

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

31st October 2021 – All Saints Day (Fourth Sunday before Advent)

NOTICES

Services for Remembrance are as follows:

11th November, Quarry Remembrance, Burlington Stone. Please arrive 10.45am. Refreshments to follow.

14th November, Remembrance Sunday

Holy Communion at Kirkby 9.30am as usual, followed by Act of Remembrance at the war memorial, for which please arrive by 10.45am. If you wish to attend both, you can of course wait in church between services. The Royal British Legion will be serving refreshments to celebrate their centenary in the Community Hall immediately after the Act of Remembrance.

At Broughton, the Act of Remembrance will begin in the Square as usual. Please arrive for 10.40am in order to process to the memorial and then into church for a short service (not communion).



All Souls / Relatives Remembrance

There will be an All Souls' service at St Cuthbert's at 3pm on Sunday 7th November. Names may be submitted in advance to Linda Dean.

Valley Churches Christmas Fair – Saturday 4th December, 12-2pm, Browfoot Room, Ulpha.

This Week



Tuesday 6.30pm – Broughton church meeting, to be held at Broughton Methodist Church, prior to house group. Come along to discuss issues and arrangements affecting St Mary's.

Tuesday 7.30pm – Tuesday house group, Broughton Methodist Church.

Wednesday 8.30am – Morning Prayer, St Mary's.



Wednesday 10-12noon – Coffee and Company, Kirkby Methodist Church.

Wednesday 11.30am – Midweek Communion at Broughton Mills. At the Reading Room until Shop Bridge reopens.

Wednesday 4.30pm – Evening Prayer, St Mary's.

Wednesday 7pm – Youth Drop-In, Broughton Methodist Church.

Thursday 9.00am – Coffee to start the day at Broughton Methodist Church, open to all.



Thursday 10.00am – Bible study. All welcome, meeting at Broughton Methodist church.

Thursday 1-3pm – Post Office and Coffee at the Browfoot Room, Ulpha. Not a church activity but so worthwhile I can't resist promoting it.

Thursday 7pm – Meeting Point, Parsonage Room, Broughton.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

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.

Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
² In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
³ and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
⁴ For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
⁵ Having been disciplined a little,
they will receive great good,
because God tested them
and found them worthy of himself;
⁶ like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
⁷ In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
⁸ They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
⁹ Those who trust in him will understand truth,

and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24:1-6

- ¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
² for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.
³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.
⁵ They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶ Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

John 11:32-44

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St John. Glory to you, O Lord.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But

some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

Prayer after 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.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

The Principal Feast of All Saints falls each year on 1st November (hence the observance of 31st October as the Eve of All Hallows Hallowe'en). However, the feast is often observed on the preceding Sunday, which these year falls on the Eve of the Feast. All Saints has its origins in the remembrance of martyrs by the early church, but over the centuries came to embrace first every named Saint and then, especially after the Reformation, every Christian, past or present.

In the Church of England, All Saints initiates the short period after Trinity Season but before Advent. The first two weeks concentrate on remembrance generally (including the more specific focus of Remembrance Sunday). The remainder of the period places particular emphasis on the Kingdom, leading up to the end of the church year at the Feast of Christ the King on the Sunday before Advent.

In some countries, the observance of All Saints is concentrated on loved ones departed. In Poland, candles are placed on the graves of family and friends. In the Anglican tradition, we particularly think of what the Hebrews 12:1 calls "a great cloud of witnesses" – every Christian who has gone before us, with whom we hope to be united in the new heaven and new earth of which today's Revelation passage speaks.