

Hello everyone

I hope you are well and have had a good week. The autumn colours are building and beautiful to see, but how quickly the dark evenings have set in. I'm already looking forward to the longer days and brighter evenings but in between we can enjoy the time of Christmas lights leading us forth through Advent towards Christmas.

Last weekend, it was a privilege to take part in the various Remembrance services at Toddington, Chalgrave Church and Tebworth, to remember those who had died, were injured, or affected by the different conflicts and wars past (and present).

The rain held off for the services, apart from a few minutes at each service and it was good to see so many people gather to represent the villages, the schools, the uniformed groups and the different community groups. Well done to the British Legion team for setting up the gazebos and sound system at Toddington, for their careful organisation of the event, and for attending each service. Thanks also to Toddington Band for their music and to Tebworth Parish Council for their organisation.

We look forward to the next Toddington village community event this Saturday to light up Toddington for the Christmas season, which will take place on the Green between 4-7pm, and is organised by Toddington Parish Council. There will be music from Toddington Band and 'Simply Sax', fun stalls refreshments and entertainment on the Green plus craft stalls and refreshments in Wilkinson Hall. Do come along if you can. It is always good to see the light shining in the darkness!

### **Sunday Services 19 November 2023**

9.30am Holy Communion, Chalgrave Church

11am, a Baptism and Holy Communion service, Toddington Church

6pm Evensong, Toddington Church

### **Other services and events this coming week:**

#### **Sunday**

2.30pm Young musician of the Year Competition (with young musicians from Beds, Herts and Bucks), Toddington Village Hall, admission on the door £8 adult, £1 children

#### **Monday**

9.30am Morning Prayer, Toddington Church

#### **Tuesday**

Knitting Group, 10.30am Wilkinson Hall

#### **Wednesday**

10am Church brass cleaning working party, Toddington Church

11-1pm Chalgrave Pop Up Tea Room, Tebworth Memorial Hall

#### **Thursday**

rest day!

#### **Friday**

10.30am Painting for Pleasure group, Wilkinson Hall

#### **Saturday**

Light up Toddington, 4-7pm Toddington Green and Wilkinson Hall

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am Holy Communion, Chalgrave Church

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Have a good week everyone.

God bless

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Toddington and Chalgrave