

**From Rev James Leach
4th November 2020**



Dear Friends,

this is my first email as team vicar of Whitchurch and I'm sending it to all those who have previously been receiving the Rev'd Kevin's weekly emails. You may have seen me on Zoom by now, but I'm sorry if I haven't been able to meet you face to face yet. I do look forward to meeting everyone as soon as it becomes possible. These are testing times, but I do hope and pray we can all know God as our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer (Psalm 18:2). I'm sure you're wanting to know what's next as far as our worship at Whitchurch is concerned, so here's a quick update for you:

After meeting with the churchwardens and PCC, I'm very pleased to be able to say that we'll be starting online (Zoom) services for Whitchurch on Sunday November 15th at 11.00 am and I'll be sending out the details for that next week. Government restrictions permitting we are then planning to open St. Mary's for worship from Sunday December 6th at 9.30 am. There are still a lot of unknowns around Christmas and inevitably things will be different this year, but we are looking at creative ways of making it as full of 'comfort and joy' as possible.

Finally, this Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and while there will be no church service in Whitchurch or Whitchurch Hill, there will be online services hosted by other ministers in the team (see further below). As an alternative you might consider going to your doorstep at 11.00 am on Sunday to observe the two minutes' silence. There will be wreaths laid at the War Memorial but attendance this year is being limited to those directly involved in the wreath laying.

Every blessing,

The Rev'd James Leach

Online Worship for Remembrance Sunday 8th November (from Rev'd Kevin)

Join us online this weekend to remember and give thanks for those who fought and gave their lives for our communities in past conflicts.

Our main worship options on a Sunday remain via Zoom. You may join the service hosted by your local minister, or another of your choosing. You will need the **zoom** app installed on your device (laptop, tablet, phone or PC) - download from <https://www.zoom.us>. Just before the appointed time, run the app, click on "join meeting" and enter the meeting number and passcode below for the service you wish to attend.

**Remembrance Worship with Revd John 10am 188 513 761 and 019797
The fallen of Ipsden and North Stoke are honoured.**

**Remembrance Worship with Revd Linda 9.45am (Note time!) 885 8064
0545 and 670064 The fallen of Woodcote are honoured.**

**Remembrance Worship with Revd Kevin 10.55am (Note time!) 636 645
195 and 000162. The fallen of Checkendon and Stoke Row are honoured.**

Family and friends are welcome to join us. It is a great way to stay in touch. There are also midweek online service options available on Wednesdays and Fridays in the evening. Do check out the [worship pages](#) on the Team Ministry website for full details.

Live worship in all of our churches has been suspended for the current national lockdown. Should the Government or National Church make any further pronouncements that affect us - check the Team website first of all: <https://www.langtreechurches.org/coronavirus>

