



Bible Sunday

25th October 2026



Deuteronomy 34.1-12 'Joshua son of Nun was full of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him.'

Image by Revd Jess, see Bible Art below for commentary.

We celebrate Bible Sunday this week, an annual day in the church year. We take a wider look at holy scripture and its power to transform our lives.

All are welcome to join us.

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Readings

Nehemiah 8.1-4a[5-6] 8-12 (Deuteronomy 34.1-12)

Psalms 119.9-16

Colossians 3.12-17

Matthew 24.30-35



Sea Lights,
our Sunday
group for
children

meets this week at 10am in the hall. New children are welcome. They will be making crafts for the Christmas Fayre.

Clocks Change



Don't forget that the clocks go back an hour this Sunday, meaning you get an

extra hour in bed!

The Altar flowers this week are sponsored by Jane Webber in loving memory of her husband David.



Individual Healing Prayer is offered most Sundays after the 10am service in the side chapel.

Bible Art (see image at top of newsletter)

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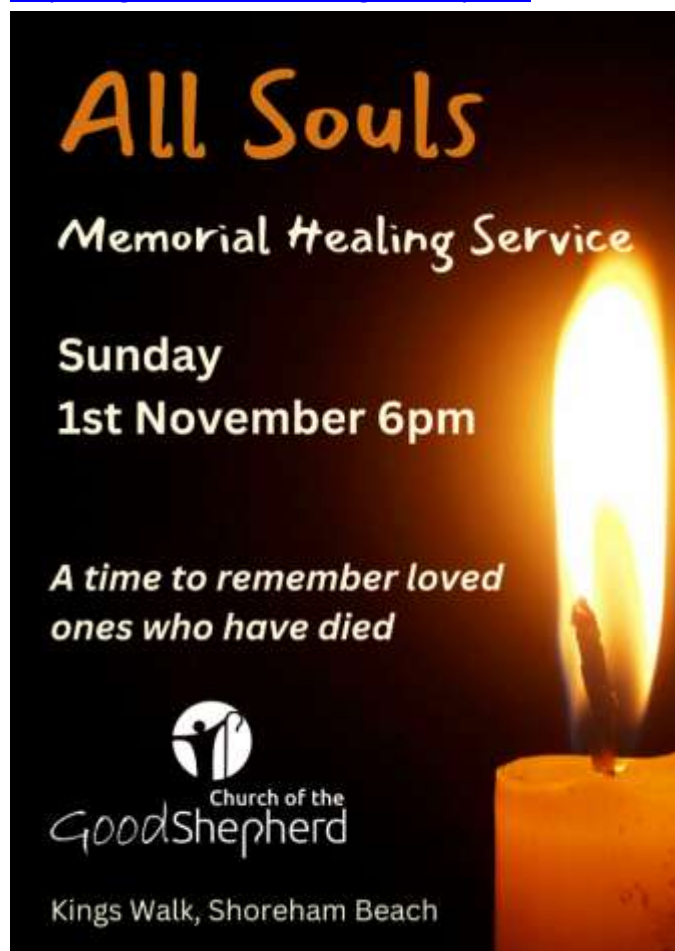
This passage is an account of a very pivotal point in the journey of the Israelites with the Lord. They have journeyed through the wilderness, and Moses has stood on Mount Nebo and been shown the Promised Land and then died. The leadership now passes to

Joshua because Moses had laid hands on him and the people have accepted him as their new leader. He is now filled with the wisdom which the Lord had given Moses, and it is he who will lead the people into the promised land. I wonder whether, somewhere, there are people alive now who have received the laying on of hands (for any reason) in a continuous line through all the centuries, since Moses laid hands on Joshua? And what about those who were blessed by Jesus in this way? **Revd Jess**

Green Christian and COP31

COP31 will take place in Turkey from 9 to 20 November 2026. The UN Climate Change summit focuses on turning climate pledges into action. You can join the charity Green Christian at 8am every morning of the summit for online prayer for the day's proceedings. This is free and open to all. More details and registration here:

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/cop31/>



All Souls If you would like the name of a loved one who has died read at this service, sign-up sheets are at the back of the church after the Sunday services. All are welcome to attend.

Help needed after Sunday coffee

putting away the tables and chairs. If you are able bodied and can stay on to assist it would be appreciated.



Generosity Sunday Community

Lunch We will be having a special Generosity Sunday service on **15th November** with a hot cooked meal to follow in the hall: veggie lasagne served with salad followed by banoffee pie. The price is

£7 each (£5 for children). Any profit goes to the church. Thanks to Lesley Ward for offering to cater for us. Look out for the sign-up sheets at the end of the service. You can also email Lesley to book lesleyskitchenltd@gmail.com



And finally...



Poppies are available after the Sunday services in aid of the Royal British Legion. These are now all plastic free. You can put cash in their collecting tin or use the QR code on the lid of the box. We mark Remembrance Sunday on 8th November.

I work half-time and the days I am usually available are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday morning. I wish you all a blessed week, Revd Jane

Services this week

Sunday 25th October

8am – Holy Communion with Revd Jane.

10am – Parish Communion with Fr Jerry and Revd Jane.

This service will be live streamed onto our Facebook and You Tube channel.

You Tube page [CLICK HERE](#)

Church Facebook page [CLICK HERE](#)

Please note that we don't stream our all-age service on the first Sunday of the month.



Tuesday 27th October

9.30am – Holy Communion with Revd Peter.

Wednesday 28th October

6pm – Celtic Evening Prayer on

Zoom [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 868 1252 3106 Passcode: 960274

Friday 30th October

8am – Meditation with Morning

Prayer A benefice service at St Mary de Haura

Saturday 31st October

8am – Morning Meditation

– in the Good Shepherd and also on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81286470381>

Meeting ID: 812 8647 0381



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