

**SERVICES IN CHURCH BUILDINGS**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**The Church is now closed for public worship and private prayer.**

**All worship is now published online since the government announcements.**

Details to be found on our website  
[www.burghillchurch.co.uk](http://www.burghillchurch.co.uk)

**A Month of Prayer**

We are being called to a month long mission of prayer. See website for details

**ONLINE BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP**

“GENESIS”

The Bible Discussion Group is restarting!  
3rd November, 7.00pm. Details to follow.

Just follow the link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75497375840?pwd=bzB1Y29CeUpIRHo2bVQ1SEgzczlKUT09>

**BURGHILL BENEFICE**

*Remembrance Sunday*



**Readings**

Job 19.23-27a

Psalm 17. 1-9

Luke 20.27-38

(see Booklet)

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Those who are ill

Ann

Shirley

Jan

**The Collect**

Almighty and eternal God from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, Either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen

# Main Reading

“Luke 20.27-38”

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ‘Teacher,’ they said, ‘Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?’

Jesus replied, ‘The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord “the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”. He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.’

## Homily

An accomplished artist Winifred Swayne, was commissioned by a local architect Herbert Skyrme, to paint something fitting for a memorial honouring those who gave their lives in the great war. The painting was based upon a previous work by George F. Watts the original was painted in 1885. It is called “love Triumphant”. Winifred’s painting in honour of the war dead hangs

at the back of St Mary the Virgin Burghill. As the Rector, I have the privilege of looking at it from the front every Sunday. It reminds me of the truth that love is stronger than death, it stretches beyond the veil of this world, beyond what we can see and speaks of a hope of life's true ends in loves eternal embrace.

Yet today we are confronted with those who have failed to offer themselves into this embrace and hope, and instead see the world as offering all that there is. In our reading today this is what lies at the heart of Jesus’ encounter with the Sadducees who say this world is all there is. They deny the resurrection and the hope beyond this world. In the vent of death the hope they have is through the raising up of children, it isn’t in the hope that in God we are counted as alive. This is a view that lies at the heart of our modern world and is the seemingly obvious conclusion of those who have given up hope in God and placed it upon themselves. If we tell ourselves that this world is all that we can hope for, then it leads to a vision of consumerism and control. In that we are to dominate and abuse the world as a commodity and the lives of those around us as of value only relative to their expediency. The curse of the twentieth century is strewn with the innumerable corpses of man’s will to dominate, consume and commercialise. Without a vision of love’s triumph, we are left to conclude that the delights of this world are all to grasp with little consequence to consider. Yet as Christians we believe that God is the maker of all things, both visible and invisible—everything! Therefore, we do not belong to ourselves but to Him, who leads us and loves us into the kingdom. Let us praise the God who triumphs in us through His love and lifts us up to the life to come. Amen