

# Sun 2 Nov 2025 - All Saints' Sunday

Sun 2 Nov	<b>10.30am: Holy Eucharist</b> President & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler
Sun 2 Nov	<b>5.00pm All Souls' Service</b> in St Alphege Church
Wed 5 Nov	<b>9.30 Morning Prayer</b> In St Michael's Chapel
	<b>10.00am Holy Eucharist</b> In St Michael's Chapel
Thurs 6 Nov	<b>Chapel Chat</b> 2pm till 4pm in St Michael's Chapel. All welcome.
Sun 9 Nov	<b>10.30am: Remembrance Sunday Eucharist</b> President & Preacher: Fr Simon

In need: Megan, Angela, Hazel, Evelyn Berry, Jessica. The departed: Lorna Jones, Sonia Drake. In memory: Harold Owen, Margaret Williams, Diana

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#### **COLLECT PRAYER**

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 1.11-end 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.

### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 6.20-31**

Then he 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.

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**NOTICES Our Harvest Collection** raised £187.70 in support of WaterAid. Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful effort. *Fr Simon*.

### 1. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!

A world without saints forgets how to praise. Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, Their depth of adoring, Lord help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way; Some need to withdraw, the better to pray; Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:

Our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, Who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own: They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:

What patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days! A world without saints forgets how to praise. In loving, in living, they prove it is true: The way of self giving, Lord, leads us to you.

# 2. Blest are the pure in heart,

for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with men, their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart, and for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

### 3. Tell his praise in song and story,

bless the Lord with heart and voice; In my God is all my glory, Come before him and rejoice. Join to praise his Name together, He who hears his people's cry; Tell his praise, come wind or weather, Shining faces lifted high.

To the Lord whose love has found them Cry the poor in their distress; Swift his angels camped around them Prove him sure to save and bless. God it is who hears our crying Though the spark of faith be dim; Taste and see! Beyond denying Blest are those who trust in him.

Taste and see! In faith draw near him, Trust the Lord with all your powers; Seek and serve him, love and fear him, Life and all its joys are ours: True delight in holy living, Peace and plenty, length of days: Come, my children, with thanksgiving Bless the Lord in songs and praise.

In our need he walks beside us, Ears alert to every cry; Watchful eyes to guard and guide us, Love that whispers, 'It is I'. Good shall triumph, wrong be righted, God has pledged his promised word; So with ransomed saints united Join to praise our living Lord.

# 4. Come, faithful pilgrims all, give God the glory.

Let all who hear his call tell out his story: How he set Israel free from Egypt's slavery, And called them out to be a pilgrim people.

Out on the desert way, in all its starkness, Faith led them through the day, and lit their darkness.

No written guarantee, no easy certainty, Just God's great call to be a pilgrim people.

Let all the world rejoice in exultation; Let every silent voice sing of salvation. Loose all the chains that bind, set free both heart and mind And make all humankind a pilgrim people.