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St Gregory's Church, Sudbury

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

As it is non-BST, St. Gregory's will not be open and manned every Tuesday 11-2.

Sunday 1 Nov	9.30 am 11.00 am	Service of the Word All-In Contemporary Service
Wednesday 4 Nov	11.00 am	Service of the Word
Thursday 5 Nov	4.30 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Evensong Meditation Remembrance Service Rehearsal
Sun 8 Nov	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Holy Communion Remembrance Service *following* Parade

A wonderful light-filled afternoon at The Children's Light Party was enjoyed by all and a VERY big thank you to EVERY-ONE who helped in EVERY way. Especially Laurette for being a really bright shining light for St. Gregory's.

TODAY
All Saints Day

First Reading
Micah 3:5-12

Second Reading
Matthew 4:1-11

Children's Work:

All-In Contemporary Service
11.00 am

QR code to give to the work of the church

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All contributions for the Newsletter to be received by Tuesday 5.00 pm by email: stgregsnewsletter@gmail.com

Andrew, Kate, Jasmine and Ben would like to thank everyone for the help and support they have shown this week.
It has been a shocking and difficult time and we were so thankful for those who helped at the time - with emergency aid, sprinting to get de-fibrillators, calling 999, caring for the children in the chapel, praying through it all so powerfully and cleaning up afterwards. We are also so grateful to all those who are working hard to keep services running, supporting everyone in this time, offering 'vicar sitting' so the children could get out in half term... even ironing!
Andrew is making good progress - plenty of stitches but miraculously no fractures. He is physically exhausted but is heading in the right direction.
We are aware that whilst it was frightening, it could have been so much worse and feel blessed by such a wonderful congregation coming together to support us and each other.

Prayer Breakfasts 8-9.30 am for light breakfast, a time of fellowship and a time for prayer. **Saturday 31st October** Wetherspoons, North Street/**7th November** All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Sudbury.

The Mayor officially opens the Christmas Tree Festival 7.00 pm Monday 7th Dec. We will be here too, carol singing & offering mince pies. Do come & join us!

St. Greg's Dates for 2026: Parade Service 8 November 2.30 pm / Hospice Light Up A Life Service 3.00 pm 29 November / Christmas Through the Key Hole 23-28 November / Official Opening of Christmas Tree Festival 7 December 7.00 pm / Christmas Tree Festival 8-13 December St. Gregory's Church / Carols by Candlelight 13 December 3.00 pm *St. Mary's Chilton* / Carols by Candlelight 20 December 6.30 pm / Christingle 3.30 pm Christmas Eve *All Saints' Church* / Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 11.00pm

Christmas Through the Keyhole! Yes, it is that time of year again! We will once again be hosting this wonderful event the week of 23-28 November. Can you help us? If so, please let Claire know. Thank you so much. Keep the dates free if you can ... we really do need your help to continue to produce this timeless, magical event for the local school children *ps the adults love it too!*

There will be no mid-week Holy Communions Wednesday November 25th, due to CTTK, and 9th December due to quite a lot of Christmas Trees being in Church!

A very big thank you from Sue Joyce to all welcomers that have generously given up their time to man our lovely Church on Open Tuesdays during BST. This will re-commence March 30th 2027. It has proved such a success to have the Church open and has encouraged many visitors to pop by. We are looking forward to next year's Open Tuesdays when we already have folk showing interest/ booking in their diaries. Thank you to you all! Love SueJ

St. Greg's Evensong 'first Thursday of the month' will happen until, & incl., 4 March. DO COME ALONG to the next one: **this week, 5th November at 4.30 pm**.

Our Busy Church needs a fund-raising committee to meet & discuss ideas/discuss how they can be achieved. Please speak to Mandy or Claire if this interests you.

Pauline Brown's land line has now ceased Please now use her mobile 07523 376617.

Date for your diary: St. Mary's Chilton Coffee Morning Saturday 5th Dec. 10-12pm.

St Gregory's Fellowship Group next meeting will be on Thursday November 19th in The Commonlands Room, Christopher Centre, Gainsborough Street, at 2.30pm. It will be a 'Bring and Share' Social Afternoon, with refreshments, tea/coffee and raffle. Please bring along a contribution for the refreshment table instead of the usual subscription. Open to all.