

Sunday 3rd November 2024

All Saints Patronal Festival

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 10.00 a.m. Café-style Altogether Worship
- 6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong

Collect for Today

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**

Service Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9 (*p.662*), Revelation 21:1-6a (*p.257*) and John 11:32-44 (*p.102*)

Please pray for

- ... Margaret Arni, Marion Bounds, Clive Daborn, Jo Dwyer, Sue Hawkins, Robin Holdsworth, Chris Lambert, Jean and Tony Reed, and Roger Young.
- ... the family and friends of Michael Hooper and Ralph Walford whose anniversary of death is at this time.
- ... those who live and work in Abbots Close, Agraria Road and Alresford Road.
- ... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

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.**

Dear Friends

Today we celebrate our Patronal Festival of 'All Saints'. All Saints Day itself falls on Friday 1st of November – the day after 'All hallows eve'. And we've transferred our celebrations to today – the next Sunday after the 1st of November.

The festival of 'All Saints' celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It offers an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ways it can shape and form human lives. It offers a time to be encouraged by the example of the those who have gone before us in the faith who, like St. Paul can say, 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing' (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Today we'll be focussing on the eternal life which the Lord promises to all who put their faith and trust in him. The evidence for that lies in Jesus' own resurrection, we which we celebrate during each Easter season. We find a foretaste of that in our Gospel reading for this morning, John 11:32-44, and the account of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Resurrection, and the hope of eternal life – life in God's presence forever – lies at the heart of the Christian faith. We'll be exploring that theme during our All Saints Day services today.

Wishing you every blessing, as you follow in the footsteps of the saints!

Beverly

Mission Focus for November: North Guildford Food Bank

The North Guildford food bank at St Clare's, Park Barn provides temporary help for individuals and families in the Guildford area who are in need. The food bank provides a real lifeline for many. Give thanks for the donations received from Harvest services, and pray for increased giving in the lead up to Christmas when they experience a huge rise in demand. For more information read the article in this month's magazine or visit northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk

Notices

Gift Day for The Big Build: On Sunday 24th November we'll be holding a launch event for our fundraising campaign for the Big Build project. We'll be focussing on the project in our morning service and then inviting the whole church to stay after for **prosecco and plans** at 11.15am! We hope to have 3D images of the new build, presentations from the team and the opportunity to ask more about the project vision. The cost of the project will be in the region of £750,000 and we will need to raise £300,000 of this ourselves. Please think and pray about what you may be able to give financially.

Bonfire & Fireworks: Huge thanks to those who organised last night's festivities! Particular thanks to Simon Moulden and his team of bonfire builders and stewards, and Carolyn Nicholls and her team of caterers. It was a very special community event – and a sell out too!

Choral Evensong TONIGHT at 6pm. Come along and enjoy Jeremy and the choir perform some special choral pieces. We'll be serving wine and nibbles afterwards.

DAC Visit: On Wednesday 6th November, the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) will be visiting to understand more about our Big Build plans. They met earlier in the month and are broadly very supportive of what we intend to do, and want to have a site visit to clarify a few points. Please pray for a successful visit.

Prayer Breakfast: On Saturday 9th November, there will be a prayer breakfast at the Vicarage from 8.30am. For the next few months we'll be focussing our prayers on The Big Build. Please come along if you can.

Remembrance Sunday: On Sunday 10th November we have two special services:

- ✝ 10am All-Age Communion where we will be joined by our local uniformed organisation. The Brownies are also holding a cake sale in the hall afterwards.
- ✝ 4pm Service of Thanksgiving for the Bereaved. Please let Trish know of any loved one to be remembered at that service.

Cashier: we're looking for someone to work alongside our bookkeeper as cashier. This involves counting money once every three weeks and banking it at HSBC in town. If you have an hour or two to spare, please have a chat with Eve.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues, Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom.

Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 4th Women's Bible Study, 12.30pm
Tues 5th Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm
Weds 6th Men's Coffee Morning, Reading Room, 10.30am
Visit from the Diocesan Advisory Committee, 3.30pm
Mission Vision Group, 4 Litchfield Way, 5.30pm
Thurs 7th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Young Adults Study Group, 6 Scillonian Road, 7.30pm
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
Fri 8th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
Sat 9th Prayer Breakfast, Vicarage, 8.30am
Sun 10th *Remembrance Sunday*
All-Age Communion with uniformed organisations, 10.00am
Service of Thanksgiving for the Bereaved

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 4th Ps. 2, Daniel 1, Revelation 1
Tues 5th Ps. 5, Daniel 2:1-24, Revelation 2:1-11
Weds 6th Ps. 9, Daniel 2:25-end, Revelation 2:12-end
Thurs 7th Ps. 15, Daniel 3:1-18, Revelation 3:1-13
Fri 8th Ps. 16, Daniel 3:19-end, Revelation 3:14-end
Sat 9th Ps. 18:31-end, Daniel 4:1-18, Revelation 4

Service Readings for Sunday 10th November:

Remembrance Sunday

Psalm 46:1-7, Ephesians 6:10-17 and Luke 6:27-31

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