

**SERVICES TODAY, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Day**

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Geoff Sowden/Arthur Woo
	10.00am	Remembrance Service, Geoff Sowden/Arthur Woo
	6.00pm	Informal Worship, tba
Hannington	10.30am	Remembrance Service, Rob Stewart
Blunsdon	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, John Rees
	10.00am	Remembrance Service, John Rees
Grove Hill	6.30pm	Evensong, Geoff Sowden/Katherine Dack
	7.30pm	Evening Service

**SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent**

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion CW, Allan Bucknall
	10.00am	Gift Service, Bella Fasham/Katie James/Lesley Uzzell
	6.00pm	Shared Choral Evensong, Arthur Woo
Hannington	10.30am	Matins BCP, Arthur Woo
Blunsdon	10.00am	Family Communion, Geoff Sowden
Newburgh	7.30pm	Evening Service, Arthur Woo



**"IN LOVING MEMORY"**

150 adults and 11 youngsters came to the service in St Michael's last Sunday afternoon and very much appreciated being together for such a service. £207.70 was given in a retiring collection for the work of the Prospect Hospice. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to the service.

**Jean Ashton**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AT ST MICHAEL'S**

St Michael's Flower Guild invites you to give donations in remembrance of a loved one at Christmas. This has proved so successful over the years. The church always looks so wonderful. It is a great joy to call in for coffee and mince pies, relax and share your memories - a noticeboard is provided for you to record your special messages. Please ring me for more details, I am happy to speak or call on you. Please phone **Julie**

**CHURCH OFFICE CONTACT**

- If you are emailing Rosie in the Church Office, please ensure that you are using the new email address. No emails sent to the old 'briinternet' address are now getting through, so please make sure you remove the old and add the correct address to your email address books, which is [stmichaelshighworth@offices.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:stmichaelshighworth@offices.orangehome.co.uk)

**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayers in church
	9.30am & 1.00pm	Watercolour Group in Church Room
	7.45pm	Ministry Team Meeting, Church Office
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Pilates, Church Room
	7.45pm	Clinton's Gift Trustees meeting, Vicarage
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Deadline for Parish News copy - December/January issue
	9.30am	Music Bugs, Church Room
	9.30am	Little Fishes, Cullerne Room/chancel
	7.00pm	Pilates, Church Room
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion, Warneford Chapel in Church
	11.00am	'One Only' in the Church Room
	7.45pm	Worship Committee, Vicarage
	7.30pm	Bellingring Practice, Bell Tower
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Chair Practice
	7.30pm	YOFS in Church Room
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee Morning and bulletin folding, Church Room

**COFFEE MORNING THANKS**

Last weekend's coffee morning in aid of the Royal British Legion raised £150.67. Very many thanks to all who helped organise in any way, and also to all those who came along to support us.

**Penelope Robertson**

**LESSON READERS**

I'm preparing the list of lesson readers for the December-February rota and am always looking for new volunteers.

Are there any young people or new members of the congregation who would like to read at a 10.00am service - either once every three months or just occasionally? Please let me know soon.

**Hilary Fortnam**

**DISCOVER YOUR GIFTS**

Following the Holy Spirit sermon series we are running a 3 session course called Network designed to help you discover your spiritual gifts.

Course dates: Thursdays Nov 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. Time: 7pm - 9pm, venue: Church Room.

Please sign the sheet on the chest if you are interested or speak to **Arthur or Lynn Woo** for more information. Participants will need to purchase a course guide costing £5.50.

**COFFEE MORNING THANKS**

The SSAFA coffee morning and tabletop sale on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October raised £37.33. Thank you to all who attended and those who helped.

**Tricia Croton**

Many thanks to Colin and Don who spent hours getting the heating to work upstairs, keeping the printers happy but more importantly stopping the copy paper from getting damp.

**PARISH NEWS**

The next issue of the Parish News will be a double issue for December and January. Please pass all articles, dates and event information by 9.00am Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November to Kathleen Spencer, 1 The Paddock, email [parishnews@stmichaelshighworth@yahoo.com](mailto:parishnews@stmichaelshighworth@yahoo.com). Please do think ahead for all those New Year items!

### ISLAM, THE CHURCH AND THE FUTURE OF BRITAIN

Islam is spreading throughout the UK and transforming British Society. While the Muslim community is growing rapidly and the influence of Islam on law, politics and economics is getting stronger, the Church seems content to take little part in shaping the future of Britain. There is a meeting on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm at Freshbrook Evangelical Church, Worsley Rd., Swindon when Dr Sookhdeo, a Christian expert on Islam and Muslim-Christian relations, will be the speaker.

### PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE

This week we pray for those living in The Cullerns, The Dormers, Downs View, Eastrop, Edencroft, The Elms, and for all involved at Eastrop School

### PRAYER

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

**Amen**

THE CRIPPS' HOMECOMING - AJ, Martyn & the girls are coming home to an empty house in difficult circumstances. To ease their return we would like to provide some basic essentials to allow them time to settle back home. There is a box in church by the font with a guide list if you are able to donate something. Thanks for your support. **Ruth Hubbard**

### BRUNEL BRASS IN CONCERT .....

at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Moredon Road, Swindon on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Tickets are £3.50, available from Church Members. All proceeds are in aid of Willows Counselling Service and Church Funds.  
**Rev. David Gray**

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning – we will remember them*

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

*...all those who are sick or troubled, praying especially for*  
Yvonne Beck, Lorna Bowie,  
Leonard Cheesley, Jacqueline Corney,  
Val Cox, Vic Cripps, Andrew Crowley,  
Arthur Francis, Peter Gibbs, Syd Hubbard,  
Peggy King, Netta Porter, Fred Rockall,  
Mick Sellar, Betty Taber  
*...those who are recently bereaved, praying especially for those known to us*

### **Parish of Highworth, with Sevenhampton & Inglesham – who to contact**

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email to [stmichaelshighworth@offices.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:stmichaelshighworth@offices.orangehome.co.uk)  
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### **Week beginning Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

#### **Remembrance Sunday**

My A level history teacher taught me that the 1<sup>st</sup> World War was primarily fought with defensive weapons, like the newly invented machine gun, which is why the war became so entrenched and static. However, in 1917 the generals became very excited about a new offensive weapon, they placed their trust in the tank, introduced at the battle of Cambrai.

Goliath was placing reliance and trust on his armour and weapons and also in himself, his physique and experience as a champion. The Philistines were placing their reliance on Goliath. The Israelite army did not know what to trust in, as we read they were 'terrified'. Not so for David, he knew exactly where to place his trust, in the 'Lord Almighty', as we read in v45. David tells the Philistine he does not need the weapons of the day, knowing that the battle belongs to the Lord.

In May 1940 Air Chief Marshal Dowding, the commander of Fighter Command, was asked about his plans for defeating the overwhelming number of the German air force. He replied, 'I believe in God and then there is radar'.

As we look into an uncertain future, where are we placing our trust? Like Goliath in ourselves and our own efforts, or to not know and so become terrified, as were the Israelites. I am with David, to place my trust for the future, as Jesus told his disciples, in God, on the way to the father being through Jesus.

**Geoff Sowden**

#### **Our readings today are**

1 Samuel 17 (pew bible p288)

John 14. 1-6 (pew bible p1082)

Please join us for refreshments after the 10am service today

If you prefer not to take alcohol, alcohol-free wine is available at our communion services - please take a pink card from a steward and ensure it is visible as you come for communion