

Our prayers are also asked:

- for our parish and Cathedral Church
- for those on the Open the Book team who share bible stories with the children of Hempsted School
- for our own response to God's generosity
- for peace between Ukraine and Russia, between Palestine and Israel and in the wider Middle East
- for those who are sick, or undergoing medical treatment
- for those who have died including Susan White & Maureen Edmunds

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The Parish of Hempsted with St Mary de Lode  
and St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester  
in partnership with Gloucester Cathedral



Bible Sunday  
Last Sunday after Trinity  
27th October 2024

10.00am **Parish Eucharist** **St Swithun's**  
Readings Isaiah 55: 1-11; Psalm 19: 7-14; John 5: 36b-47  
Preacher Pauline Godfrey

3.00pm **Choral Evensong** **Cathedral**

**Morning Prayer and Compline** will not take place in the week ahead,  
resuming on Wednesday 6 November.

**Prayers for the City** take place in St Mary de Crypt Church each  
Friday at 1-1.30pm. **Coffee, Cake and Conversation** takes place 11am-  
12.30pm beforehand in the Old Crypt Schoolroom.

## for All Saints, 3rd November

Parish Eucharist	St Mary de Lode	10.00am
In Memoriam	St Swithun's	4.00pm

Mars has arrived. **Until Sunday 3 November** experience Luke Jerram's **Mars: War and Peace** within the sacred walls of **Gloucester Cathedral**. For details see <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/mars>

The **Parish Bible Study Group** meets every other Monday in the Lysons Hall 2-3.30pm. All are welcome to attend, and the group meets next on 4th November. For future dates and further details contact Pauline Godfrey on 0777 228 0344 [pgodfrey@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:pgodfrey@glosdioc.org.uk)

There will be two special services to remember those we love who have died in November: the annual parish **In Memoriam Service** on Sunday 3 November at 4pm in St Swithun's Church and Prayers for the City on Friday 8 November at 1pm in St Mary de Crypt. All are welcome to either service. You are invited to put the name of those you wish to remember on the lists now available in all three churches or email [admin@swithunandmary.org.uk](mailto:admin@swithunandmary.org.uk)

**Gaudeamus Vocal Consort** sing a special memorial concert on Saturday 9 November at 11am in St Mary de Crypt: Fauré Requiem plus works by Gowland, Aston, Bainton, Franck and others. Candles will be lit as we remember those we love who have died. Free admission with donations invited.

Learn more about Gloucester-born poet **W.E. Henley**, as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of his birth. Come to a short talk, and excerpt from **Treasure Island** performed by drama students from the Crypt School, on Friday 17th November at

St Mary de Crypt, starting at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased online: <https://www.stmarydecrypt.org/product-page/we-henley>

Advent begins on Sunday 1 December. Nikki & Pauline recommend two books that you may like to purchase for **Advent reading**:

- **The Love that Moves the Sun**: Advent home in a time of crisis by Paul Dominiak: <https://chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9781786225658/>
- **An Advent Manifesto**: daily readings and reflections from Isaiah and Luke by Martyn Percy (BRF): <https://chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9781800390942/>

Kindle editions are available for both titles., and both books are also for sale at Amazon, Waterstones and other online suppliers.

We warmly thank everyone who gives financially to the parish in various ways. Our recent **Gift Day** totals are £1002 for St Mary de Lode and now £1154 for St Swithun's. It is not too late to donate! As you will have gathered, we are conscious that our regular parish expenditure exceeds our regular income. If you are able to consider regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme so we can budget accordingly, please speak to our treasurer or pick up a form in church today. You can also apply online via the PGS website: <http://bit.ly/HEMPSTED> (nb. case sensitive)

## Prayer for the week

Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty  
that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.