



Benefice News – Sunday 18th October 2026

Autumn has arrived as seen in signs of this colour infused season. Leaves are falling and there have been alterations to plants in the garden which withstood the summer's heat. Another sure sign of autumn has been seen in the queues outside surgeries, as people turn up for flu and Covid jabs. People of a certain age or with specific medical problems are fortunate to be offered these vaccines. We are grateful for the staff who work extra time to carry out this wonderful act of care for us.

A downside of the autumn comes from the extra hours of darkness we experience. During these times, it is important to think of those who are on their own and may feel lonely and isolated because of the darkness, and for us to offer some light and joy back into their lives.

Our services and events are as follows:

Today's readings – Isaiah 45.1-7; 1 Thess 1.1-10; Matt. 22.15-22

Sunday 18th October (Trinity 20)

09.30 Ganarew – Sunday Praise.
11.00 Whitchurch – Holy Communion.
11.00 Wyesham – Holy Communion.

Monday 19th October

2pm Dixon – Funeral for Barbara Matthew.

Tuesday 20th October

09.30 Whitchurch – Sticky Little Fingers.

Wednesday 21st October

10.30 Whitchurch – Coffee Morning.
6pm Whitchurch – Taizé Prayer.

Thursday 22nd October

10.30 Whitchurch – Holy Communion.
11.00 Whitchurch – Bible Study.
2pm Whitchurch – Knit and Knatter.

Sunday 25th October (Trinity 21)

09.30 Dixon – Harvest Festival service.
11.00 Whitchurch – Sunday Praise.
11.00 Wyesham – Holy Communion.



Lord Jesus, As we experience more hours of darkness, help us to enlighten lives of others through your love. Help us to never forget that you are the light of the world. Amen.

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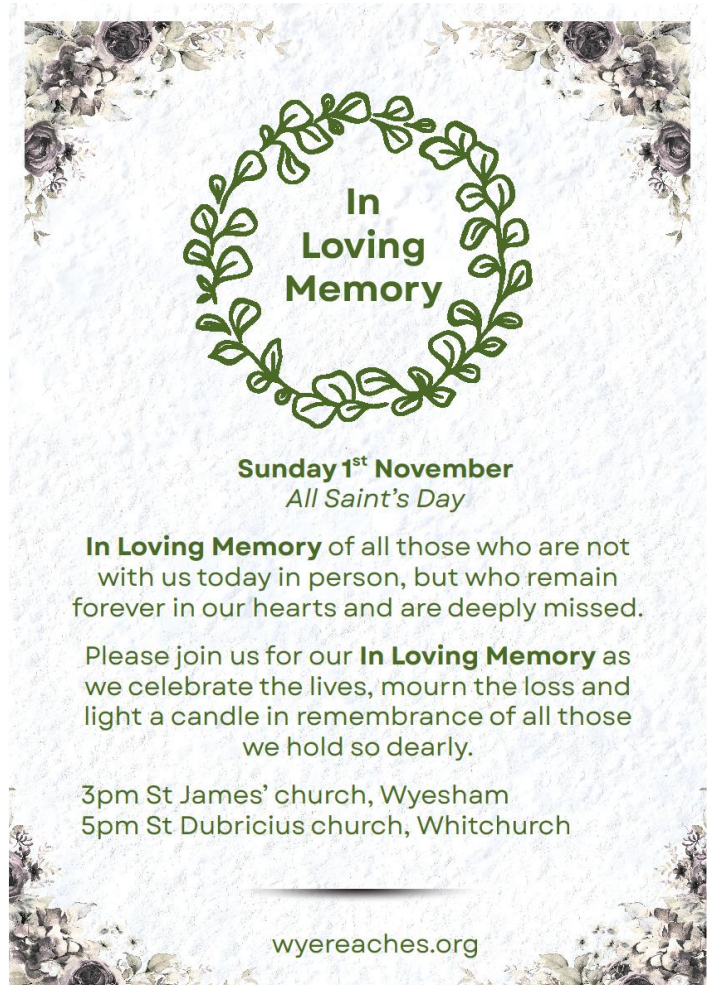
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In Loving Memory Services

Please see the poster to the right about our two upcoming In Loving Memory services. If you are not able to attend either of these services but would like a loved one remembered, please send their name by email to Cathy at wyereachesadmin.co.uk **before Wednesday 28th October**. We will add their name to the prayer tree and light a candle for them.



RIVER WYE FEDERATION

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

Could you help guide the future of our Church of England schools?

We are looking for a thoughtful, community-minded person to join the governing body of the River Wye Federation.

The role

Represent Whitchurch and Ganarew Parochial Church

Bring local knowledge, sound judgement and commitment to the work of the governing body

Support the Christian character and values of the Federation

Appointment

The Diocese of Hereford Board of Education will appoint the successful candidate.

APPLICATIONS WELCOMED NOW

Contact Whitchurch CE Primary School office
Telephone: 01600 890571 Email: whitchurchadmin@RWF.org.uk
Whitchurch CE Primary School, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6DA

VACANCY: Foundation School Governor

After many years as a Church of England School Governor, **Jim Herbert** (St Swithin's church) hung up his satchel at the end of the summer term! Jim we are so grateful for all you have done in being a school governor and in helping to maintain the special relationship between church schools and the local church.

This leaves us with a **vacancy for a foundation school governor** at the River Wye Federation (Whitchurch and Weston-under-Pennyard) which I would ask you to pray and think about. Please do let me know if you would like to learn more about this important role. Thank you.

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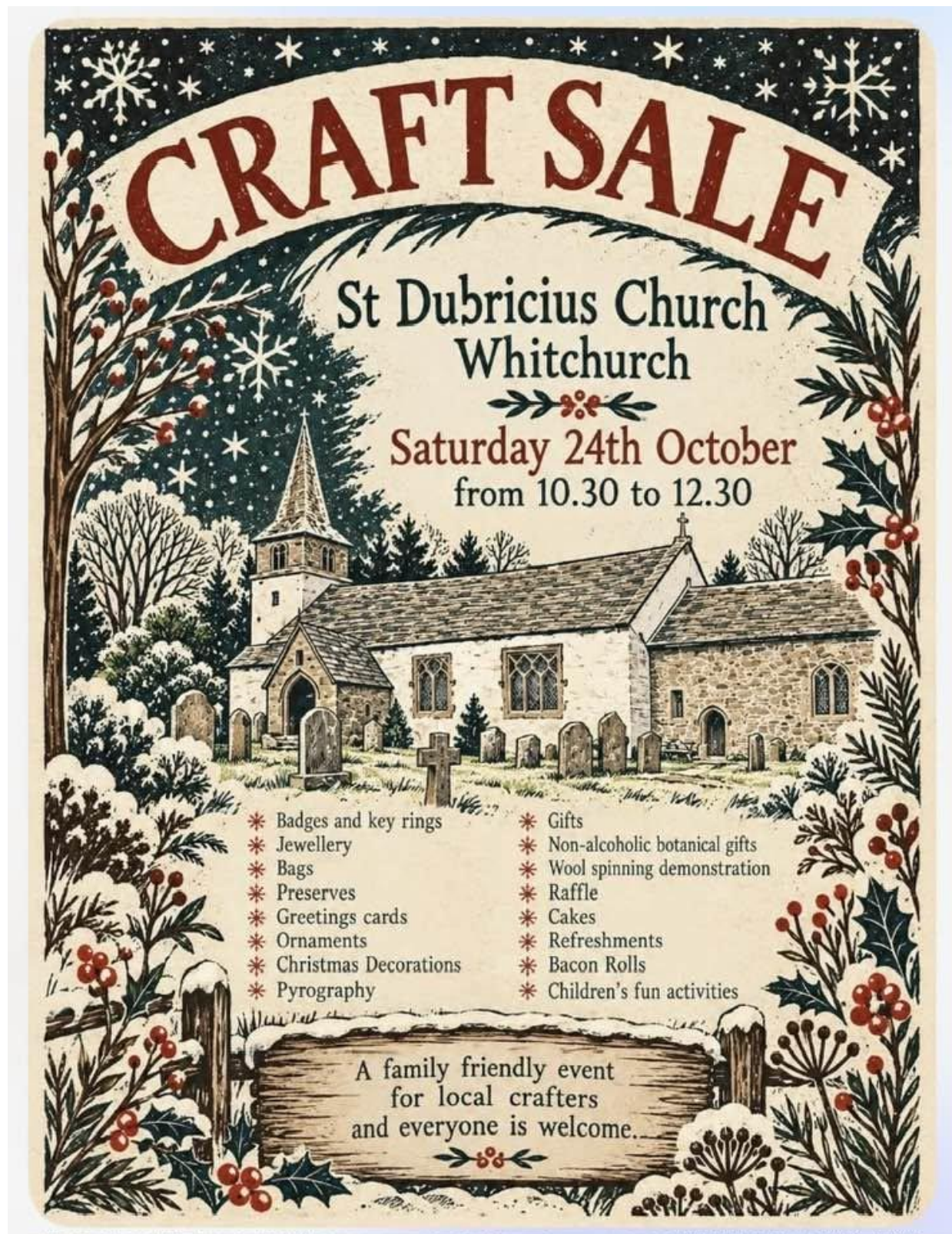
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