

PRIMLEY CHURCH - NOVEMBER 2026

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

Nov 1st - Friendship Lunch & Shoe Box Blessing

November 8th - Remembrance Sunday

November 29th - 1st Sunday in Advent

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NOVEMBER	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Elder	Richard	Maggie	Barbara	Roger	Richard
Door Stewards	Sue	Alison	Alison	Chrissy	Barbara
COMMUNION - Roger & Marilyn					
NOVEMBER		PREACHERS			
1 st		Rev Dick Gray Friendship Lunch & Shoebox Blessing			
8 th		Paul Skinner Remembrance Sunday			
15 th		Rev Sabrina Groeshel			
22 nd		Rev Barbara Bennett Communion			
29 th		John Bellamy 1st Sunday in Advent			

We are living through a time when the future feels uncertain. We see it in our country, in our communities, in our churches, and in our own lives, where the next chapter is not always clear. Uncertainty is not a comfortable place to be. But it is often the place where faith becomes real. We are invited to trust that God is present in the very places where things seem unclear.

Jesus did not let fear or cynicism set his agenda. He did not let the uncertainty of the moment define the future. God can work through surprising leaders, complicated politics, and through moments of uncertainty. God can work through people who do not even realise they are part of God's story, and this is something that can give us hope.

We live in a country that is trying to find its footing. A new prime minister brings new ideas and new promises. Some people feel encouraged, while others feel suspicious and many are simply tired of change.

We do not know what the future holds. But Isaiah reminds us that God can work through unexpected people. And Jesus reminds us that our hope does not depend on political certainty. Our hope depends on God's presence in the moment. He simply stays rooted in God. And that is a message we need today.

Hope is often misunderstood. We sometimes think hope means believing everything will turn out well, or having a clear plan, or being confident about the future.

But real hope is something different, and we can find real hope in the courage to trust that God is already in the future we cannot see, in the willingness to step forward when we don't know where we are going, and in the belief that God's love is stronger than our fear and can work in ways we might never expect. Hope is about trusting.

Many churches today feel uncertain about the future, everywhere it seems numbers are smaller and the future feels unclear. But Isaiah says: God is not finished. God is still working. And Jesus says not to let fear or politics or anxiety define our future. The future of the church will be different, but difference is not failure.

Hope grows in small acts of kindness and faithfulness. Things like, a conversation over a cup of tea, or a welcome offered to a stranger. A quiet prayer, a shared meal, a hand extended, a listening ear and a willingness to try something new. These small things shape the future, build community, and keep hope alive. Hope is something we build together. Because together we encourage one another and remind one another that God is present. Together we share burdens and joys, and together we can imagine a future shaped by compassion.

Hope grows in community — in the way we hold one another, support one another, and walk forward together. God is faithful. Jesus' message is that God deserves trust. Hope is not rooted in our achievements, but in who God is. And we know that God is patient, generous and compassionate and is always present in ways that are not limited by our uncertainty.

We do not know how our future will unfold. But we know God's character and compassion. So today, as we stand in a moment of uncertainty — in our country, in our communities, in our churches, and in our own hearts — let us hold on to hope, and trust in God.

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