

The Magazine of

St John the Baptist Parish Church



Serving the communities of
Bodicote, Cherwell Heights, Cotefield and Longford Park

October 2022

The Kingdom Season

All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) marks the beginning of the Kingdom Season in the Church as we come towards the end of the liturgical year. It is a time of reflection during which we are reminded that no one is solitary. Through baptism Christians become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith. This year our special service, in which we light candles for those whose memories we wish to keep, is Sunday 30th October at 6pm. There will be a list at the back of church for those who wish their loved ones names to be read out. Please print clearly.

Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy; and this instinct also is expressed in the liturgy of All Souls' Day.

Remembrance Sunday goes on to explore the theme of memory, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-gift, memory and forgetting. Our Remembrance Sunday service is at 3pm on Sunday 13th November.

The annual cycle of the Church's year ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.

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
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Pattern of Worship

Day	Time	Service
Sunday	8:00am	Communion in Church (Book of Common Prayer)
	9:45am	Parish Communion in Church
	6:00pm	Occasional services in Church As advertised on our website and Facebook page
Monday	8:30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom 
	5:00pm	Evening Prayer in Church
Wednesday	9:30am	Communion in Church
	5:00pm	Evening Prayer in Church
Thursday	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Church
	5:00pm	Evening Prayer in Church
Friday	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Church
	4:00pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom 

 please ask for the log-in details

The church is open for private prayer, and to exchange books and jigsaws between 9.00am and 4.00pm daily except when there is a service.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Bodicote Branch

THIS YEAR'S THEME: TRANSFORMATION NOW!

On July 20th we held a Social/Fund Raising Event for Branch funds instead of holding a meeting. This was an 'Afternoon Tea' with members, their families, and friends. The weather had been glorious all week but on the morning of the event the sun had disappeared and there was an outside chance of rain! However, it was decided we would take a chance of the rain holding off and went ahead with the planned arrangements for the afternoon. It was a good decision as it was a very successful afternoon, the rain did hold off and though it was a little overcast, the weather was ideal. For a £5 ticket there were scones with jam and cream and delicious cakes to enjoy alongside a cup of tea (or coffee) and good company. Our thanks go to Lynne and Roger Philpot who kindly offered to host the event their garden.

With the money made from the Afternoon Tea, from our Refreshments Stall at Bishop Loveday School Sports Day and the sale of Marjorie Davies Homemade Marmalade we were able to make donations to Mary Sumner House -Jubilee Summer of Hope Scheme; the Diocesan Project Fund and the 'Away From It All' Scheme.

As usual there was no meeting in August, but we had a lovely service in Church on August 7th to celebrate the life and work of Mary Sumner. A big Thank you Rev Nick Fielden for leading the Service.

Coming up are our meetings on October 19th and November 16th in Church House and our Christmas Bring and Share Social in Dillon House.

Then our first meeting in 2023 will be on January 11th at 2.15pm in Church House.

All are welcome to any of our meetings or services. If you would like any further information about our Branch, then please contact either Lynne Philpot on 01295 256982 or Claire Roberts on 01295 254597.



**The 1st, 3rd & 5th
Wednesday
of each month**

Tea and cake

is served in
Bodicote Church House
(adjacent to the church)

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Donations towards the cost

Fun table quiz

All welcome

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Bishop Loveday School News



What a fantastic start to the term! It has been so lovely to see all of our children come back with such enthusiasm and smiles on their faces. Our first week back started with a bang, with a house event for years 1 – 6. The children completed different activities from Bhangra dancing to building structures with spaghetti and marshmallows. It was then followed with all of our KS2 children completing a cross country run. The children got a little bit wet but completed it with determination and courage. We are looking forward to the cross country event at Wykham Park where our quickest 32 children will go to compete against other local schools.

We have welcomed 60 new children into early years and new children to every year group. We look forward to getting to know our new families and welcome them into our community. Our year 6 children have taken on the role of leaders within the school and this week completed their bikeability. The organisers commented on their maturity, politeness and kindness.

We have worked so hard to increase the number of clubs available for our children and this year I am proud of the variety of extra-curricular activities with two or more clubs after school every day. We could not do this without the commitment and support from our staff in BLS, who really do want the best for our children so that they can live their 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10).

Written by Dee Loader



Christmas cards

We have a new selection of religious Christmas cards for sale. There has been no price increase, so we are still able to sell a pack of 5 cards for £2.50 as we did previously. They will be available after services and at our forthcoming events over the next few months.

We also have some notelets featuring photographs of the church – again in packs of 5 @ £1 per pack – plus a few pens (£1) and torches (£2).

Our 2023 Bodicote calendar, featuring some of our Open Gardens photos, will be available soon - please keep an eye out for more information.

Autumn Auction

Coming soon!

Many varied lots to bid on – something for everyone!

Please ask to join the auction group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1294560618015440>

Auction ends on Friday 28th October at 6pm

All proceeds to St. John the Baptist Parish Church, Bodicote.

Further details from office.bodicotechurch@gmail.com

Autumn Auction

Due to the success of our previous online auctions, we will be having another one towards the end of October. Please send a request to join the group which will be opened up in the next week or so. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1294560618015440>

This auction will include some possible gifts and other Christmas items.

If you are having a clear-out and have a few items to donate, please contact the office address in the poster to make arrangements or speak to Sarah or Nick. Ideally, items should be new or, at least, in really good condition.

We are also looking for "promises" of goods or services. For example, baking a special cake, a few hours gardening, a car wash, a hand-made craft item ...really whatever you can offer! A suggested starting bid for these would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your support and HAPPY BIDDING!



“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ.”

Galatians 6:2

Can you imagine what society would look like if we were bearing one another's burdens, or sharing one another's loads? At times you'll be helping me to carry my load, and at other times I'll be helping you to carry yours - so none of us is left to struggle on alone because we can rely on one another and love is clearly seen in action. This is what the Church is called to be but sadly we do not always get it right. As a result, people can feel abandoned, isolated and overwhelmed. It's good to know that God loves us, but often the best way to experience that love is through one another. Over the next few months many people of all ages will be struggling to make ends meet but there is support and help out there, so it is worth using an online benefit calculator, or speaking to someone at the Department for Works and Pensions or using an agency such as Citizens' Advice. 0300 330 9037; 10-4 Mon-Fri or

advice@citizensadvice.org.uk to see if you are entitled to claim any benefits going.

Age UK has a campaign to get those who qualify onto Pension Credit. 4,000 people in Oxfordshire alone are missing out on this benefit. It may be that the credit of itself is worth very little, but the government uses this benefit as a trigger for other benefits (e.g., Housing benefit). Pension Credit is means tested but it has no capital limit. If you're a single person (over the age of 66) and have a weekly income of less than £182.60, or a couple (married or not, both over 66), with a weekly income less than £278.70, you may be eligible. It may take several months to process but anything awarded will be backdated to the application date, so it is worth exploring now.

Sarah Sharp

Banbury Foodbank

We continue to support our local food bank. Suitable items can be left in the box provided in church or outside the vicarage (2 The Rydes, Bodicote) in the blue lidded box, although please use the collection points in the local supermarkets if you are able to. At the time of writing, they are particularly requesting tinned fruit, rice pudding and soup, long-life milk and jars of pasta sauce. All items should be several months in date! Please check their website for current information and details of how to donate money or volunteer with them. <https://banbury.foodbank.org.uk/>



In order to access the services of the foodbank, you need a referral. Agencies they work with include: Citizens Advice, housing support officers, children's centres, health visitors, social services and some local charities. If you call the local helpline, they can put you in touch with one of these - **01295 661304** or **info@banbury.foodbank.org.uk**

Banbury Breadline Project

Unlike the Foodbank, you do not need a referral or proof of benefits to access their services. The only criteria is that you are a Banbury resident, and they have confirmed that Bodicote residents are included in this, and in need of support from their surplus food redistribution.

Website: <http://breadlineproject.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/breadlineproject>

Email: breadlineproject@outlook.com

Banbury Baby Bank/Uniform Exchange

Based on Hanwell Fields, this organisation strives to support families in need by providing them with new and pre-owned essential baby items and resources, free of charge. However, a referral is needed. There are full details on the Facebook page with the option to ask questions and send a message.:

<https://www.facebook.com/banburybabybank>

The Uniform Exchange operates out from the community centre there too and is open to all. They always appreciate donations of clean, wearable outgrown school uniform from all our local schools. For more details, including their opening hours:

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ALL THESE ORGANISATIONS, ALIKE WITH OTHER LOCAL CHARITIES, ARE ALWAYS READY TO WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS OR DONATIONS OF GOODS OR CASH.



On the Death of Queen Elizabeth II

At her coronation the Queen became the head of the Church of England. Seventy years later we are living in a very different world. We are emerging as a new people from a pandemic, facing up to our responsibilities to the environment and living through yet another economic crisis. We are forever considering what our response should be and as a nation we often look to our monarch for comfort, guidance or reassurance. The Queen's Christian faith always had a profound influence on the way she lived her life. In 2002 she said;

"I know how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel".

The Church is called to reflect God's character in the world. Faith in Christ must result in action. The Church, as The Queen always attempted to do, must live lives consistent with the gospel as Christ's ambassadors. Therefore, we must present Christ as Saviour and as the One who cares for all humanity. We must show commitment to economic justice in society, look after our environment and have a caring attitude to others, 'love our neighbour as ourselves'. We must give practical help to the disadvantaged. We must not be overawed by the enormity of the crisis but strive to play our small part in whatever way we can. And as people of faith one of the most significant things we can do is pray, as the Queen said

"For Christians, as for all people of faith, reflections, meditation and prayer help us to renew ourselves in God's love, as we strive to become better people. The Christian message shows us that this is love for everyone. There is no one beyond its reach."

And so, we may wish to pray the final prayer printed in the Queen's personal Book of Devotions:

*God be in my head, and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking.
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
God be at my end, and at my departing.*

Bible Study Groups for Kingdom and Advent Seasons

Following the success of the Bible study group for Creation season in September, which explored the topics of God's creation and the environment from a Christian perspective, we have decided to run another Bible study group throughout the Kingdom and Advent seasons of November and December, respectively. The Kingdom season celebrates Christ as King, whilst the season of Advent is a time of reflection and watchfulness, to prepare us for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Each study will be connected to the season it falls within and will be standalone, so that you can dip in and out of them easily as your schedule allows.

Please note that this time, the groups will meet on a **bi-weekly basis** (every other week), **on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, starting on 3rd November and finishing on 15th December.**

As before, they'll be run as hybrid sessions, so you can either come in person or join on Zoom. If coming in person, we'll be meeting at Holly Tree Cottage (address below), or if you'd like the Zoom link, then please email me at the below address.

I do hope you will find these Bible study groups interesting and enjoyable, and that they will help you get a better feel for the Church seasons, as well as helping to nurture and develop your faith.

For clarity, the groups will meet on the following Thursdays, starting at 7:30pm each evening (in person and on Zoom) and will last between 60 and 90 mins:

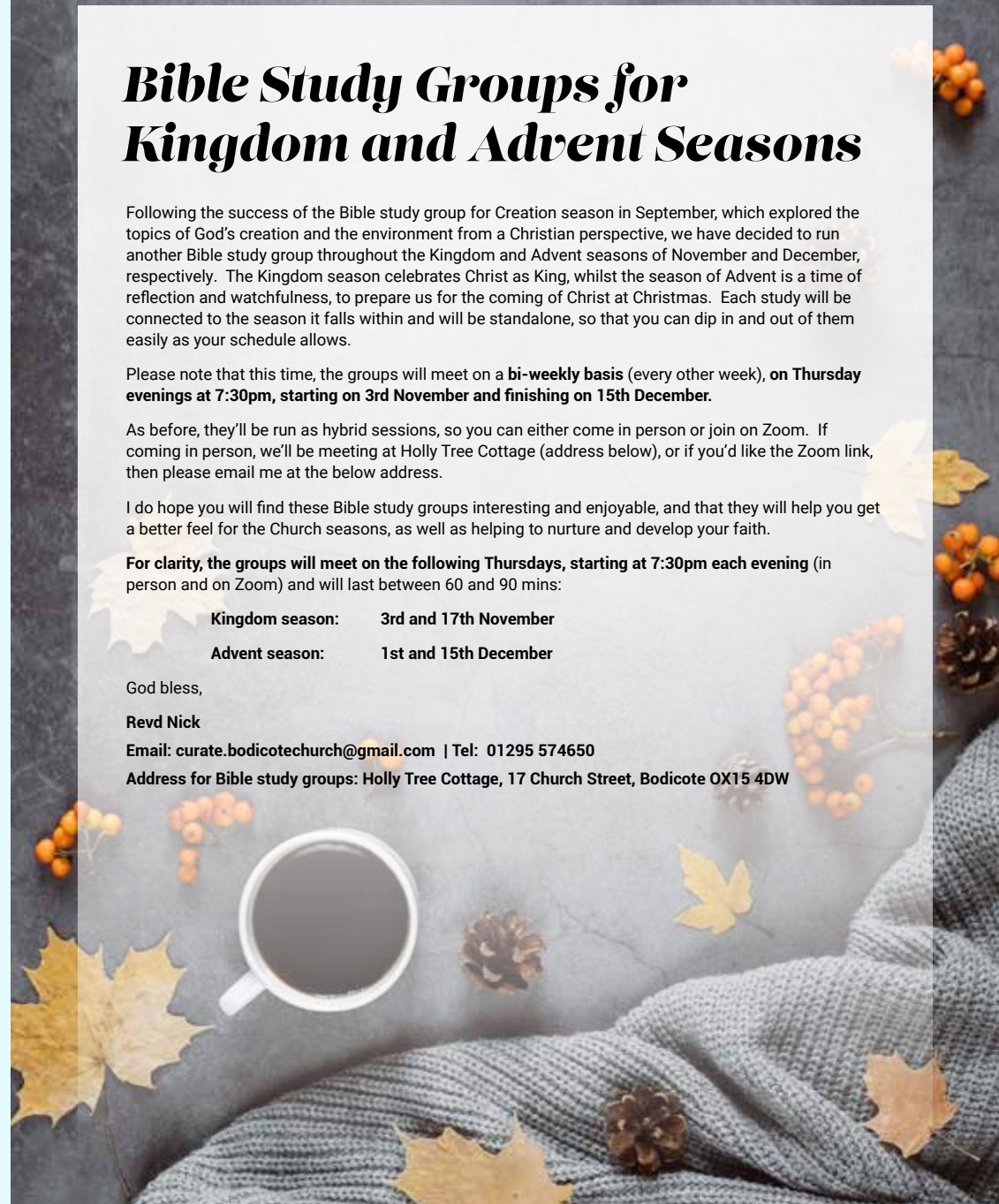
Kingdom season:	3rd and 17th November
Advent season:	1st and 15th December

God bless,

Rev'd Nick

Email: curate.bodicotechurch@gmail.com | **Tel:** 01295 574650

Address for Bible study groups: Holly Tree Cottage, 17 Church Street, Bodicote OX15 4DW



Future dates for your Diary

October		
Friday 7th	7.30pm	Quiz night Full details in last magazine – booking required
Friday 28th	6pm	Online auction ends
Saturday 29th	2pm	Bingo afternoon in Church House
Sunday 30th	6pm	Service of Reflection for All Souls - where we remember all those who have died.
November		
Sunday 13th	3pm	Remembrance Day service
Saturday 19th	2pm	Christmas bazaar in Church House
Saturday 26th	2pm	Bingo afternoon in Church House
Sunday 27th	4pm	Advent tea in Church House
	6pm	Advent Carol service
December		
Sunday 4th	3pm	Christingle service
Sunday 11th	6pm	Community Carols at Longford Park Community Centre
Saturday 17th	TBC	Charity Christmas Tree event with children's craft activities
Sunday 18th	6pm	Carol service
Saturday 24th	4pm	Crib service
	11pm	Midnight Mass
Sunday 25th	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	8.45am	Parish Communion

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I have read, understood and agree to the rules of the "Bodicote Church 100 Club". I authorise my name to be displayed in Church advertising in the event I am a winner.

Signature_____

Date:_____

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For those of you particularly interested in our fundraising and charitable giving, we have a dedicated Bodicote Church Fundraising group which you are welcome to join:

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