

## RBC Newsletter November 2025

Dear Church Family,

The clocks have now changed, the days are already becoming much shorter, and the spooky and dark celebration of Halloween surrounds us, soon to be followed by Guy Fawkes night. But spooky nights can't hide the bright truth – God's love is eternal, and His blessings are sweet. As we shared with the children during the Messy Church light party, Jesus is alive, and as they sang the song This Little Light of Mine, they are going to let him shine. This song for them resulted in a lot of jumping up and down, feet stomping, shouting and marching around! We might not all be able physically to do that but we can still shine out Jesus' love and light through all we do with kindness, generosity and hospitality in these dark times. May your light shine brighter than the pumpkins and be filled with God's love, peace, and light that guides every step you take.

We are going to re-start our time of Prayer Ministry later this month. Please don't hesitate to come forward or stay after the service for prayer where our Prayer Ministry team will be happy to spend time praying with you.

Fiona is attending a retreat this week and then is on holiday until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please don't hesitate to contact any one of the Trustees if you need support during this time.

Dates for your diary this month are as follows:

- The monthly Saturday Prayers Zoom meeting will take place at 9am Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>
   November. Zoom details will be sent out in the usual way. As this a free Zoom hosted by Marguerite this will only last 30 minutes. All Welcome.
- Our Encountering God evening will take place on Tuesday 4th November at 7.30pm.
   All are welcome to this lovely informal time of praise and prayer, and as usual, to prioritise attendance at this midweek gathering, we will have no house-groups this week.
- Come and join us, for our next Men's Breakfast on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 09.00, held in the downstairs hall. While you are served with a FREE breakfast, our speaker Doug Curties will talk about his experience as a debt counsellor, 'poverty busting Innovator' and Lloyds of London aviation expert. Please invite your friends. Booking

is not essential but there is a list you can add your name to in the hall to help with catering.

- Join us for our Remembrance Service 9th November at 10.45
- Rye Bonfire On Saturday **15**<sup>th</sup> **November**, we will be opening the church to offer a quiet space, toilet facilities, and hot drinks. Please let Geoff Haynes know if you can come along and help.
- There will be no Engage for men or Connect for the women this month. Instead, we have our fellowship **Christmas meal** on **4**<sup>th</sup> **December** at the **Robin Hood** pub Icklesham. Please speak to Ian Gill to book your place.

As you serve Him here, and out in the world, may the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you, and to use us all for His glory.

The Trustees