

Saint Mary's Newsletter: Nov 2023

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SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 5th:

10am Holy Communion Service

Refreshments: Melanie

Readings: Charles

Intercessions: Melanie

Sunday 12th:

10am Holy Communion Service

Refreshments: Majella

Readings: Charles

Intercessions: Majella

Sunday 19th:

10am Holy Communion Service

Refreshments: Rosalie

Readings: Charles

Intercessions: Rosalie

Sunday 26th:

10am Christ The King Holy Communion Service

Refreshments: Leftovers from church fair

Readings: Charles

Intercessions: Sally-Ann



Prayer & Study Group: *Begins 1 Nov.* Meets every Weds 7:00pm at the church to pray, as well as to look into the 39 Articles. The 39 Articles are the historically defining statements of doctrines and practices of the Church of England which were finalised in 1571. For more information, please see Charles.

Church Decorating: Please assist in decorating the church ready for Advent/Christmas and the Garden Ramble on the 25th Nov. Please see Sally-Ann for more details

Garden Ramble Mini Fair: We are holding a small fair outside the church during the Garden Ramble – please bring along homemade baking and preserves

Garden Ramble:



CAN CHRISTIANS BE FREEMASONS?



Short answer is that the Craft (“witchcraft”) of Freemasonry and following Christ are not compatible. You cannot serve two masters.

There are several major concerns about the teachings and practices of Freemasonry. These are:

Freemasonry uses offensive, non-biblical, and blasphemous terms relating to God. In upper levels, they worship gods that are mixed together: JAHBALON

Freemasonry insists on the use of “bloody oaths” or obligations, which are strictly forbidden by the Bible (cf. Matt. 5:34-37).

Freemasonry urges that occultic and/or pagan readings be used and that their teachings be appropriated in interpreting such concepts as the Trinity.

Freemasonry includes the Bible as part of the “furniture of the lodge,” but only as an equal with non-Christian symbols and writings.

Freemasonry misuses the term “light” to refer to moral “reformation” as a means to salvation. Christ is the light. To receive the “light” in a ritual is NOT the light of Christ.

Freemasonry teaches that salvation may be attained by “good works” and not through faith in Christ alone.

Freemasonry advocates in many of its writings the non-biblical teachings of universalism.

While Freemasonry encourages and supports charitable activities, it contains both multi-religious and inclusivity teachings that are not Christian.



Parish Giving

Please consider giving to the parish via Automatic Payment. St Mary’s has to pay for our vicar and all other costs of running a parish, as well as giving a proportion to the Diocese. Please help us to be sustainable by giving via Automatic Payment. It is an easy way to give and is useful for the parish in running its budget. The Parish Bank Account is:

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Hero Truth Teller of the Month:



Pastor Voddie Baucham is an avid preacher and theologian who pulls no punches in calling out apostates and heretics in the Church. Pastor Voddie is outspoken against the Woke movement especially its pervasion into the Church. He is very vocal against Critical Race Theory and Critical Justice Theory, stating that it is anti-Western, misinformation, and is not compatible with Christianity. Pastor Voddie can still be found on TikTok, Rumble and limited on YouTube,

A Prayer for November

May my horizon this day, Lord,
not be so foreshortened that I notice little.
Instead, open my eyes
that I may see afar and above
as well as in front and beneath me.
Lead me to keep my life in perspective and
balance
and discover that the thread of your presence
is interwoven through the events and people
of this day.