The Ashcroft Scene

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FROM THE EDITORS:
Welcome to this month's Ashcroft Scene. Please let Brenda have any articles by Wednesday 25th November for the December issue.



They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We will remember them. *Laurence Binyon*

November services

1st November	David Cracknell
8th November	Trevor Wills (Remembrance Sunday)
15th November 3 pm	Rev. Wendy Tucker HC Remembering Service
22nd November	Rev Steve Ward
29th November	LA Gift Service (1st in Advent)

Lectionary Readings

1 November – Ord 31 Joshua 3 v 7 - 17; Psalm 107 v 1 - 7, 33 - 37; 1 Thessalonians 2 v 9 - 13; Matthew 23 v 1 - 12

8 November – Ord 32 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Joshua 24 v 1 - 3a, 14 - 25: Psalm 78 v 1 - 7; 1 Thessalonians 4 v 13 - 18; Matthew 25 v 1 - 13

15 November – Ord 33 Judges 4 v 1 - 7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5 v 1 - 11; Matthew 25 v 14 - 30

22 November – Sunday before Advent Ezekiel 34 v 11 - 16, 20 - 24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1 v 15 - 23; Matthew 25 v 31 – 46

29 November – Advent Sunday (Year B) Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Congregational Meeting

On All Saints Day, 1st November, at our next Congregational Meeting immediately after the service, we will have an open discussion about Ashcroft's outreach and mission hopes for the future. Please stay after the service if you can.

Every blessing,

Andy, Chair of Trustees.

SOUND SYSTEM

The trustees are pleased to report that work to update the sound system in the main church room has been given the green light. We have identified the work needed and the funding for it, and it will be installed as soon as it can be arranged.

Every blessing, Andy, Chair.

REGULAR EVENTS & REMINDERS

Bible Study:
Second and fourth Thursdays. Contact David Cracknell for more information.

All We Can: Contact Ros Burnip

Ashcroft Book Group:
New members always welcome. Please contact Glynis Cracknell for more details.

Ashcroft Ladies:
Tuesdays at 3.15pm in the Ashcroft Room. £3 per session. Term time only.

Work Club: Mondays from 9am to 11am @ St Lawrences, Chesterton and Tuesdays from 12noon to 2pm @ Ashcroft.

Squeals on Wheels:
Tuesday 10.00-11.30am, term time only

Prayer and Mission Meeting: 1st and 3rd Thursdays 10.30—11.30 am.

"Welcome space" lunches. Tuesday 12.00- 1.30
We would 'welcome' more volunteers to help with Welcome Spaces lunches . If you could help even just occasionally, or would like more details, contact Kate Jopp. Thank you.

Friday Coffee 10—12noon. All welcome to join us in the Church for coffee and biscuits.

Gift Service 29th November

We will be supporting the Salvation Army appeal for toys and games suitable for children of all ages. Please bring gifts unwrapped.

Looking for gift ideas?

'All We Can's' extraordinary gifts. From 'Build a Bog' to 'Bookworm' a range of gifts give more than a good feeling they can change lives. Visit allwecan.org.uk/extraordinary-gifts or call 020 3758 7700.

Cirencester Half Marathon

This is taking place on the 1st November and there will be some road closures from 8am until 10am around the town. According to information, it looks like Ashcroft Rd will be accessible after 10am.

Ashcroft Ladies Tuesdays 3.15pm

3rd Nov.	AGM
10th Nov.	The surprising history of Hats and Bags, Sally Ferrers
17th Nov.	Regency winter Kate Peake
24th Nov.	St Andrew's Day

Coln Choir 21st November 2pm

We are delighted that the Coln Choir is returning for a concert with the Sing 2 Remember singers. However, we really need more help! Maybe you could bake a cake, help on the day, (put out chairs, help with serving teas and clearing up). Please let Ros, Anne C or Glynnis F know if you are able to help in any way. Thank you!

Ashcroft book group

The next meeting is Monday 30th November 10.30 a.m., when we will be discussing the "City of Vengeance " D.V. Bishop. Contact Glynis Cracknell for more details.



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Community Mission

It's an exciting privilege to have joined Ashcroft as your new Community Mission Worker.

I've been working in a variety of pioneering and mission-focused roles across Bristol and Bath over the last few years and moved to Stroud a year ago when my wife Mandy became the Methodist Minister in that area. Before working for the Methodist Church, I had a varied career and have also been involved in a variety of other activities and interests. I grew up in the URC and ended up in the Methodist Church as an adult, attracted to the commitment to justice and inclusion and a generous approach to theology – values also shared with the URC.

I think both of these words are important -

Community

Ashcroft – as a place and a people – is rooted in and in relationship with the communities and neighbourhoods around this building and the wider area. Part of my role is to help us discover and strengthen those relationships.

Mission

Mission is a challenging word – it's been used in all sorts of ways across the church, so can be a bit confusing.

For me, mission is a God thing. It's about being sent; the mission of God (the Missio Dei) is to be present to the world in love. It is God who sends Jesus as an expression of this and Jesus who sends us. We are in turn are sent into our neighbourhoods and networks to share and help to make God's love known and visible.

Getting to know you

As we journey together on this next adventure, I'd love to get to know as many people as possible – to hear your stories, your hopes and dreams about Ashcroft and Cirencester. I can take you for a coffee or you could take me on a walk somewhere. You can contact me on 07427 232708 or mission.cirencester@gloscircuit.co.uk. You can also book a slot in my diary from this link: https://calendar.app.google/j4yGNusHbNBZZ8Mf8 or QR code.





Ashcroft Church

Annual Memorial and

Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 15th November 3pm

Led by Rev Wendy Tucker

The service will be followed by refreshments.

If you would like the name of a loved one read out in the service and a candle lit in their memory, please arrive before 2.45pm so their name can be recorded.

Please contact Glynis Cracknell for more details –

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