



epping
team ministry

NEWS

CELEBRATE, SHARE AND GROW IN CHRIST

All Saints, 2nd November 2025

Daniel 7.1-3; 15-18; Ephesians 1.11-end; Luke 6.20-31

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ SERVICES IN THE TEAM FOR THIS WEEK ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

SUNDAY

8:00 am BCP HOLY COMMUNION, St John's Epping

9:20 am SUNG COMMUNION, St John's Epping

with Hymn nos. 308, 304, 296 (omit vss 3, 5, 6), 462, 297, Anthem (Holy is the true light) and Voluntary (Sine Nomine)

11:10 am HOLY COMMUNION, St Alban's Coopersale

11:10 am PARISH COMMUNION, All Saints Epping Upland

4:00 pm Team service ALL SOULS and ALL SAINTS, St John's Epping

"A service of thanksgiving as we remember those we have loved" followed by refreshments (Members of the Pastoral Care Team will be available after the service to prayer ministry and a listening ear)

MONDAY

8:45 am MORNING PRAYER, St John's Epping

TUESDAY

8:45 am MORNING PRAYER, St John's Epping

9:30 am HOLY COMMUNION, St John's Epping

11:00 am Funeral of Catherine Bancroft, St Alban's Coopersale

THURSDAY

10:00 am CHURCH MICE, St John's Epping

Except school holidays; contact Kate Collin on 07951484805 or email kate.collin212@gmail.com.

FRIDAY

2:00 pm Funeral of Mary Pegrum, All Saint's Epping Upland

ST JOHN'S IS OPEN DAILY FOR PRIVATE PRAYER,
except Bank Holidays or other specific occasions.

The Reflection can be found on Page 2

Please consider switching your mobile phone to silent mode or switching it off before a Sunday service begins and taking a moment to pray that we may all be fully present with each other and with Christ.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day, and I do love some of their stories. I take great consolation in their commitment and am inspired by their lives and even some of their deaths. Some saints are quirky, some may seem eccentric or even downright weird. Yet, they all gave their lives to God in the way in which they were called to love and serve.

A saint is someone here on earth who truly loves God and loves their neighbour, and in doing so reveals that a relationship with God is absolutely possible here on earth. They learned in the deepest places of their hearts to trust God, to surrender everything to the mystery of God's love for them. One thing about saints, however, is that we can't imitate their lives. We can learn from them about God's fidelity and grace, but to imitate them exactly does not make us saints. We have to do the work of prayer for ourselves, in our own lives. In other words, living someone else's life does not make us a saint.

The only way to experience the depths of God's love and fidelity is to live the truth of our own lives. This may take us years to discover. Some people know it early in life, others give up all they possess in order to carve a new path for themselves. Many saints recognised the face of Christ in the poor, the suffering or disabled. Some saints are intellects and some are hermits. Some are clerics and some are widows

We all desire to live in the love God has for each of us. We cannot replicate a life lived in God's love, nor can we copy exactly how God desires us to serve and to act in our Church and world. The fire of faith is given to each of us as God desires and emulating another does not bring it to us. In the Church, we call people who know such fire, saints and today we celebrate such a gift and mystery.

Jessica

ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS There is a special quiet, reflective Team service at 4:00 pm today at St John's to remember in God's presence a loved one who has died. It will comprise hymns, Bible readings, and an opportunity to light a candle as an act of prayer.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Daniel 7.1-3

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

Luke 6.20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Love for Enemies

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

-----**FOR OUR PRAYERS DURING THE WEEK**-----

Monday	For the congregation and parish of St Alban's Coopersale.
Tuesday	For those leaving The Bell now that they have permission to stay in the UK.
Wednesday	For Those in Jamaica affected by the recent hurricane.
Thursday	For all pupils and teachers of Coopersale Primary School.
Friday	For the Ministry Team, especially for our Rector; for all who contribute to, or lead, our services: for those who lead our meetings, those who carry out 'behind the scenes' activities and those who help fundraising in the Team churches.

Those who are sick and for whom prayers have been asked:

Graham, June, Caroline, Harriet Breen, David, Jean Goldsmith, Rebecca Salmon, Bobby Campbell, Ted Owen.

Please note that names will appear here for a short time only, unless the request to the Team Office is repeated.

Those who have died recently, their family and friends:

Christopher Dean, Catherine Bancroft, Mary Pegrum, Basil Corea.

Those whose anniversary of death occurs during this week:

2nd November, John Barratt, Doreen Butler, Michael Penfound, Margaret Shoat, Mary Knight, Gwendoline Brookes; 3rd, Elizabeth Foster, Constance Brunton, Louisa Jordan, Mary Kent, James Satwick; 4th, John Pelly, Sarah Everitt, Alan Okker, Ernest Kendrick; 5th, John Cherry, Graham Webb (b); 6th, Calley Prosser, Edna Sanders; 7th, Patricia Burroughs, Rose Wellstead-Cowderoy, Audrey Booth; 8th, Helen Barker.

COLLECT for this Sunday.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

----- **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** -----

CRAFT GROUP next meetings are in **St John's** on **26th November**, 2:00 to 4:00 pm and then on 28th January 2026.

MINDFUL ART A free painting session in **St John's** church from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm every 2nd Monday of the month.

FOODBANK COLLECTION POINT in St John's. There is a **desperate need** of items to give our support to those that are in need and use the Epping service. Ask Roger Lowry for the list of '**URGENT most needed**' shopping.

HEATERS FOR SALE as used in St John's. Some electric heaters are for sale. The black patio heaters are £9.77 each (3 available) and the fan heaters are £22.50 each (5 available). See Nick Wold.

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL. We are now collecting wrapped gifts, for the children's lucky dip. If you can help, please bring in small wrapped gifts, labelled, boy or girl, and leave at the back of Church. Thank you all so much for your support. Thanks, Kate and Cathy

TEAM BRING AND SHARE LUNCH, 16th November from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at **St John's**. There is a sign up sheet is to give us an idea of numbers and possible contributions.

ST JOHN'S CHAIRS. We have had to repair some chair seats where they have cracked, so please do not stand on the chairs.

NEWS FOR LAST WEEK Apologies to all who use a paper copy – there was a printing error causing pages 4 and 5 to be missing.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE BIBLE? Do you wonder why we call Jesus our great high priest? The Lamb of God? Does the Old Testament have anything to say to these themes? Like to know more? Then come and join Marian Winters and Ros Scanlan on a Tuesday morning in St John's House for a short eight week course beginning in the New Year. No questions to answer and no homework!

HYMN BOOKS AT ST JOHN'S From this week, the words of hymns and songs used in Sunday services will mainly be taken from the new hymn books. Sidespeople will offer copies with standard size and large print words. As a result, the weekly email with the words of the hymns will come to an end: but, should you wish to receive a copy of the hymns by email to enable you to vary the size of the text yourself, please contact Lisa in the Team Office.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **FROM THE TEAM RECTOR** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

REMEMBRANCE EVENTS in EPPING On **Friday 7th November** a series of short services will take place to remember particular events connected with the community of Epping. All are welcome to any or all:

10:30 am Service at the memorial plaques to the Civilian casualties and HMS Sickle in the Memorial Garden outside **St John's Epping**

11:00 am Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance at the War Memorial

11:30am Service of Remembrance at Epping Cemetery (by the Commonwealth War Graves)

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 9th November 2025, Remembrance Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at **St John's Epping**

10:30 Remembrance Sunday Service* **St John's Epping** with hymns

10:30 am Remembrance Sunday Service* followed by Holy Communion at **All Saints Epping Upland**

10:50 am Remembrance Sunday Service* **St Alban's Coopersale**

Asterisks means the inclusion of a 2 minutes silence at 11:00 am.

3:00 pm Civic Remembrance Service at **St John's Epping**

READINGS: Isaiah 9.1-6; James 3.13-18; John 15.9-17

(Readings for The Peace of the World)

SUPPORTING THOSE LIVING IN THE BELL. The local Care4Calais group are very grateful for clothes donated to the residents at the Bell Hotel, and also for some suited for the families at the Phoenix in North Weald. Further donations of clothing, particularly small and medium sized items, are welcome. The collection box for clothes is in **St John's Church**.

POSADA Thanks to the generosity and skill of a member of **St John's** congregation, this year there will be a Posada travelling around the parishes between the beginning of Advent and Christmas Eve. It is based on a Mexican tradition where figures of the holy family travel around as a reminder of the journey Mary made before the birth of Jesus. If you would like to host them for a night between Sunday 30th November and Wednesday 23rd December, please email your name and contact details to teamadmin@eppinganglicans.org.uk (Priority will be given to those with under 16's living at the address).

WARM COATS- Do you have a spare, warm winter coat in good condition ? If so would you consider donating it and adding it to the coat rail? This is now in place in **St John's Church** porch. Many thanks in advance! (Pastoral Care Team)

~~~~~PLEDGED GIVING AND COLLECTIONS~~~~~

There are many ways to financially support the mission and ministry of the parishes. We are grateful for the many ways and forms of giving which express our shared worship of Christ.

COLLECTIONS IN SUNDAY SERVICES: A cash collection is taken at Sunday and midweek services. Please don't feel any embarrassment to let it pass you by.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS): Similar to direct debit payments but set up an account by calling PGS on 0333 002 1271 providing your bank details plus your church PGS code which is:

Epping Upland, All Saints-0806-08029

Epping, St John the Baptist-0806-08028

Coopersale, St Alban the Martyr-0806-08027

BACS You can give to church by bank transfer; the sort codes and account numbers are listed here:

St Alban's 20-29-86, Account: 50776459

St John's 20-29-86, Account: 50357219

All Saints 60-07-39, Account 50236520

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Please send us any prayer requests, or if you would like someone to pray for you.

St John's has a 'T' loop: please ask for help if you need it.

MOBILITY AIDS are at the back of **St John's** for use in church.

You can follow **St John's, All Saints** and **St Alban's** on **Facebook**

WE ARE A MEMBER OF VOLUNTARY ACTION EPPING FOREST