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# The Methodist Church

## Bishop Auckland & Shildon Circuit



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Dear Friends,

Another period of lockdown has begun and it is particularly disappointing that we will not be able to mark Remembrance Sunday in the normal way. However, it is important that we do not forget to have that pause for thought, prayer and reflection when the moment comes on Sunday, as well as on 11th November.

I was invited to write the opening article for the November edition of the magazine for St Michael's Church in Heighington and I reflected how important it is to remember and give thanks. November is a month for remembering, beginning as it does with All Saints and then All Souls Days. National remembrance holds our attention subsequently, leading up to the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

In our churches in normal times, we would meet around the Lord's Table in the act of Holy Communion, remembering what our Lord Jesus has done for us, in drawing us close to God. Finally, the last Sunday in November this year is Advent Sunday and we remember how God came to dwell among us as we begin our preparations for Christmas in earnest.

During this period of lockdown I will continue to be available to you by telephone or email initially and will be happy to support you with a pastoral visit. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Meanwhile, please keep safe - my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Blessings, *David*



### Readings for 8 November

#### Remembrance Sunday:

Isaiah 25: 1-9  
Psalm 9: 9-20  
Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39  
Matthew 5: 1-12

#### RCL Proper 27 Year A:

Amos 5: 18-24  
Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18  
Matthew 25: 1-13



### Worship at home – there are a number of opportunities to share in worship:

- By phone: Sunday service **01388 436815**; daily reflection **01388 436810**
- Zoom - 18.00 each Sunday evening - hosted by different congregations and featuring different preachers. **This is open to everyone - please contact Jenny at the Circuit Office for the Zoom link -** ([basccircuitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:basccircuitoffice@gmail.com)) - join friends from around the Circuit and beyond - sing at home if muted!!
- Bishop Auckland Methodist Church Thursday morning service is recorded and can then be accessed:
  - through the internet - on Bishop Auckland Methodist Church Website (or YouTube on that site);
  - on the radio: 105.9 BishopFM - on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m.



Websites:

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