All Saints' Church

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Sunday 15th November

9.45am Holy Communion led by Revd Stuart Owen

Readings

Matthew 25 vv 14-30

Hymns

20 Be still for the presence of the Lord
460 Come, let us anew our journey pursue
188 There's a light upon the mountains
596 Now let us from this table rise

Thought for the week: Safeguarding Sunday
Let's be honest, when you hear the word "safeguarding," what comes to mind? Policies? Paperwork? Training sessions that eat into your Saturday morning?

For many of us in church life, safeguarding can feel like something imposed from the outside - a box-ticking exercise to keep the Charity Commission happy. But what if we've been looking at it all wrong? What if safeguarding isn't about compliance at all, but about the very heart of what it means to follow Jesus?

In its simplest terms, **safeguarding is the protection of those in our care**. In 1 Corinthians 13, we're told that love protects. Safeguarding isn't an external pressure or 'thing to do', it's an act of love. And love is central to our faith.

Churches Together in England, Safeguarding Sunday –
see https://safeguardingsunday.org

Blessings, Caroline

Annual Congregational Meeting: our annual meeting will be after the morning service **this Sunday (15th November)**. Do please stay if you can. The Annual Report of the Church Council and the Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2026 will be received at this meeting.

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 will be a Bake and Taste afternoon.

Coffee Morning and Christmas Sale: Friendship Club are holding a coffee morning and Christmas sale on **Saturday 28th November** from 10am-12noon in the Lower Hall in aid of the Hospice. Please come and support them and if you are unable to attend you are welcome to give them a donation.

Zoom Compline: the next service will be on **Thursday 19th November** at 8.45pm. Everyone welcome and please contact Revd Caroline for the Zoom link.

Advent Bible Study: Revd Caroline will be leading a series of Bible studies for Advent on the theme of "Angels from the realms of glory". These will be on Zoom at 2pm on Wednesdays, starting on **2nd December**.

2nd December: An invitation to trust God
Luke 1: 5 – 20: the angel visits Zechariah

9th December: An invitation to share in bringing new life
Luke 1: 26 – 38: the angel Gabriel visits Mary

16th December: An invitation to confront prejudice
Matthew 1:18 – 25: the angel visits Joseph

23rd December: An invitation to cross boundaries
Luke 2:8 – 20: the angels visit the shepherds

Everyone is very welcome. For more information and Zoom joining details, please contact Revd Caroline on cwickens1985@outlook.com

Are you looking for an impactful gift this Christmas? All We Can are offering "Extraordinary Gifts", which you can order through the website https://www.allwecan.org.uk/extraordinary-gifts, or by calling 020 3758 7700. With every gift, you will receive a card to pass on to your loved one, showing them the difference their gift could make. All the proceeds from Extraordinary Gifts go to wherever the need is greatest across our work. More information is on this video: https://youtu.be/RoMlkYYPHWo The last day to order is Wednesday 16th December.

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;