Newsletter November 2026

Dear Friends,

At this time of year, we are turning our thoughts once more to all those from our communities who lost their lives in service of our country. For many of us, Remembrance Sunday is also an opportunity to reflect and remember those known personally to us who served during World Wars I and II, and in all conflicts since. We are living in uncertain times and the news seems to be full of terrible stories of violence and hatred. Our recent experiences remind us that civilians often face great suffering as well as those in the armed forces. Christians believe Jesus offers us hope in the face of troubling times. In John's Gospel he reassured his followers that *"in this world there will be trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33)* Jesus's message gives us comfort and hope because God – in the end – is always on the side of good not evil. His way – the way of love – will triumph in the end. The peace Jesus offers is not the absence of trouble but is found in Jesus himself who Christians believe overcame the world through his death and resurrection. Jesus encourages his followers to find peace in him and to remember God's power has the ability to overcome everything, even death.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are caught up in wars around the world today, including Ukraine and the Middle East where peace still feels a long way off. We especially pray that all people on the side of good, justice and peace will prevail; and all wrong doers will fail. We will be remembering and honouring all those who have served their country and we will be thinking of those who are suffering due to violence and conflicts today. All are most welcome to join us at our Remembrance Day Service at 10:55am on Sunday 8 November, starting on the green outside the

church where the wonderful village display is. We will remember all those from this village who gave their lives for our country, those known personally to us, and think of all those caught up in wars today.

God Bless,

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Services in November

Sunday 1 November

9:30am Holy Communion with Revd Clare

Monday 2 November All Souls

6pm A service of remembrance with Revd Clare and Michaela McNeill

Sunday 8 November Remembrance Day

10:55am A special service of remembrance with Revd Clare, starting on the green outside the church where the wonderful village remembrance display is.

Sunday 15 November

9:30am Holy Communion with Revd Clare

Sunday 22 November

9:30am Holy Communion with Michaela McNeill and Revd Clare

Sunday 29 November Advent Sunday

9:30am Holy Communion with Revd Clare. We will be starting an Advent Sermon series today:

Discovering Joy this Christmas: an art inspired journey through Advent

This Advent we will be focusing on how Christian art can deepen our understanding of the Christmas story and help us to grow in faith. Advent is the season of waiting, watching and preparing, readying ourselves to meet Jesus afresh. Making space to be challenged, to think more deeply about what we believe and how it affects and influences our lives.

Each week we will be studying a new piece of art and exploring in turn the themes of light, hope, peace and love with related bible readings.
For our Christmas festivities, we will focus on the joy Jesus brings into our lives and we will conclude our Sermon series at Epiphany, reflecting back on all we have learnt this season, to try and sense where God may be calling us next.

Weekday Services:

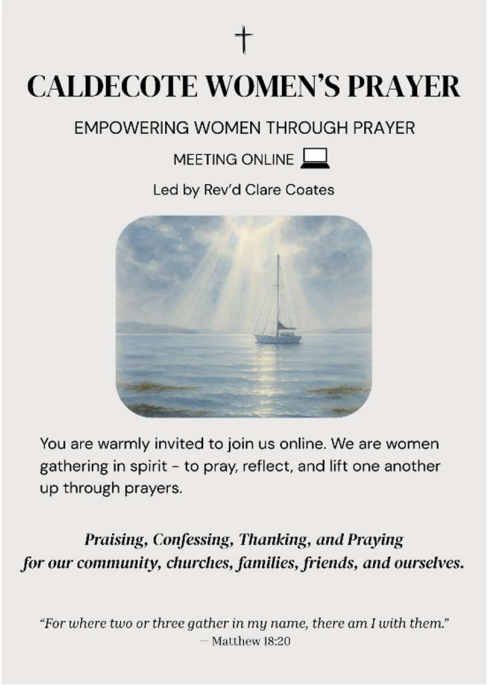
Wednesday Prayers

1st Wednesday of the month, 9am at the Cabin

And in the following weeks, on zoom. All welcome. Please ask Revd Clare for more details.

Caldecote Women's Prayer group Thursday mornings in term time at 9am on Zoom

Women from Caldecote and surrounding villages are warmly invited to join us online, gathering in spirit to pray, reflect and lift one another up through prayers.



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Friday night prayers at 7:30pm, on Zoom
All most welcome to join us on Fridays for night prayers starting at 7.30 pm with chat and prayer actually beginning at 7.45 pm:
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What's on:

Saturday 14th November How Posh is your palate? Christmas Special

In aid of St Mary's Church Hardwick

How posh is your palate Christmas special?

Do you know your Waitrose from your Aldi?
Do you always buy branded foods?

Come for an evening of fun to test your theories.
You will sample a variety of Christmas foods and drink from different supermarkets.
Express your preferences and see how posh your palate really is.

Where: The Cabin at St Mary's
When: Saturday 14th November 19.00
Price: £15 per person
Vegetarian option will be available but this must be ordered in advance.
Tickets from: Kate Austin: events4@stmaryshardwick.org.uk or 07762621291
Anne Jones: events2@stmaryshardwick.org.uk

DRY DRAYTON

Chamber Music Concerts
at
Dry Drayton Parish Church

'Si dolce tormento'
Renaissance songs from England and Italy

Helen Southernwood *soprano*
Richard Taylor *virginals*

A programme of songs and keyboard works by the greatest composers of the Renaissance, including Byrd, Monteverdi and Gibbons; and featuring the historic keyboard instrument, the virginals.

Ticket reservations at:
sidolcetormento.eventbrite.co.uk
suggested donation on the door: £15/£5
to include wine/juice afterward

Saturday 21 November; 6 pm
lasting one hour

Community

Tuesday Toddlers in the Cabin 10-11:30am, every Tuesday in term time.

All welcome to join us for free play, craft, story and fun!

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For more information contact Revd Clare:
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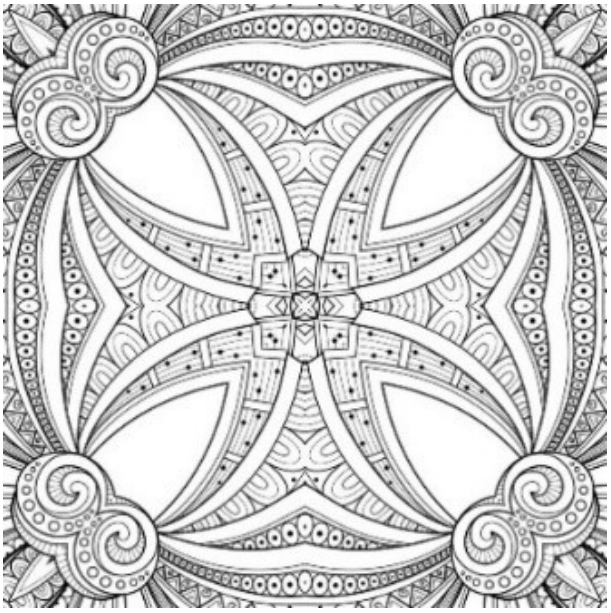

Tuesdays, alternate weeks:

1-3pm The Colour Wheel Hardwick Mindful Colouring Group:

in the Cabin. £3 donation which includes refreshments and materials. For more information contact Nicky 07539 429394 kerranica@gmail.com

Thursdays

10:30 – 12: Bumps and Babes with Ali in the Cabin. All welcome.

1st Saturday of every month: Pippins

10am-12 noon, in Hardwick School Hall. Drop in for a cuppa, cake and a chat! All most welcome.

Useful contacts

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