PRIMLEY CHURCH - NOVEMBER 2023

Please remember those of our congregation and those known to us personally who are unwell, bereaved or struggling

Nov 5^{th} - Community Friendship Lunch

Nov 12th - Remembrance Sunday and Shoe Box Blessing

ROTAS						
NOVEMBER	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th	Dec 3 rd	
Elder	Barbara	Roger	Richard	Maggie	Roger	
Door Stewards	Maureen	Chrissy	Barbara	Sue	Alison	
Communion - Roger & Marilyn						
NOVEMBER			PREACHERS			
5 th			Rev Sabrina Groeshel			
12 th			Rev Iain McDonald			
		Rememb	Remembrance Sunday & Shoe Box Blessing			
19 th			John Bellamy			
26 th			Richard Wainwright			
			(Communion)			
Dec 3 rd			Rev Michael Diffey			
Dec 3		1st Sunday in Advent				

Reminder for CR2EE Shoeboxes for Moldova

Please can all Shoeboxes be at the church for November 12^{th} in time to be blessed. They will then be taken to the Exmouth Depot on November 18^{th} and will subsequently be transported overland to Moldova in time for Christmas. Thank you

The month of November is the month that sees the gateway into Winter. It is often the start of morning frosts, the last of the falling leaves and bonfires. It is the month of cutting back the garden shrubs and hedges, and bringing in the fragile plants to protect them throughout the Winter months.

The garden is then "put to bed" to allow it to rest and build up its energy levels for the forthcoming Spring, when it will need all that stored strength to bud and grow again. We always look forward to the results the next year, waiting for the abundance of colour to cheer us once more.

As humans, if we are denied our rest then nothing we do or say can be of our best. Like nature we need to replenish not only our bodies but our souls too. By "Resting in God" we do just that! By reading his word and spending time in his presence in prayer, we shall grow strong again. Our world needs to hear about God's wonderful love.

Isaiah 40 v 31 says "They that hope in the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall take wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."

There is a great hymn written by Jean Sophia Pigott and this is the first verse:

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul, for by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.

Please contact Maggie for anything you wish to be announced each month: maggieknights@hotmail.com, 01395 597464 or 07980 581731