



SHOE BOX APPEAL 2024

The P.C.C. has decided that this year we should renew our tradition of having a Shoebox Appeal for Christmas.

Under the scheme church members each fill a box with a variety of useful small gifts. You can collect from

church a leaflet (and a empty shoebox) which explains all the details. It contains suggestions of gifts for all family members, so no-one is left out, and includes items such a shower gel/shampoo, family games, stationery items, ideas for mum and dad and grandparents, as well as sweets, soft toys, hats and scarves, and lots more.

The filled boxes are then brought to the church to be collected by a charity, which takes them abroad to be distributed to needy families as Christmas gifts. The charity we will be working with this year is a Christian organisation called Link to Hope. Their annual family shoebox appeal has been running since 1992 and has sent over 800,000 boxes to hundreds of different locations. Link to Hope's aim is to combat poverty and give humanitarian aid and has special concern for the most disadvantaged.

This year our shoeboxes will go to the poorest people in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania.

Link to Hope believe that sending shoeboxes shows love from British people to those in war-torn or poverty-stricken circumstances, regardless of their background, colour or creed.

If you wish to take part, please obtain a leaflet, which gives instructions, from Churchwarden Judy Rodgers. We will send the boxes off in early November.

Please return filled shoeboxes to church on or by Sunday November 3rd.. **THANK YOU!** If you have any problems, please ask Duncan or Judy Rodgers ; e-mailduncanrodgers66@gmail.com

THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS' SERVICE will take place on Sunday 3rd November at 6pm. During this service there will be some well-known hymns, a reading from the bible, some prayers and a short address. There will be an opportunity to remember and give thanks for those we love who have died, to commemorate them by name and have candles lit as their name is read out as a prayerful expression of remembrance. If you would like your loved one remembered by name then you can contact Joanne Wallis on 07935 774633 or at admin@roystonparishchurch.org.uk.

Royston Parish Church

Sunday 3rd November – ALL SAINTS' DAY

The diocese's *Living God's Love Prayer*

**Living God, draw us deeper into your love;
Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;
Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news.
Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us
To live your love with generosity and joy,
Imagination and courage; for the sake of
your world and in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Please note: The Parish Office email has changed to admin@roystonparishchurch.org.uk. If you would like regular copies of the Notice Sheet emailed to you please email this account.

If you wish to make a donation to the church, then please hold your phone's camera over this image then touch the link that appears:



Sunday 3rd November

9 am Said Communion Service
10.30 am Sung Communion Service with Church Choir, Children's Church followed by refreshments
3.30 pm Tea Time Praise!
6 pm All Souls Service

Tuesday 5th

9 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday 6th

9.30 am Celtic Prayer meeting in the Chapel
11 am Said Communion service followed by refreshments
1 pm – 2.30 pm Knit and Natter in Church
7 pm Men's Group meeting in Wetherspoons
7 pm Choir practice

Thursday 7th

9 am – 11 am Tots in Church
2.30 pm Ladies Group meeting in Church

Saturday 9th

10 – 11.30 am Church Café

Sunday 10th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

No 9 am or 10.30 am today

9.30 am Sung Communion Service with Church Choir, Children's Church
10.45 am Service at the War Memorial

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 11th November 1 pm **Funeral Service for the late Pauline Tasker**
Friday 15 November 2 pm **Thanksgiving Service for Roy Rodway**
Followed at 3 pm **Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel**
Thursday 27 November 7.30 pm Julian prayer 11, Middle Drift

We pray for all Christians worldwide:

For all Christians in **Oceania**

For all who are worship at St. John the Baptist, Church: Revd: Steven Sivyer

For the work of our mission partners: Tearfund

We pray for the community of Royston:

For our local health centres

For our local Toddler Groups

We pray for our world and ECO projects:

Pray for World Vegan Day

We pray for the sick and suffering:

3 rd November	10 th November	17 th November	24 th November
Sarah Murphy	Paul & Pat Tidey	Baby Forest Pike	Ron Monksfield
Baby Eden	Phoebe Strom	Peter Coates	Neal
Richard Moss	Ann Milton	Jan McElney	John Hutchins
Jamie Covington	Lee Cockerill	Betty Gladstone	Kathy George
Jackson Herbert	Helen Yerrill	Val Brown	Cyrine and family
Mary Atkins	Margaret & John Coates	Angi and Ken Rushall	
Jean Coslett	Lynn Fricker	Mike	

We pray for those who have died in the faith of Christ:

Deceased

Pauline Tasker

Revd. Barbara Johnson

Roy Rodway

Bereaved

Family and friends

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We pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

04 Nov *Malcolm Hill*

06 *Paul Wallace*

NOTICES

REVD. BARBARA JOHNSON'S FUNERAL will be on Wednesday 20th November at 12 noon at Cambridge Crematorium. There will be a link that Ann Walsh will send to anyone who can't be there in person if they will send their email addresses to her. Ann's email address is, awsg65@gm.com

HELP NEEDED: Young lady, a care worker, looking for a granny annexe or studio flat to rent until social housing becomes available. Contact Jenny and Phil Burchell"

HOME GROUPS Our home groups offer an opportunity for people to meet in a relaxed and friendly environment in order to study the Bible and exchange views and support one another in the journey of faith. Whether you're just beginning your exploration of faith or have walked this path for a long time, our home groups are intended to help you grow in your connection with God and with one another. There are currently five groups meeting on a variety of days/evenings and times throughout the week. Each one has its own style and we will try to find the right group for you. You will be able to try and see without making any long-term commitment. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Val Neather or Jim Dalglish at valjneather@gmail.com and james.dalglish.t21@btinternet.com

STEVEN AND EMMA are very grateful for your gift of a plant celebrating their first year of ministry in Royston along with all of the individual plants that have been given. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Following the success of the Christmas raffle last year we would like to do another for this year. We would like to make up a few Christmas hampers and would be very grateful for any donations of good food, wine and treats if you could help! A box will be in the kitchen for your contributions. We need to start selling tickets in November and would like to get hampers ready as soon as possible.

The draw will take place on Saturday 14th December during Church Café.

Thank you for all your help from the Events committee!

ALSO: There are various events coming up over the Christmas period where we would like to offer mince pies as refreshments... ..If you are able to donate a box or two to help with this that would be wonderful! Please ensure a long use by date, and pop into kitchen. THANK YOU!

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT UP: On Friday 29th and Saturday 30th November we will serving refreshments of soup, mince pies and mulled wine to celebrate the turning on of the Town Christmas Tree lights (Friday) and our own Christmas tree lights (Saturday). We have 2 large pumpkins left from Harvest, so we will be providing a bag with pumpkin slices in and a recipe and would love it if you could make soup, freeze it and then bring for use on the 29th. Please collect a bag or 2 from the back of Church on Sunday 27th October. THANK YOU!

PASTORAL LETTER: Steven's letter went out on 6th October, but if you are yet to see one there is blank envelopes at the back of Church. All replies need to be in by November 5th please.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES – Looking ahead to next year, if you no longer require a set of weekly envelopes or if anyone else would like a set, please would you contact me (tel: 245273) or have a word with a member of staff, preferably by the end of November. I will then have the new sets available for collection by Sunday, 8 December. Many thanks. Brenda S.