

## November 2022      One more step ....



November is traditionally a month for remembering the events of the past and those who have died whose memories we treasure. This year this season has an added poignancy as we move towards the final act of worship at St Wilfrid's Church. It has been a long journey from the original discussions and decisions made over 5 years ago and there have been many twists and turns on the way. But we are now nearing the end of this part of the journey.



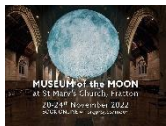
On October 12<sup>th</sup> we welcomed many former members of the congregation and Bishop Ian Brackley to give thanks for all that had been and to celebrate the life and worship of that Church over the years. Then on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> we gathered, with other former members, to remember and pray for the repose of the souls of all who have faithfully served that community over the years. There will be **a final Coffee Morning at 10am on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** to say 'farewell'. After that the current regular congregation will gather with Bishop Jonathan to mark the closure of the building in a eucharist. This is very much the time for him as our chief pastor, along with Revds Sam and Kate and Fr Bob, to offer support and prayer to those who will be most affected by this step.



**We hope that you will understand the need for this to be just for that group rather than a general celebration. However, we do hope that as many of us as possible will be at St Mary's after 11am on that day (Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)** to welcome Bishop Jonathan and those who have gathered with him as they place the Statue and Banner of St Wilfrid – and the Eucharistic vessels – in their new home. This is a sign and symbol of the ongoing life of that community within the wider life of the Parish.



The Season we are in is also known as ‘Kingdom season’ and this reminds that the kingdom of God that we all seek is not confined by time or space, is not held within walls or buildings, but is made of the living stones, the people of God who are a pilgrim people. The hymn ‘One more step’ reminds us that we are called to journey through life with all its trials, challenges, joys and celebrations aware of the presence of God with us each step of the way. As the people of St Wilfrid’s take the next step on their journey of faith please pray for them, and those who support them, that they may be aware of the presence of Christ in joy and in sorrow, and may continue to walk with him as part of the parish community



We will also be welcoming to St Mary’s Church in November ‘**The Museum of the Moon**’. This is a light installation that has at its heart a 7m illuminated globe of the Moon. Those who have visited it elsewhere in the country (last year at Chichester Cathedral) have all spoken of how impressive and beautiful it is – and we hope that everyone will come and enjoy the installation. There are a number of events (listed below) associated with ‘We Shine’ and we are expecting to have a large number of visitors. **If you could help us in welcoming them for a couple of hours please see the list in Church or contact one of the Ministry Team.**



The **Parish Autumn Fayre** took place on Oct 29<sup>th</sup> and there was a good atmosphere of us working together as a team (over 50 volunteers) welcoming in those who came to the Fair. There have been many thanks and positive comments on social media from those who visited – and we also **raised £1250** ....thank you to all who supported it in anyway!

This year for Advent we are inviting you to join us in a ‘**Feast for Advent**’. This is the title of a book by Delia



Smith and we will be exploring it together at Wednesday Fellowship lunches, Saturday Breakfasts and on online book club (contact Revd Sam for Zoom link). More details will be available at the end of November – but in the meantime if you want to get a copy of the book we have some in stock in the Parish and can order more ... please let us know!



Also this year is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Churches Homeless Action ‘**Comfort and Joy**’ voucher scheme. As in previous years we will be collecting donations of Gift vouchers/cards (£5) and a Christmas card.

### *Dates for November*



**Sunday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 3pm Service for those bereaved** in the past year at St Mary’s – we pray for those who have died and those who mourn – especially those we have supported through our Funeral Ministry

**Wednesday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1pm Fellowship Lunch** with pupils from Manor Infant School at St Mary’s

**Friday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm Organ Recital by Tom Bell** at St Mary’s – the last in this year’s Organ Project recitals ...enjoy a glass of wine and some fine music!



**Saturday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 9am Prayer Breakfast** at St Mary’s  
**10am Farewell Coffee Morning** at St Wilfrid’s. A chance to gather an say farewell to the building and give thanks for all that has been



**Sunday Nov 13<sup>th</sup>**     **Acts of Remembrance at morning services**  
at all 3 Churches



**3pm Portsmouth Branch of Royal British Legion Service** at St Mary's  
*We will remember them ,,,*

**4.30pm Panto Players meet** at St Mary's

**Monday Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**     **7.30pm Julian Prayer Group** at St Faith's

**Tuesday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**     **6pm Social Justice Group** meets at St Faith's

**Thursday Nov 17<sup>th</sup>**     **5pm – 9pm 'We Shine'**  
**Museum of the Moon** at St Mary's

**Friday Nov 18<sup>th</sup>**     **5pm – 9pm 'We Shine'**



**Museum of the Moon**

**5.30pm gather** at **Victory Business Centre**  
for the **Lantern Parade to St Mary's** (leaving  
at 6pm) – including a new light installation on the  
Cargo Bike!

**7pm Choir and Battala Samba Band**  
perform in Churchyard

**Sat Nov 19<sup>th</sup>**     **5pm – 9pm 'We Shine'**  
**Museum of the Moon**

**Sun Nov 20<sup>th</sup>**     **I I am ish Welcome of St Wilfrid**  
**to St Mary's**

**4pm Baptism Service**

**5pm – 9pm Museum of the Moon**

**7pm Music of the Moon**

with Brian Moles and Becky Hill

**Mon Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**     **5pm – 9pm Museum of the Moon**  
**7pm Guide to the Moon**

by University Cosmology department  
(combined with Monday Men)

**Tues Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**5pm – 9pm Museum of the Moon**

**7pm Yoga under the Moon**

**Weds Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**12.30pm Fellowship lunch**

with Revd Hannah Baraclough at St Mary's

**5pm – 9pm Museum of the Moon**

**5.30 – 6.30 Performance**

**by Portsmouth Academy**

**8.30pm Piano Music for the Moon**



**Sun Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Advent Sunday**

**6pm Advent Carol Service** at St Mary's

A special service reflecting on the coming of the light into the darkness in music and readings

**Sat Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**10am Messy Advent** at St Mary's

Explore the Advent season with us in art, craft, mess and fun and share in a free lunch at the end

**Fri Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**

**5.30pm The News Christingle**

**and Carol service** (please note the date – not on a Sunday!) at St Mary's

*The Parish of St Mary, Portsea  
With St Faith's and St Wilfrid's*

*Weekly notes-Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent*

**Today**

**3pm Service for those who are bereaved**

**at St Mary's**

**Monday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Organ Project Schools workshop** at St Mary's



*S Willibrod of York*      **Noon Mass** at St Mary's

**Tuesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**      **9.30am Requiem Mass** at St Faith's  
*Saints and Martyrs of England*

**Wednesday Nov 9<sup>th</sup>**      **Noon Mass** at St Mary's  
*Feria Week 32*      **1pm Fellowship Lunch** at St Mary's  
                                        With Manor Infant pupils

**Thursday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**      **10.30am Mass** at St Wilfrid's  
*S Leo the Great*      **7.15pm TSSF** (Franciscans) at St Faith's

**Friday Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**      **11am Coffee and Chat** at St Mary's  
*S Martin of Tours*      **Noon Mass** at St Mary's  
                                        **7pm Organ Recital by Tom Bell**  
                                        at St Mary's

**Saturday Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**      **9am Prayer Breakfast** at St Mary's  
                                        **10am Just Ask** at St Mary's *come and enquire*  
                                        *about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply 'just*  
                                        *ask' something for the clergy*  
                                        **10am Coffee Morning** at St Wilfrid's  
                                        **11am Baptism Prep** at St Mary's

**Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**      **8am BCP Eucharist** at St Mary's  
*Remembrance Sunday* **9.30am Mass and Act of Remembrance**  
                                        at St Faith's

**10am Mass and Act of Remembrance**  
                                        at St Mary's

**11am Act of Remembrance and Mass**  
                                        at St Wilfrid's

**3pm Royal British Legion Service**  
                                        at St Mary's

**4.30pm Panto Players** at St Mary's

**Saturday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 9am Prayer Breakfast** at St Mary's - let Fr Bob know if you hope to join us for conversation and reflection on our spiritual lives so we can cater for you.

Also on **Saturday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 10am** There will be the **final Coffee Morning at St Wilfrid's** and a chance to gather and say farewell.

**Museum of the Moon Nov 17<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>** – St Mary's will be at the heart of 'We Shine' the city wide lights festival. The Museum of the Moon will be in the Church for a week – as well as other installations in the Churchyard, the Lantern Procession and other events and activities. There will be a full list available soon – but we will need lots of **helpers to welcome visitors** (each evening 5 – 9pm) **serve outdoor refreshments** (17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>) and **indoor refreshments** (20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>). If you can help in anyway please let us know or sign list in Church.

*Best wishes*

*Father Bob and Revd Sam*  
(on behalf of the ministry team)



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