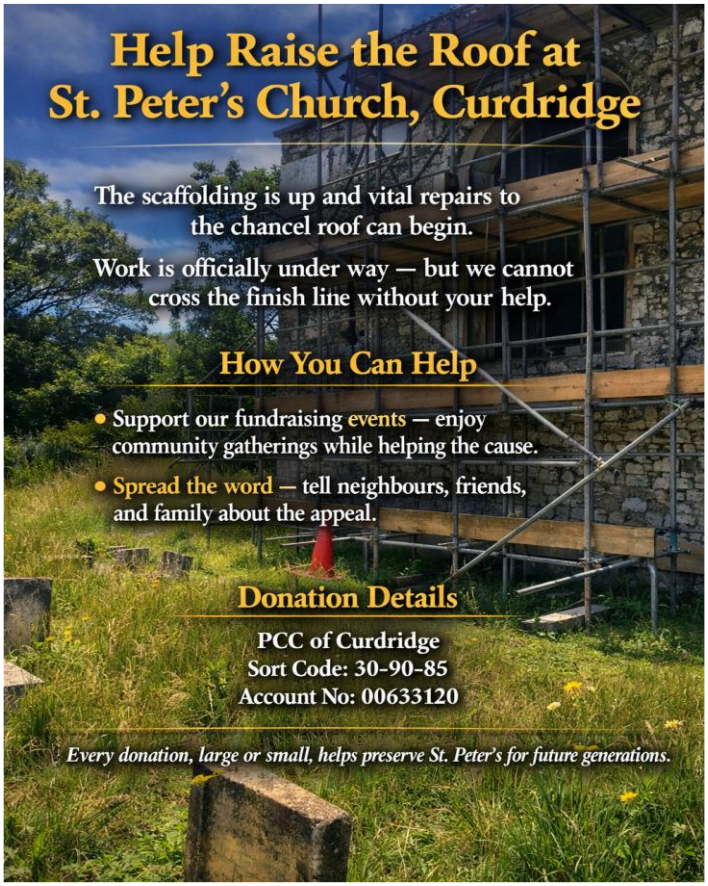
The following items are especially needed:

- **Trash and Treasure -** This popular stall needs small items in good condition i.e. toys, ornaments, gifts, games etc. All needed ASAP so we can wrap them in time for the market - Jean Smith or any member of the Fundraising team would be happy to receive them.
- **Homemade Cakes -** This stall usually sells out very quickly; we would be so grateful for produce wrapped, and labelled with ingredients. We can sell cakes sliced or whole. Tray bakes are welcomed. Items may be delivered on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning before the start time.
- **Plant stall -** Perhaps you can add to our plant stall with indoor plants. If so, please bring on Friday afternoon if possible.

The fundraising team are really looking forward to an exciting market. Thank you.

Taize Service – Sunday 29th November
Please note new time of 3.30pm





FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please continue to leave your donations in the boxes outside our three churches.

A message from Hedge End Food Bank:
THANK YOU so much for previously helping us. This cost of living crisis does not seem to be going away anytime soon & as such our services continue to be in great demand. Each Monday, we provide emergency food support to around 9–10 families who are experiencing crisis, while our Thursday Food Pantry supports an average of 25–30 families each week.
Our aim is not simply to provide food, but to offer a holistic approach that helps people overcome food poverty and regain financial stability. Alongside food provision, we work hard to connect families with additional support & practical advice. Delivering this vital service requires substantial funding, and the generosity of supporters such as yourselves makes a real & lasting difference to the lives of local families. Any assistance you may be able to offer this year, be it a financial donation or other support, would be very much appreciated and help us continue providing this essential service to those who need it most.
Thank you once again for your past support and for considering helping The Food Centre.
www.kingscommunitychurch.co.uk/foodcentre
BACS -
Kings Community Church
Account no - 53355438
Sort Code - 206934
Ref - The Food Centre
With grateful thanks,
Alasdair Duncan (Manager)

Please also remember, if you are experiencing financial hardship yourself or someone you know, the Hedge End & Meon Valley Food Banks are there to help.

You can also contact Christians Against Poverty website for Money and Debt Advice (https://capuk.org/money-and-debt-advice).

Prayer Requests

You are now able to submit requests for prayer electronically by clicking on the link, or scanning the QR code. [Prayer Request Form]



You may provide your name if you wish, but it is not required.
All submissions are treated with respect. Unless otherwise requested, the prayer request will only be shared with the BCD prayer group members. Requests will be actioned for one month and then the content deleted. Please be aware that any safeguarding concerns identified by your request will be referred to the Parish Safeguarding Officer. Our Privacy Policy can be found at bcd-churches.org.uk/privacy.

BCD Church Finances and plate offerings

Thank you for continuing to support the church by making your offering by bank transfer, it is much appreciated. Kindly add in the "reference" box "**Weekly offering**".

Church	Account Name	Sort Code	Account No.
All Saints' Botley	All Saints' PCC Botley	08.92.99	65623477
St Peter's Curdridge	PCC of Curdridge	30.90.85	00633120
Holy Cross Durley	PCC Durley	30.90.85	00047280

All Saints Christmas Market - 28th November 2026

We hope you have all noted the date of this important fund raising event for All Saints' Church and will come along. Your fund raising team have been busy planning and organising various activities, but now we are needing assistance, from as many people as possible, in a variety of ways.

We would like help with donations for the **"Bumper Raffle"** that we are planning.

To create **"Prize baskets"** we would welcome various items:
Nice toiletries and smellies.
Christmas themed food items.
Tins of fruit and other delicacies.
Italian themed items i.e Wine, Oils, Pastas, Pesto, Parmesan, etc

We have some baskets and plan to pack and wrap donations to create some attractive prizes.

Individual raffle prizes.
Bottles of any alcoholic drinks and packs of soft drink.
Boxes of various chocolates.
Boxes of various biscuits and cookies.
Small Christmas cakes or puddings.

For the popular "Trash & Treasure stall we would like donations of any small gift items to wrap, also any spare reusable Christmas wrapping paper (no glitter please) and rolls of sticky tape please.

We plan to have a "Wrapping session" in the church foyer on
Tuesday 24th November 6.30 – 8.30pm
All help on Tuesday would be very welcome.

We would like some helpers on the Friday 27th, to help layout tables, chairs, posters and other jobs.

Also, on the day we would welcome offers of help on stalls, even for only part of the time.

Any offers or donations please let the fund raising team know either by email:
socialallsaintsbotley@gmail.com or leave a message at the parish office.
One of the team will contact you and arrange collection or delivery.

A very big Thank you from: All Saints' Fund Raising Team