

## A Call to Prayer

If you think about it, we live in a very noisy, interrupting world. A world in which it is difficult to find peace. Think about a typical day. How many conversations do you have with people? How many emails do you receive and send? What about texts messages, Whatsapp messages and messages exchanged through thinks like Facebook? In those moments when you've got the television and radio switched off is it really silent? As I write I can hear cars, vans and lorries on the road outside my house and, most days, airplanes fly over, very often making a tremendous din. When you think you've got five minutes of peace, the phone rings...

God is with us during every moment of every day but in our busy lives with the constant interruptions that are part and parcel of our existence we are seldom aware of his presence. So often when we pray it's more about us and our agenda than God and his desire for us simply rest with him. But instead we talk, talk and talk.

Many of us in church are discovering the joy and the rewards of silent prayer. One of the keys to praying silently is to be able to remove ourselves from distractions – to go to a place with no television or radio and where our phone is switched off. Another key is to put to one side all the things that are crowding your mind – the worries, cares and anxieties which sometimes leave no space for life-giving, re-creating thoughts. There are ways of meditating in the presence of God that can really help.

To help us discover, or rediscover the joy and rewards of silent prayer The Church in the Woottons has started something new – A Call to Prayer. Whoever is leading will introduce the evening with a brief reflection to help lead us into silent prayer. We hold A Call to Prayer on the second Sunday of each month from 7.00 – 7.45pm at All Saints Church in North Wootton. The next one will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November you are very welcome to join us.

## Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Our main Remembrance Sunday service will be held at All Saints Church, North Wootton beginning at 10.00 am. We will draw the service to a close and make our way to the War Memorial in time for the Act of Remembrance at 11.00 am. We will also hold an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at St. Mary's Church, South Wootton at 12 noon.

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