

Sunday Services in October 2018

- 7th October Evensong 6.30pm – Lay Ministry Team
- 14th October Holy Communion 10am – Rev Edward Ward
- 21st October Holy Communion & Baptism 10am – Rev Edward Ward
- 28th October Patronal Service with Holy Communion 10am

Sunday Services in November 2018

- 4th November All Souls Service 6.30pm – Rev Edward Ward
- 11th November Remembrance Sunday An Act of Remembrance 10am - Rev Edward Ward – No Holy Communion
- 18th November Holy Communion 10am – Hilary Phillips
- 25th November Morning Prayer 10am – Lay Ministry Team

Holy Communion is celebrated every Thursday at 10am in the Church. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments are served in the Church after the Service on Thursday and Sunday.

Take a look at the Forton website fortonchurch.org.uk

We are now on the Discover Shropshire Churches Website www.discovershropshirechurches.co.uk

Copy date for next newsletter Friday 16th November 2018

ALLSAINTS CHURCH FORTON OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

Dear Friends

Remembering the past does nothing except keep old wounds open, so it is better if all wars were forgotten, and we close the book on the pain and suffering of past wars. But memory is, I believe, a God-given gift, and anyone who has seen human suffering cannot forget it. "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it", and unless we remember, future generations may be forced to live through it all again.

Remembrance Sunday rightly recalls all those killed in war. It rightly honours the sacrifice of all those "who gave their today that we might have our tomorrow". Our communities come together to remember all those killed or wounded in the two World wars and subsequent conflicts; all those who fought for freedom against an evil regime.

As there are no veterans now left from the First World War, and the numbers who fought in the Second are growing fewer, Remembrance Day serves to pass onto posterity the costly lessons of what led up to war, why it was fought, and how such terrible catastrophes may be avoided in the future.

If we let Remembrance Day lapse then we are failing not only those who fell in war, but also the younger generations, For the lessons learnt at so great a cost would also be forgotten and the war memorials would be no more than a senseless piece of stone. At Remembrance-tide we should look not only at the past with gratitude, but also towards the future with hope and faith. We should tell our children of "God, our help in ages past" but also to believe in the God "our hope for years to come"

We must resolve, that come what may, we will always "at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, remember them"

Your priest and friend

Edward Ward

From the Registers We send our best wishes to Peter Mulchrone and Sarah Everall on the occasion of the marriage at Forton on the 28th September 2018.

Harvest Lunch – Sunday 7th October 2018 The Harvest Lunch will be on Sunday 7th October at Forton Cricket Club. Tickets £12.50 will be available from Barbara Gough 01952 814499, time 12 for 12.30.

Social events in September Thank you to all who helped with the Churchyard tidy and helped with refreshments for the ride and stride, and to all those who supported the Quiz Evening and Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Saturday 3rd November We are pleased that The Shropshire Association of Church Bell Ringers will be ringing a full peal between 10.30am and 1.30pm to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the first World War.

All Souls Service Sunday 4th November 6.30pm. The All Souls service is a special service where we remember loved ones who had died. Traditionally we have read out names of loved ones and candles have been lit. The list has been added to over the years in a number of ways – either the funeral has been held at All Saints or relatives have asked for their names to be placed on the list. Due to the law regarding Data Protection we are no longer able to read the names unless we are given permission by their relatives. During the month of October, you can either write the names on the list at the back of Church or contact Janet Guest on 01952 820080 or email janetquest16@gmail.com. We will include people whose names have been previously read (but not on the new list) in a special list which will be placed on the alter during the service.

Remembrance Sunday 11th November 10am. This service is an act of remembrance and will be taken by the Rev, Edward Ward. There will be no Holy Communion during the service.

Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 1st December This will be held at Forton Cricket Club 10am to 12 noon. Cake stall, raffle.

Home Communion Should you require home communion please contact Hilary Philips 01785 824432

Children Children are always very welcome at our services.

Christmas 2018

Advent Service Sunday 2nd December 6.30pm

Carol Service Sunday 16th December 6.30pm

Informal Carol Service Sunday 23rd December 10am

Crib Service Monday 24th December 5pm

Midnight Mass Monday 24th December 11.30pm

Holy Communion Sunday December 30th 10am

Carol Singing details in the next newsletter

Mary and Joseph's Advent journey around the Parish

During Advent Mary and Joseph will be making their Advent journey through the parish. If you would like to have them in your home for a night in December please see the list which will be at the back of church in November. They will have a flock of sheep with them. Please keep one and bring it to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

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