

Reflection for All Saints Day

Why do we celebrate All Saints Day? It appears to be of Celtic origin, when the Church reserved one day to honour all the saints, collectively, that is those recognised officially and those known only to God. Today we are reminded that the whole communion of saints numbers a whole lot more than those we formally recognise, whether it is St Thomas, St Paul and so on. We should remind ourselves on this day, that Thomas and Paul and the rest were part of the realm of human existence who in their own ways realised their vocation for which all human beings were created, to which we are all called. That path lies within our own particular circumstances it draws on our individual talents, even fights with our strengths and weaknesses, and all this comes into play as we respond to the needs of our communities and beyond.

Let the Feast of All Saints strengthen and encourage us to create that path by walking it. Remember you are you, when we try to be like someone else, the Lord looks down and says "No thanks, I've already got one of them".

Fr Terry



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER

10.50am Gather around the war memorial in the Churchyard, weather permitting and then into the Church for Communion.

NEXT SUNDAY 06.11.2022 3rd before Advent

SERVICES: 10.30am in Church

READINGS: OT Job 19: 23-27a
NT 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17
GOSPEL Luke 20: 27-38



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St Thomas, Exeter

30th October 2022

All Saints

10.30am in Church

Today

10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Hymns for today

134 For all the Saints.

328 Make me a channel of your peace.

473 The Church's one foundation.

4pm All Souls service.

Tuesday 1st November

7.30pm House Group. See Ian for details.

Wednesday 2nd November

10am All Souls Day Requiem Mass.

Thursday 3rd November

9.30—11am St Thomas Tots

10.30am Knit & Natter. See notices.

Friday 4th November

9.30am Morning Prayer.

10am Staff Meeting.



Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Daniel 7: 1-3,15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

Ephesians 1: 11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards

all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 6: 20-31

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not

ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Post Communion

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**

NOTICES

For our services in Church, **mask wearing** is not now compulsory but we would still advise it while infection numbers remain high.

Knit and Natter. From now on through autumn and winter the group will meet at 19 Maple Road. Details from Jenny on 01392 498725.

Community Larder is receiving donations on Tuesdays from 10-11am. On Sundays there will also be an opportunity to bring donations to the 10.30 service.

House Group Fortnightly on Zoom. New people are always welcome; see Ian for zoom details.

30th October remember to put your clocks back by one hour at 2am.

The funeral of **Trevor Smith** will take place in the Church on 11th November at 1pm.

Response for Intercessions

Intercessor: Make us all.

Response: Worthy of our calling.

