

# *In & around the Benefice....*

*1st November | All Saints' Day*

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This Sunday is All Saints' Day where we remember the saints who have gone before us. On Monday we will be marking All Souls' Day with an online service to commemorate the faithful departed. It seems particularly pertinent this year to remember those whom we have loved and lost amidst such strange and unprecedented times. On these darker evenings, and in these times of uncertainty, I encourage you to hold on for the light of Christ, which the darkness cannot overcome. As the people of God, let's serve as a reminder of the hope we have in Christ for those whom we live amongst.

Every Blessing, Morna

## **Worship Services in our churches:**

1 Nov 10.00am Holy Communion Yardley Hastings  
8 Nov - **No services in church, only the online service detailed below, followed by short Acts of Remembrance at the village memorials**

## **Worship Services on Zoom:**

1 Nov 10.00am Morning Praise Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81048340757>  
Meeting ID: 810 4834 0757 Passcode: 413221  
2 Nov 6.30pm All Souls Service Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6838782280>  
Meeting ID: 683 878 2280 Passcode: 661196  
8 Nov 10.00am Remembrance Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83098681639>  
Meeting ID: 830 9868 1639 Passcode: 316444

Following the Zoom Remembrance Service, there will be a short act of remembrance at the memorials in Yardley Hastings, Denton, Grendon and Castle Ashby - do observe social distancing rules as you gather in time for an **10:55am** start by the memorial in your village, the act of remembrance will begin with some words to gather us, and then the names of those who we remember will be read in time for the silence to begin when the church clock strikes **11am**.

Please note that, the act of remembrance at Yardley Hastings will be co-led with the URC.

## **Please hold in your prayers this week:**

- ◇ The Revd Morna Simpson as she takes up her role as our Rector, and for us all as we enter a new chapter in the life of the Benefice
- ◇ The schools in our Benefice, the headteachers John Wayland and Louise Brown and the staff as they endeavour to make school a welcoming and safe environment for all the children
- ◇ The young people from our Benefice who are living away from home, that they keep safe in these uncertain times.
- ◇ The health and well-being of our nation, that all who are fearful and anxious may be at peace and free from worry.
- ◇ Those suffering from, affected by or working to prevent the spread of Coronavirus
- ◇ NHS staff caring for Covid-19 patients, that they may have strength and resilience for their task, and be kept safe
- ◇ Persecuted Christians across the world, especially in North Korea
- ◇ Those in residential care and the housebound, among them: Audrey Desborough, Ruth Williams, Gwen York, Ann and Colin Dix
- ◇ Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them: Tom Stock, Nicholas Vaughan, Freddie Hogan, Mandy Bates, Muriel Coulson, Thelma Denton, Malc Wright
- ◇ The recently departed, amongst them Margaret Rigby-Smith and Chris Wordsworth, and all who grieve at this time

## The Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## First Reading

*Revelation 7: 9-17*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’

I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’

Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*1 John 3: 1-3*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 5: 1-12*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



This line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.