

The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton
The Parish of Tettenhall Wood

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Dear Friends,

First, some good news: from the Harvest donations, as a parish we have been able to give £600 to Good Shepherd Ministry in support of those facing hard times in our city. This is a fantastic response and represents the wonderful generosity of our congregations. In addition to this figure, I know some have given directly to Good Shepherd by cheque or online, or have set up regular giving mandates. So, thank you all very much indeed.

This Sunday is St Luke's Day. We start a new order of service to take us through to late November, which I have enclosed, along with my sermon about St Luke the Evangelist, and intercessions from Samantha, Isabelle and Emily. In church, the 9.30 at Good Shepherd is Holy Communion, and 11.00 at Christ Church, Morning Prayer. You will be pleased to know that scientific advice, passed on by the Church of England, is that we do not have to keep the church doors wide open through the winter months. In large buildings like ours, having the heating on encourages the air to circulate, allowing for natural ventilation.

On Friday 23 October, there is a Diocesan Day of Prayer. Huge decisions will have to be made about how the church in our diocese goes forward, and it is vital such decisions are undergirded with prayer. I have attached a poster from Rev Julia, our Rural Dean, suggesting ways we may take part. Please do!!

Looking slightly further ahead, on 1 November, in addition to our normal Sunday morning services, we will be holding the Annual Memorial Service, remembering especially those who have died in the past year. This service will be pre-recorded so everyone can join in at home – online, by DVD or on paper. There will be no service in church. For those who normally receive the service DVD, the Memorial Service will appear as a second track on your DVD. If there is anyone else who would like the DVD, please contact the parish office a week beforehand. The service is scheduled for 4.00pm on 1 November: I would encourage all who wish to join in at that time, and to light a candle at home, so that there is a sense of solidarity of prayer in bereavement.

Finally, the following week, 8 November, is Remembrance Sunday. So as to incorporate an Act of Remembrance at 11.00, both our churches will have a change of time. The services will at both Good Shepherd and Christ Church will begin at 10.30am that day.

I think that's all from me for now. Don't forget the Virtual Christmas Fair advertised last week, or indeed Rev Lin's call for knitted angels.

God bless you this week and always,

Phil