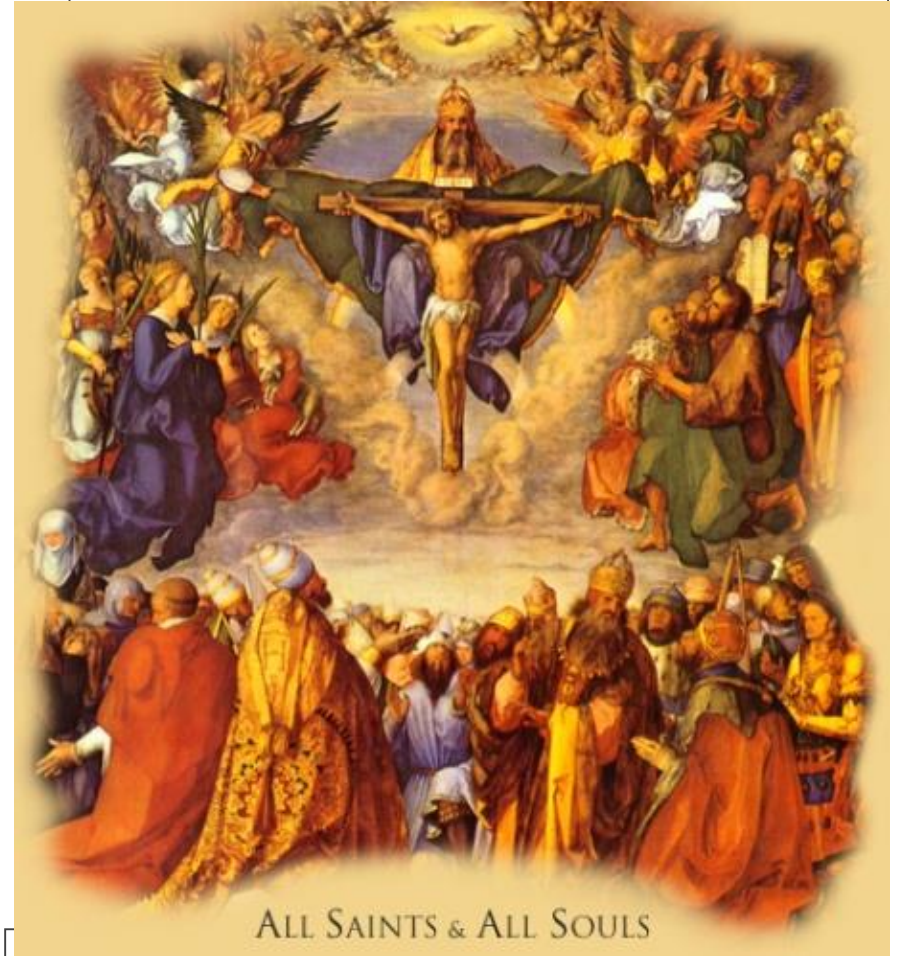


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ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

November
2016

DIARY – NOVEMBER 2016

TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 9.30am ALL SAINTS EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 9.30am ST. JOHNS EUCHARIST
12.00noon ALL SAINTS EUCHARIST
7pm ST JOHNS MEMORIAL SERVICE
FOR THE FUNERALS OF THE PAST
YEAR.

THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 9.30am ALL SAINTS EUCHARIST

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 9.30am ST JOHNS EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS DAY COMBINED PARISH EUCHARIST 10.30 ALL SAINTS

Preacher: Canon John Miller

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 9.30am ST JOHNS EUCHARIST

THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 9.30am ALL SAINTS EUCHARIST

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 9.30am ST JOHNS EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 33RD SUNDAY IN YEAR

ST JOHNS 9.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

10.45am REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY AT CENOTAPH

WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 9.30am ST JOHNS EUCHARIST

THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 9.30am ALL SAINTS EUCHARIST

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 9.30am ST JOHNS EUCHARIST
10.30am ST. JOHNS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING

ALL SAINTS 9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST

ST JOHNS 11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 9.30am ST JOHNS EUCHARIST

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 9.30am ALL SAINTS EUCHARIST

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 9.30am ST JOHNS EUCHARIST
10.30am ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER ADVENT SUNDAY

ALL SAINTS 9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST

ST JOHNS 11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 9.30am ST JOHNS EUCHARIST

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 9.30am ALL SAINTS EUCHARIST
7pm INSTITUTION OF FR. PAUL KENNEDY AT ST JOHNS

Fr. Collins writes:

In the liturgical calendar of the Church, November can seem to be a rather sombre month. The closing in of the nights chimes in well with the predominant theme of death and remembrance that runs through the month. Whilst the world begins its over-excited anticipation and preparation for Christmas, the Church in November may appear to be at odds with the round of office parties, Christmas adverts and street decorations.

In view of this remembrance theme, perhaps we ought to spend a little time reflecting on just why we do honour the dead with these special prayers and services. Many a Christian would find difficulty in supporting the idea of prayer for the dead—‘surely’, they would say, ‘the dead are now safely in the hands of God; there is no need for us to pray for them. In fact to pray for them seems to express a doubt in the central belief of our faith, namely the resurrection.’

First of all we must remind ourselves that not all prayer is about *asking* for some blessing or privilege for another person. Deep down prayer, as exemplified by S Paul in the introductions to many of his epistles, is basically thanksgiving for the fellowship of others. If we think about it, the vast majority of the people who are (or who ought to be) on our intercession list are there simply because we love them and are grateful for their friendship. Children for their parents, and parents for their children pray out of a sense of gratitude for mutual love shared rather than for specific issues

required. The central act of prayer of the Christian community is the eucharist—and the title simply means, as you all well know, thanksgiving. On this basic score, there should be no argument about praying for the dead, for after all who has ever ceased to continue to love a person once they have died? Our thanksgiving for that life, that relationship we enjoyed continues after death and bridges the divide that mortality seems to the world to dig deep. In fact, it is a basic Christian conviction that the dead are still in the one communion with us, for the Church is the fellowship of believers both ‘militant here in earth and triumphant in heaven’. There can be no better way to express this continued love for the dead *and* our firm belief in the life hereafter than to remember the dead at the altar especially on the anniversary of their demise.

Secondly though, we do have to be somewhat circumspect about the state of an individual’s soul at the point of death. Let’s be honest, very few, if any, of us will die perfectly reconciled to the love of God. We cannot presume that we will not need the mercy of God before we can enter fully into the perfection of his heaven. All—and it is a very big all, of course—we can do is to rely on God seeing in each soul the image of his Son, and treating them accordingly. At the very least, my prayer for the dead is just that: to paraphrase Bright’s famous hymn:

*Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
And only look on them as found in him;
Look not on their misusings of thy grace,
Their faith so languid, and their faith so dim:
For lo, between their sins and their reward
We set the Passion of thy Son, Our Lord.*

Or, in the familiar words of commendation:

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Thirdly, as well as remembering the dead with a love which does not

acknowledge the fact of death, and then praying that the dead may be seen in the light of the image of Christ, I also pray in thanksgiving for all that the dead have offered me during their earthly lives. This is a theme I try to put over when conducting funerals. This is not an exercise in nostalgia, but by offering to God gratitude for the blessings received through these individuals’ lives I make a powerful prayer for their eternal joy. It is precisely where in a person’s life love has been shared that the individual has been, perhaps unwittingly, fulfilling God’s purpose for them. Each of us is created by God in an act of gracious and undeserving love in order that we might be transparent to that love in our lives, and so allow it to shine into the lives of others. Thus, in thanking God for specific acts of their love, I place before God a record of their good deeds. Praying thankfully for the dead is a way that I can acknowledge God’s grace flowing from and through the lives of loved ones now dead. By recognising the debt I owe to them I also remind—if that is the right word—God of their acts of charity and kindness, moments in their lives from which God can build their eternal joy and fulfilment.

So, on All Souls’ Day we bring to God those who have been deeply influential in our lives and express our prayers of gratitude and our desire for mercy. Remembrance Sunday sees us doing this, perhaps now not so much a recollection of particular individuals, but generally for those who have lost, and continue to lose, their lives in the service of our country.

Father Chris



MONTHLY CAKE STALL

Donations of cakes for the stall are always greatly appreciated. The next cake stall will be at the Combined Service at All Saints on 6th November. See Norma Reay for further details.

FRIENDS

NOVEMBER 30th

**CHRISTMAS GOLF CLUB
BUFFET**

TICKETS £11 pp

ADVENT COURSE

An Advent Course will once again be taking place on December 8th, 15th & 22nd.

Details will follow in next months magazine.

**ALL SOULS DAY
WEDNESDAY**

NOVEMBER 2ND 2016

7PM

SPECIAL SERVICE TO
REMEMBER LOVED ONES
REFRESHMENTS TO
FOLLOW

MOTHERS UNION

7th NOVEMBER – ST JOHNS-
WINTERIZED

21ST NOVEMBER
MENCAP MEAL



Many thanks to Les Keegan for restoring so beautifully the Holy Water Stoop at All Saints.

On 22nd October, Doris Ferguson's ashes were scattered in St Mary's churchyard.

MANY THANKS

Thanks to all for cards, flowers, prayers and good wishes following my recent accident. Bill Baker

CHRISTMAS FAYRES

ST. JOHNS

10.30AM

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

ALL SAINTS

10.30AM

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26TH



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

TERRACE GREEN
CENOTAPH

NOVEMBER 13TH 2016

10.45



December 1st 2016

ST JOHNS CHURCH

7pm

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LES KEEGAN

General knowledge quiz (answers on back page)

1. Who asked the quiz questions on television's *The Weakest Link*?
2. Dennis the Menace featured in which British children's comic?
3. What is a funambulist?
4. In which month of 1945 did Hitler marry Eva Braun?
5. Which television and radio quiz show for schools ran from 1948 to 1986?
6. The Bella Twins are famous professionals in which field?
7. What does MDF stand for (as in the engineered wood product)?
8. Which U.S. President wrote a foreign policy doctrine regarding European countries in 1823?
9. Name Alexander Armstrong's seated assistant on the gameshow *Pointless*?
10. What nationality is Mark Carney, The Governor of the Bank of England?

ON THE COVER THIS MONTH

All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas) is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en). It is a feast day celebrated on 1st November

It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history.

Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a tradition since the 4th century AD, but it wasn't until 609AD that Pope Boniface IV decided to remember *all* martyrs. Originally 13th May was designated as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. Later, in 837AD, Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints, changed its name to Feast of All Saints and changed the date to 1st November.

All Souls' Day is marked on 2nd November (or the 3rd if the 2nd is a Sunday), directly following All Saints' Day, and is an opportunity for churches to commemorate the faithful departed. They remember and pray for the souls of people who are in Purgatory - the place in which those who have died atone for their less grave sins before being granted the vision of God in Heaven.

Reasoning behind this stems from the notion that when a soul leaves the body, it is not entirely cleansed from venial (minor) sins. However, through the power of prayer and self-denial, the faithful left on earth may be able to help these souls gain the Beatific Vision they seek, bringing the soul eternal sublime happiness.

FRIENDS

August St John's Parish Room 7pm,

We all arrived to be as always most warmly greeted by our hostess Linda assisted by her husband Bill. If it is a lousy night – weather wise outside – you can be assured its cheerful inside and worthwhile turning out for and its only once a month.

After our usual banter on meeting up with one another, Linda opened up the show with any correspondence or news of forthcoming events. She was multi-tasking as she was also our speaker for the night, she showed us a selection of photographs of various subjects, places of interest, animals – well all kinds of things really, some she had taken herself and others from the internet. She explained them all in great detail and answered all questions raised, what did we do before we had laptops and computers?

Then we had – wait for it – our raffle and followed by our eagerly awaited cups of tea or coffee and tasty little cup-cakes, and we were happy with that.

Next meeting should be of immense interest 'Our George Elmy' restored lifeboat. Some of the volunteers who attended to her new house any needs, we hope will come along to see the new restoration from the new film and brilliant completed work.

See you we hope in September. God bless all who go down to the sea in ships.

Good night, God bless. Bertha Wright

N.B. Unfortunately our 'George Elmy' film had to be cancelled due to Bill's accident. We hope to show it sometime next year.

REMEMBRANCE 1914 to?

The call has come; they gather as one,
From mill and factory, from farm and home
Little they know of the years ahead,
Many will sadly soon be dead.

After the training the Channel is crossed,
Foreign soil is where most are lost.
The killing fields beckon; the enemy's there,
Shells are dropping, noise everywhere.
They dive for cover and hit the ground,
Bullets fly, smoke all around.

On the attack - the brave lads try,
Many fall; so many die!

Remember them – yes, but learn from our history,
In countless conflicts, mad human misery.⁸
When will the blood no longer be spilled,
When will the earth with peace be filled?

Remember and honour them; we're their tomorrow.
Remember their sacrifice, where many will follow.
As we see it repeated more and more,
Remember and honour them, stop the war!

Alan Edward



Answers to quiz

1. Anne Robinson
2. The Beano
3. A tightrope walker
4. April (30th)
5. Top of the Form
6. Wrestling (a WWE tag team)
7. Medium-density fibreboard
8. President James Monroe
9. Richard Osman
10. Canadian

While every effort is made to keep the magazine up to date with current events, occasionally there are events which are too late for printing. Please watch the church notice board and weekly bulletin for further information.

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Father, All-Powerful and ever-living God,
today we rejoice in the holy men and women
of every time and place.
May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and love
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please submit items of interest for the Parish Magazine
by no later than 12th of the month.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND IN SPECIAL NEED IN OUR PARISH

Rev. Sue Wicks, Carole Hayward Robert Jeffrey,
Sue Lloyd, Alan Shaw, Judith Holland,
Margaret Dobson, Leigh McArdle, Lilian Hood,
Audrey Loughlin, Bertha Wright, Ella Shepherd,
Michael Anderson, Iris Jones, Betty Gee

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Many thanks to everyone for your good wishes, prayers,
cards and gifts. Bertha Wright