

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

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Dear Friends,

I hope you are managing OK as second lockdown has begun. Let's stay strong and hopeful, confident in the love of God at all times and in all situations.

You will be aware that services cannot be held in our church buildings once more, as things stand until early December. However, we continue to offer worship you can join in at home, on paper, online, by DVD etc. If there's anyone who would like to receive a DVD of the weekly service and doesn't yet do so, please contact the parish office.

This week is Remembrance Sunday. The recordings have been made in church: Richard at Good Shepherd and myself at Christ Church. I enclose my sermon and intercessions by David Hughes, and also the words to the Act of Remembrance we use within the service.

Readings: Micah 4: 1-5 Matthew 25: 1-13

Collect *God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Private prayer is allowed in church, so Christ Church will remain open midweek, from soon after 9.00am until around 4.00pm. Please do make use of the opportunity for some quiet reflective space, perhaps especially at this time of Remembrance (but please NOT as a crowd at 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month). Do keep following the procedures to keep everyone safe, including using the 'I sat here' cards.

It's also still OK to visit Christ Church to make donations for the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, or indeed to make use of the new cheese wrapper recycling facility just outside the porch. It should be possible to maintain the plans for our online Christmas fair, although house deliveries may have to wait until lockdown is over. More details in a week or so.

I have enclosed a leaflet from Transforming Communities Together, the partnership between Lichfield Diocese and the Church Urban Fund, to make a difference to society where we live. Please read, pray, and support if you can. See <https://tctogether.org.uk/> for more information.

The most positive action we can take, unique to us as people of faith, is to make November a month of prayer, interceding for the world in its current state. The diocese has provided some resources which I will be sharing, and suggest making each Thursday a focused day of prayer, and 6.00pm on a Thursday a shared moment of prayer. Please take part in whatever ways you can.

Stay faithful. Keep hopeful. And may God bless you,

Phil