The Parish Church of Water Orton

Sunday

1st November

Welcome to

Saint Peter & Saint Paul's

Our Vision:

To prepare a community to meet the Christ

Our Mission:

To worship God, grow believers and make believers

Our Values:

Word, Worship, Welcome and Wisdom



1st November – All Saints' Day

Today's Readings:

Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

This Week's Collect Prayer

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Welcoming Prayer

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and in service to our local community.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today

9am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Contemporary Worship (with children's groups)
3.00 pm	Holy Communion - said service

Next Sunday 8th of November - Remembrance

9.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Gather on the Digby Car Park for procession to the Memorial where there will be a short service of remembrance.

THERE WILL BE NO 11.00 AM SERVICE

3.30 pm	Quest Family at the Link

Please Pray…



For the residents of Digby Close

Gracious God,
As the winds of uncertainty howl around us, we seek your steady presence. Help us to remember that you are Sovereign over everything. When chaos surrounds us, illuminate our path with truth; when we feel the weight of the world pressing down on us, lead us toward hope and renewal. Replace our unrest with the gentle assurance that we are never alone in our struggles. Help us to let go of what we cannot control and to focus on the blessings within reach. May your peace be our anchor amidst the storm and may we trust in all your promises.
Amen.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10



Volunteer required to look after the small church back garden (between the Robert Lloyd Room and the Vestry). Please see Mark or Kim if you would like to help.

This week…

Tuesday

9.30-11.30 am **Café** in the Robert Lloyd room - the church is also open for the Food Bank

10.00 am Morning Prayer- Common Worship on Zoom & in church

Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom

NO MUSIC GROUP

Thursday

NO CHOIR

Friday

12 for 12.30 Meet & Eat at The Link

Saturday

10.00 am The church is open for the Food Bank & for private prayer

Future Dates

Tuesday the 3rd - Tuesday the 24th of November – The Poppies will be on display in church

Friday 6th November - Memory Café in the Robert Lloyd Room

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday. We will have our usual communion service at 9.00 am followed by a procession from the Digby car park to the memorial where there will be a short service of remembrance. **Please Note: There is NO 11am Service**

Week beginning 9th November – Church will be open at various times for receiving shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse. This is a wonderful opportunity for outreach, whilst supporting children in other countries who would otherwise have no Christmas presents. **A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church.**

Sunday 29th November 3pm - Advent Concert. Church lights switched on.

Thursday 3rd - Friday 4th December - Christmas through the Keyhole. This is a chance for children from the Primary School to visit church and have an interactive experience of the Christmas Story. In order for this to work, we need plenty of volunteers: to help set up on the Wednesday; to help with tours on the day; provide refreshments and run simple craft activities for the children.
Please speak to Kim if you can help in any way.

Sunday 6th December Toy Services. Toys to go to BCM for families across Birmingham.

Shoe Box Appeal

A Story from Ukraine

"Children affected by war often respond to toys in a very different way. When they open their gift boxes, they don't just see something new—they compare it to what they were forced to leave behind.

***"Many of them fled their homes with almost nothing.** It's hard to hold back tears when you see their joy.*

*"One boy, Vlad, from an occupied city in southern Ukraine, received a shoebox gift. As he looked through it, something caught his attention—a small plush keychain. It wasn't just any toy. **It was the exact same cartoon character he used to carry on his backpack before the war…** the one he had to leave behind when his family fled. In that moment, everything changed.*

"For Vlad, this wasn't a coincidence. It was deeply personal. He saw it as a reminder that God sees him, knows his pain, and understands how much he misses home. And more than that—that God is powerful enough to bring a piece of home back to him."

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights."
James 1:17

This year, the church will, once again, be a collection centre for the boxes.

Volunteers are needed to welcome people into the church and receive their shoe boxes. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Opening times to drop off shoeboxes are:
Monday 9th November: 10.30 am - 12.30 pm and 3.30 -5.30 pm.
Tuesday 10th: 10.30 am - 12.30 pm and 3.30 -5.30 pm.
Wednesday 11th: 10.30 am - 12.30 pm and 7.30 -8.30 pm.
Thursday 12th: 10.30 am - 12.30 pm and 7.30 -8.30 pm.
Friday 13th: 10.30 am - 12.30 pm and 3.30 -5.30 pm.
Saturday 14th: 10.00 am - 12.00 noon.
Sunday 15th: 10.00 am - 12.00 noon.

For more information you can contact Judith Fisher: waterortonchurch@hotmail.co.uk

These boxes really do make a difference to the children who receive them and to their families.

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Church website www.waterortonparishchurch.org

Most of our services can be attended in person or on Zoom.

Zoom meeting ID: 508 367 391

If you have missed a Sunday or Wednesday service, the sermons (and some services) can be accessed on the website under 'Media Library'.
Sermons are deleted after 4 months, while services are only available for 2 months.

Advent Concert

Water Orton Parish Church
Sunday 29th November at 3pm
The Coleshill Youth Band & The Church Choir
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies Available
Tickets £9
Available from Sheila Record or Judith Fisher

