Calendar For November 2026

SUNDAY 1st November	George Street
9am Holy Communion	All Saints Church

MONDAY 2nd November

7.30pm All Souls Service — All Saints Church

If you want your loved ones name to be remembered then please contact Sue Culkin on 01757 268952

SUNDAY 8th November	Grange Garth
10am Family Service	Methodist Church

followed by a service of remembrance at 10.45am at the war memorial led by Mrs. Cunningham

SUNDAY 15th November	Greenways Court
9am Holy Communion	All Saints Church
SUNDAY 22nd November	Greenways Drive
9am Holy Communion	Methodist Church
SUNDAY 29th November	Hilltop Close
3pm Family Service	Methodist Church

Altar Flower Guild

1st November – Mrs Swan

15th November – Mrs Stockdale

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WHO, WHAT, WHERE & WHEN IN WISTOW

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1st Wistow Brownies Monday 18.00 to 19.15 Jubilee Hall Amanda Greenaway 07470344018	1st Wistow Rainbows Monday 16.45 to 17.45 Jubilee Hall Amanda Greenaway 07470344018
1st Wistow Guides Monday 19.15 to 20.45 Jubilee Hall Alison Cunningham 07854085644 alisoninwistow@btinternet.com	Singing For Fun Sundays 6pm to 7.30pm Methodist Chapel Alison Cunningham 07854085644 alisoninwistow@btinternet.com
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Cawood Art Group Alternate Mondays 10am to 12pm Old Boys' School, Cawood Anne Marie –annemarie50@sky.com 01757-269442	Wistow Jubilee Hall Diamond Dancesport Ballroom/Latin /dance fitness classes on Tues & Wed pm Contact Rachel –07719 449186 Diamond.dancesport@gmail.com

NOVEMBER NEWS

Wistow Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 11th November at 7pm in the Methodist Church.

Coffee Morning

Thursday 12th November at 10am – 11am in the Methodist Church – all welcome.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 26th September we raised a brilliant £325.

Thank you also to everyone who came to the Frets & No Regrets Concert on the 3rd October, they raised a fabulous £525 for the Church Organ Fund.

The PCC would like to Thank everyone who has made a donation towards the grass cutting of Churchyard, the total donated was £985.00 this is very much appreciated and a help in paying our £2296.00 to bill.

Parochial Register

Holy Baptism We welcome into the family of the church – 20th Sept William Thomas Alan Broadhead, son of Jenny and Liam Broadhead

'Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not. For such is the Kingdom of Heaven.'

Dear Friends

The Anglican Church at Wistow, like those in the nearby villages of Cawood and Ryther, is dedicated to 'All Saints', rather than a particular saint from the bible or the church's history such as St Hilda (the 7th century Abbess of Whitby to whom an earlier chapel in Wistow was dedicated). A bit like the tomb of the 'unknown soldier' in Westminster Abbey, the dedication to 'All Saints' is intended to honour and remember all those inspirational people from the Church's past whose names aren't recorded in the history books, but who would have stood out in the times and places they lived for their extra special lives of Christian service.

The bible lists the sorts of qualities that would be seen in such people as including love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. To these we could add others, like Wistow School's Golden Values of Respect, Forgiveness, Resilience and Honesty.

Maybe you can think of people in your own experience who have been good examples of some or all of these values in the way they lived – people who have inspired you in some way, whether they were known to you personally or were people you've read or heard about? I wonder, how many people would think of you or me in answer to that question, now or in the future? Perhaps more than we might imagine if truth be known?

This year, the Feast of All Saints (1st November) falls on a Sunday when we will be gathering to worship in All Saints Church. You would, as ever, be welcome to join us for that service at our usual time of 9am, or the following day (7.30pm on Monday 2nd) when we'll be holding our special annual 'All Souls' service to remember those who have died – two occasions when we can give thanks for the people who've encouraged, guided and inspired us, and helped us to be the people we are today.

As one writer put it simply: "All Saints' Day is a celebration of goodness. It is a time when Christians thank God for the lives of those people who have left the world a better place than they found it."

Now isn't that something worth celebrating!

John

Wistow All Saints Heritage Appeal (WASHA)

WASHA was established in 2011 to support Parish Church Council in the restoration, maintenance and improvement of the building fabric and the major fixtures and fittings All Saints Church and churchyard, for the purpose of worship and the benefit of the wider community. Over those 15 years, it has been successful in raising funds for some major projects, including roof replacement/repairs, and the restoration of the porch and adjacent window tracery, as well as the ongoing repair and maintenance that the building has needed.

Recently, it has been helping to raise money through grant applications and fundraising activities towards a major restoration of the pipe organ and it is hoped that, between WASHA and the PCC, sufficient funds will have been raised for this to go ahead in the New Year (the final deadline for deciding whether this will be possible will be taken in January).

The next focus for WASHA will be raising funds for essential restoration of the tower, which is such a major landmark in the village.

At the WASHA AGM on 21st September, John Weetman and Robin Poskitt, were re-elected as Chair and Treasurer respectively, and Janet Poskitt was elected as secretary. There are currently 4 other members of WASHA and we are looking for some new people to join us to help with our fundraising and grant applications. Anybody from Wistow village or its surrounding area who values the wonderful medieval Church that sits at the heart of the village, and would like to see it preserved for, and used by, future generations, would be very welcome. If you are interested, please get in touch with John (office@selbyabbey.org.uk) or Robin.

Christmas Carol Sing-a-long!

Come and join Wistow Village Choir on Sunday 20th December for an enjoyable way to start your Christmas. We will be singing round the village in the late afternoon, especially for anyone who finds it difficult to get out and about (let us know if you would like us to call round), and then, in the church porch from 6pm where you can join us! There will be hot mulled wine and nibbles to keep us all in fine voice. There is no charge for this but donations towards the Organ Restauration Appeal would be welcome.

Big Bertha – our organ!



We are very nearly there with our fundraising to renovate our historic pipe organ in church. We are waiting for the outcome of further grant requests but still need approximately £15,000. In addition to events in the village, we have a Christmas Raffle with a 1st prize of £100 with tickets available from church members and are offering a unique opportunity to sponsor a pipe, perhaps in memory of a loved one. A record of this sponsorship will be maintained and displayed in recognition of your generosity. For further information about the organ or any of the opportunities to keep Bertha "singing" contact Alison on 07854 085644

