



All Saints' Church

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Sunday 1st November *All Saints' Day*

9.45am Holy Communion led by Revd Caroline Wickens

Readings

Revelation 7 vv 9 – 17
Matthew 5 vv 1 – 12

Hymns

745	For all the saints
244	Blest are the pure in heart
569	An Upper Room did our Lord prepare
409	Let us build a house

Thought for the week: All Saints' Day

The saints of God are down our street, and round God's throne of light.
There's some with formidable minds, and some in crafts delight;
Together in God's family their different gifts unite.

They serve at check-outs, empty bins, they teach and make and mend;
They feed the hungry back from school, the victimised defend;
To voiceless folk they lend an ear, and immigrants befriend.

Ian Fraser, from Candles & Conifers, Wild Goose

Blessings, Caroline

This Sunday (1st November), All Saints Day, very appropriately we have a special service to welcome several people in our congregation into membership at All Saints'. It will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Lower Hall. All are welcome to join us, whether or not you have already signed up - there is always plenty of food.

Morning Prayer at 9am and **Eucharist** at 9.30am continue on Tuesday mornings. Evening Prayer is on Fridays at 4pm. All welcome.

"Coffee, Chat and Toddlers": everyone is welcome to enjoy some fellowship and time together from 10 - 11.30am on Tuesday mornings in the Lower Hall.

Friendship Club meets on Tuesday afternoons in the Lower Hall. This week Marilyn will give an update on the work of Phakamisa.

Zoom Compline: the next Compline service will be on **Thursday 5th November** at 8.45pm. Everyone welcome and please contact Chris Billington for the Zoom link.

Church Garden News: there is now a planting area for strawberries in front of the rhubarb which leaves a number of unwanted plants and plantlets which in due course I will add to the compost bin. Do help yourself if you would like them. You will find them amongst the herbs, dotted along the narrow border against the fence and possibly in the raised bed. Empty plant pots available in the old style dustbin. Do take or ask me.
Sylvia Smith

Food pantry: a reminder that weekly donations to the All Saints' Food Pantry (open every day via the cupboard in the church porch) are very much appreciated, as there continues to be a regular uptake of the items we offer.

Chris Billington would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes. She is home from hospital but awaiting further tests in due course.

SPACE is the Methodist circuit's pioneer project, based in Harpenden, using performing arts to reach people who aren't involved in church. Part of their offer is drama training for children. They are looking for compassionate adults, ideally with some familiarity with special needs, to offer one-to-one support for some of these children, either regularly or occasionally. Please speak to Caroline if this interests you.

Service streaming: the link to watch the service on Sundays is: <https://www.youtube.com/@Allsaintshp4/live>

Prayer Requests

For: Jonathan and Ann Hayes; Terry; Doug Billington; Penny; Heather Gifford; Chris Billington

November takes us from All Saints' Day to Advent. A time of remembrance to a time of waiting for hope, peace, joy and love.

Our God in heaven has gathered in his keeping the saints of the Church through the ages and from every nation. As we celebrate those with 'Saint' before their name we also remember those who have quietly served Him and made sacrifices no-one hears about. We thank Him for the brightness of their witness and their inspiration to us.

All our laughter, all our sadness - Safe now in God's hands
All our anger, all our gladness – Safe now in God's hands
All our stories, all our memories – Safe now in God's hands
Those we remember, those we love – Safe now in God's hands

Remembrance – not just remembering but keeping the memory alive. As we reflect on past conflicts and the resulting injury, trauma, death, courage, fear – lives changed forever, we hold before God the violence and warfare of our own times. We pray that He will give us politicians and military leaders equal to the huge tasks they face – wise in judgement, calm in spirit, makers of peace

Christ the King came 'not to be served, but to serve.....' We pray for all those organisations All Saints' supports at home and abroad: Embrace the Middle East; Karibuni Children; The Leprosy Mission; Phakamisa; DENS; The Way Inn; The Swan Youth Project.

God of the past who has fathered and mothered us – we are here to thank you
God of the future who is always ahead of us – we are here to trust you
God of the present here in the midst of us – we are here to praise you
God of life beyond us within us – we rejoice in your glorious love

We continue to pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Julia Wright; Corinne & William; Gary Andersen; Charlie; Graham Rule; Clare Hancock; Valerie Ruddock; Jenny Wells; Marnie Taylor; Lesley Whittaker; Mark, Nicola and family; Helen and Sarah; Marion and Julian; Jean Emsall; Ida; Audrey and Paul; James;



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