

Week beginning 18 November

9 am: Morning Worship (Church Centre)

10 30 am: **Holy Communion (Church Centre)**

Monday: Tiddlywinks 1.30 pm; Service at Cherry Garth 3 pm; Prayer Meeting 7.30 pm

Tuesday: Prayer Meeting 9 am; Bowls 2 pm

Thursday: Souper Lunch 12.30 - 2 pm

The Women's Fellowship are having a special meeting on November 15th when Bucks Voices Male Voice Choir will be coming to entertain us – their previous visits have been very popular. It is at 2 pm in the Church Centre, and all, men included, are welcome.

Important Notice: To all Holmer Green residents. You have received a letter asking you to complete a survey regarding future medical facilities in Holmer Green. The Clinical Commissioning Group need your views. Complete on line or get a paper copy from Foxes pharmacy. Your views are very important. The more replies received will hopefully help the present situation. Linda M

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

If you know of anyone in need or if you require help yourself, please don't hesitate to call:-

Carol Hornsby
Mike Large
Rosemary Wheeler

FREEDOM

We thank God that in this country of ours, we have the freedom to speak without fear, freedom to worship in our own way, freedom to stand and say for what we think is right, freedom to oppose what we believe is wrong and freedom to choose who shall govern our country.

Today at the 11th hour on the 11th day of this 11th month, let each of us set aside a moment to remember the end of the 1st World War, the end of the 2nd World War and think with gratitude the sacrifices made by so many for our country; for the freedom we have today and for the years to come. MJC

If anyone would like to read, or have a copy of four poems, written by my Great Grandmother Evangeline Naomi Large about the happenings of her husband, five sons and son-in-law who fought in the Dardanelles during the First World War and who all miraculously came back alive, which was unusual, they would be welcome to do so. These poems are heartfelt and certainly reflect her faith in God. Mike Large

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NEWSLETTER

**For the Parish of Penn Street
with Holmer Green**

11 November 2018

A very warm welcome to our services, especially if you are a visitor or new to the church. We are a Christian family committed to serving God and our community and making his good news known.

Remembrance Sunday

8.30 am: Holy Communion BCP (Holy Trinity)

10 am: **Service of Remembrance** (Holy Trinity)

Monday: Tiddlywinks 1.30 pm

Tuesday: Prayer Meeting 9 am; Bowls 2 pm

Thursday: Women's Fellowship 2 pm when we shall be entertained by Bucks Voices. All welcome.

Friday: Link-up Bereavement Friendship Group 10.30 am followed by a sharing lunch

Curzon School have made a display of poppies at the back of Holy Trinity – please have a look at it.



Collect for Remembrance Sunday

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, Amen



Please Pray For:
Janice, Pene, Lena,
Duncan, Alan &
Judy, Keith, Monica
& Geoff, Jane, Freya
& Bethany, and Pam

Christ Church will be closed until 31 March 2019 as there will not be any heating. Services will be held in the Church Centre. Any further donations towards the heating fund will be gratefully received.

Our Parish Vision

To Release, Support, Enable and Encourage God's People to receive His Grace, share His Love and live His Life

Visit our website: <https://www.pshg.org> for updates & information about any future events.

COMMEMORATING THE END OF WORLD WAR I

During his long service Vicar of Penn Street and Holmer Green, the Rev Arthur Browning recorded many aspects of the life in the villages in his monthly newsletters. The fund-raising for various projects during World War I is documented, as well as the sad news when a local man was killed.

In the December 1918 Newsletter, he records "The news of the signing of the Armistice on Nov. 12th, St Martin's Day, sent a thrill of joy throughout the country; ..." and in January 1918 mentions a war memorial. Several schemes were being proposed in the district and preliminary meetings were held in Penn Street on 28th December and in Holmer Green on 6th January 1919 to consider what the local people wanted. It was unanimously agreed to erect a granite Cross in each Churchyard with the names of the 'fallen' engraved on the base, with a suitable inscription, and to raise at least £100 for this enterprise in each village.

In June 1919 the Vicar tells us that "it has now been provisionally arranged to place a memorial tablet in the Parish Church to the memory of those fallen in the war from Penn Street, Woodrow and Mop End." After paying for this, any surplus money could go towards a Recreation Room that could be used as a kind of club for the many young men, including those returned from the Army, living in the village. Money was starting to come in and some of the young men organised a house-to-house weekly collection. A social in May raised £5 from admission and refreshments, all of which had been donated.

Holmer Green residents were raising money and in July up to nearly £40 had been donated. Some people were paying by weekly and monthly subscriptions so on the whole the response had been gratifying. Rev Browning urged upon all Holmer Green people the desirability of contributing something towards this fund.

"However liberally we may respond to outside appeals we ought not to do so at the expense of our own memorial."

In May 1920, it is reported that a design had been chosen and a site in the Churchyard given by the Vicar for a memorial in Holmer Green. More donations were received to cover the cost. In October the faculty for the erection of the War Memorial Cross in the Churchyard was received and work started soon after by Mr G Darlington of Amersham.

In the December 1920 Newsletter, a meeting in Penn Street Schoolroom it was agreed that the most suitable place for a memorial would be on 'The Piece', close to the road, if Lord Howe consented.

The bound volume for 1921 is missing and I think this is when the Holmer Green Memorial would have been completed and dedicated. Has anyone any information about this?

In July 1922 it is recorded that "A large number of people – estimates varied between 700 and 1000 - assembled on the Village Green for the Unveiling and Dedication of the War Memorial Festival of the Parish Church (in Penn Street)." Penn and Tylers Green Brass Band accompanied the hymns, and "by the kindness of the Commanding Officer," two buglers came from Halton Camp to play the Last Post and the Reveille at the end of the ceremony. Earl Howe gave an address and invited Private Eric Randall, who lost a leg in the war, to unveil the memorial. At the conclusion of the Ceremony about 350 people packed in to the Parish Church for Evensong, when the collection was given to St Dunstan's. Hilary Hide

We would like a good turn out at the Great Missenden CO-OP foodstore on the 24th November. We will be receiving the BIG cheque from the CO-OP Community Fund. We have been receiving payments over the last year and the final payment is due this month so I don't yet know what the full grant is worth.

Wonderful to have the CO-OP support isn't it!
Dave Wainman

TO THE MEN OF OUR CHURCH

Thank you for your previous donations of old shirts for Curzon School.

However, having been used over the past years for painting, gluing and other messy devices, they need replacing. So if you have any unwanted shirts that the children can use as overalls, please have a word with Mike Curry, who will be delighted to take them off your hands.

The Charity Christmas Card Shop, behind Waitrose in Beaconsfield is now open. Monday - Saturday 9.30 am - 4 pm. The charity shop stocks cards from over 25 different charities.

High Wycombe Choral Society are holding a concert on Saturday 17 November at All Saints' Church High Wycombe at 7.30 pm. Tickets £15. There will be a retiring collection in aid of Scannappeal. More details from Ian Guy.

Instead of a Christmas Post Box this year we shall have a large board on which people can attach their own Christmas card to the congregation as a whole. It is suggested that you give any money you would otherwise have spent on cards to charity.