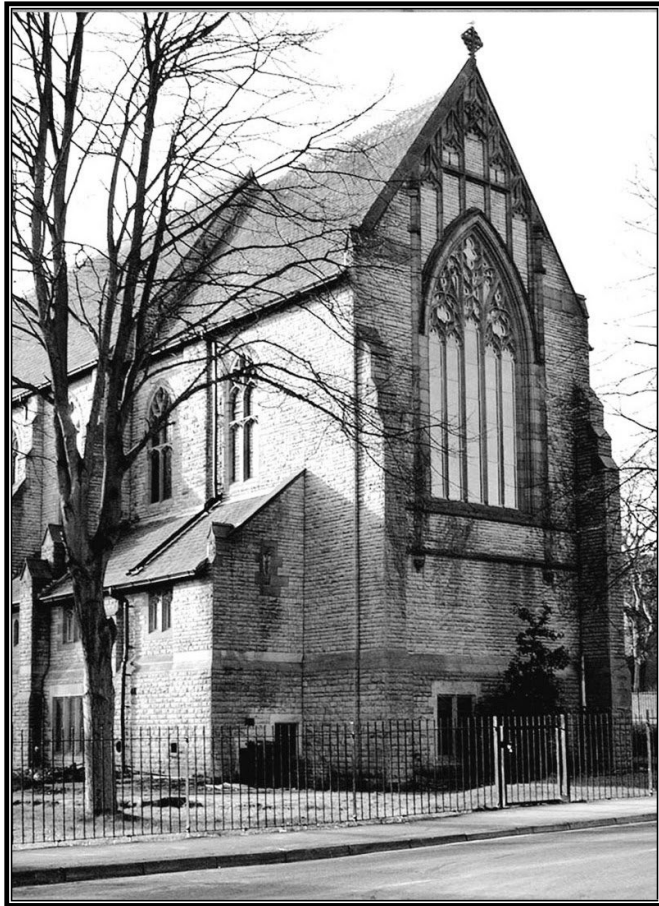


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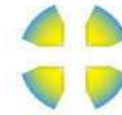
## NOVEMBER 2022



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All masses are held at St. Augustine's Church unless stated otherwise.

SUNDAY	9.00am	Sung Mass (St. Aidan's)
	10.30am	Sung Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	6.30pm	Evensong and Benediction
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6.15pm	Said Mass
Wednesday	10.30am	Said Mass (St. Aidan's)
Thursday	6.15pm	Said Mass
Friday	10.00am	Said Mass
Saturday	10.00am	Said Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	11.00am	Messy Church (Parish Hall)

Holy Days and Feast Days – see notice board for details

Daily Offices	Morning Prayer:	9.00am Tuesday -Thursday
		9.15am Friday & Saturday
	Evening Prayer	5.45pm Tuesday - Saturday

Confessions are heard by arrangement with the Clergy

If you are unable to attend Church through sickness or infirmity, or because you are caring for someone who is, please see the clergy whose duty and privilege it is to bring the Sacrament of Our Lord to you at home. The Sacrament of Holy Anointing is also available in time of anxiety or sickness; please ask for it.

Arrangements for the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage may be made at the Parish Office (below church) on Friday evenings, 7.00 – 7.30pm.

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Dear friends

Last month's magazine, overshadowed by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, referred to her Majesty having invited a new Prime Minister to form a government. One month later, we are in the very strange position of being able to relate that the new King, Charles, has now himself invited another new Prime Minister to form a government.

To say that Liz Truss's record-breaking short term of office was a disaster would be an understatement. The unfunded tax cuts and spending she proposed greatly exacerbated the nation's already difficult economic situation (another understatement). It is to be hoped (by all people of goodwill) that Rishi Sunak - until recently himself Chancellor of the Exchequer - will be able to unite not only his party but also the nation. It is a tall order.

There is an understandable clamour among the Opposition Parties for a General Election following the replacement (the second) of a Prime Minister. Yet we do not have an elected president. In our representative democracy we vote for our local Member of Parliament, although many voters will be influenced by the leaders of the respective parties. The party with the largest number of seats in the Commons forms the Government, and the leader of that party becomes Prime Minister. There is no constitutional need to hold a General Election at this juncture, and given the current polls it is extremely unlikely one will be called.

So what do we do? We are where we are, even if we don't like it. Governments have to govern for the benefit of the whole nation, not just their own party members, and we must both hope and pray that Rishi Sunak's government will do just that, and not pander to party ideologies that run counter to that national interest.

We should also pray that the other parties in Parliament, while robustly holding the Government to account, will also put away narrow party interest, and support the Government where it is

manifestly acting for the good of all people. This is especially important insofar as such action is directed towards alleviating the terrible hardships facing, and being experienced by, the most vulnerable in our society.

During this time of national crisis - which is what it is - politicians and the whole country must come together to get the nation back on a stable footing: then would be the time for a General Election. St Paul advised Timothy that "there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet."

So we should pray for Rishi Sunak and his Government, being "others in authority", that God would guide them to make the right and just decisions for our nation, and especially for the poor.

With my love and prayers

*Fr Tony*

### MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

The great solemnity of All Saints' Day opens the month of November, as we remember of the saints who have gone before us. They include both the saints acknowledged by the Church, and also the countless individuals whose holiness has been known only to God.

Those saints recognised by the Church are given to us as examples of lives seeking God. They were sometimes difficult to live with, which is not surprising since they were fallible human beings like the rest of us, but they persevered in their search for God and in seeking to live out his call in their lives.

That "the Saints" includes many not formally recognised by the Church should encourage each of us in our spiritual lives: we, too,

can be saints in God's eyes. Share in the Mass at 7.30pm on All Saints' Day, Tuesday 1st November.

Following swiftly on from All Saints' Day is the Commemoration of **All Souls** on Wednesday 2nd November. On All Souls' Day the Church remembers all those who have died, whether within the household of faith or not, commending them all to the mercy and love of God.

During the course of the Mass, the names of the departed are read out:: there are lists at the back of our churches on which their names may be written. Those who funerals we have conducted over the past 12 months will be read out as a matter of course.

Do come to the Mass, and offer your prayers not only for your own departed loved-ones, but for all the departed.

The mention of remembrance inevitably brings to mind **Remembrance Sunday**, which falls on Sunday 12th November. At both our services we will share in the Act of Remembrance, including the 2 minutes' silence, and (at the end of mass) the Act of Commitment.

*Fr Tony*

### **THE NEXT BISHOP OF BEVERLEY**

We are delighted that the next Bishop of Beverley has been announced. He is Fr Stephen Race SSC, whose service to the Church has been rooted in parochial ministry in the Wakefield episcopal area in the Diocese of Leeds. While firmly grounded in the Catholic wing of the Church of England, his ministry has also encompassed other Anglican traditions as is the case currently in one of the parishes in his Benefice in Barnsley.

Bishop Tony Robinson, Chairman of The Society's council of bishops, commented: "Fr Stephen has served faithfully and with distinction in a variety of roles in the Wakefield episcopal area over the last 17 years. He has demonstrated that he has much to offer the Church and I am sure this will continue when he

becomes a bishop ministering to Society parishes across the Northern Province."

Fr Stephen's consecration will be on St Andrew's Day in York Minster: a coach from the parish is being organised. A novena of prayer will also be made available in due course for all those who want to link themselves through prayer to the consecration and to Fr Stephen's episcopal ministry within the Church. The novena will run from 22 to 30 November.

*Adapted from The Society's website*

### **PARISH VISITORS**

Many members of our congregations visit friends and neighbours, which is as it should be. As Christians, there is an added dimension to our visits, too: we, the people of God, are The Church, and when we visit, the Church is visiting, as well.

In addition to our individual visits as friends, there is also a place for those who are formally recognised by the Church as having a particular role as visitors. Some years ago our first group of Parish Visitors was recognised, and soon another group will be. Like the first group, they have received training and guidance, and will visit under my supervision.

Their visits will have no agenda other than being company and having a chat, and perhaps being a link with the regular worshipping congregation. Following the example of Our Lord himself in sending out his disciples, the visitors are being sent out in pairs, and will visit as often or as infrequently as those they visit wish.

If you, or someone you know, would like to be visited, please let me know: my contact details are elsewhere in this magazine. I would be more than happy to know how such visits have gone.

"So give encouragement to each other, and keep strengthening one another, as you do already." (1Thessalonians 4.11)

*Fr Tony*

## 100 CLUB NEWS

The seventh draw for this term was drawn on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

**First Prize Number 112 – Katherine Taylor – wins £25**  
**Second Prize Number 38 – Gill Browne Townley – wins £15**  
**Third Prize Number 17 – John Harrison – wins £10**

The eighth draw for this term will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**It is just £12 per number (£1 per month).**

If you are not a member and would like to join or want to take an extra number, please see David or Ruth Taylor.

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

There is a small group of parishioners who give up a morning each month. Apart from the cleaning they also have tea/coffee, biscuits and social chat. They meet every 4 weeks.

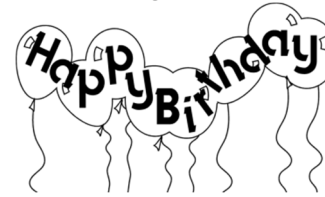


The dates for cleaning this month are  
**28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**  
**Meeting at 10.00am.**

Many hands make light work!

The date/time could be subject to change, but usually decided by the Sunday, the day before, and is coordinated by Lilian Schofield 01204 303137

*Congratulations and all our Best Wishes to*



*Doreen Johnson who celebrates  
her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on  
1<sup>st</sup> November 2022*

*Also*

*Jackie Settle who celebrates  
her 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday on  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2022*



## **FORTNIGHTLY BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS**

### **Important information**

It has been decided to meet in the evening in preference to alternating between afternoon and evening meetings. So, from 7 November, all the meetings will be in the evening, beginning at 7.30 pm.

From now until Christmas, our meetings will be held on -  
Monday, 7 and 21 November 2022  
and  
Monday, 5 and 19 December 2022

We are progressively working through The Acts of the Apostles. Please join us in St Augustine's parish hall. Everyone is most welcome. We are a friendly group and we should love to see you. No prior knowledge is expected and if you prefer to listen, rather than to join in the discussion, that is perfectly acceptable.

We usually start with a prayer and refreshments. The meetings last for approximately one hour and close with a prayer.

See you at our next meeting on Monday, 7 November, at 7.30 pm.

*Ken Fisher*



**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022 11.00am - 2.00pm**

We will have some usual stalls **Chocolate Tombola, Lucky Jars/Bags.**

**The £1 Lucky Dip** (prize every time) also the **Grand Christmas Draw, and Santa.**

There will also be stalls selling **Crafts & Gifts, Books & DVD's, Bric a Brac and Cakes.**

#### **Refreshments will be on sale**

We are asking for help with suggestions for stalls, manning and providing items for planned stalls.

Chocolate items for the Chocolate Tombola

Cakes homemade or shop bought.

For the Lucky Jars/Bags - Small toys which you can pick up in Pound Shops and Wilkinson's. They are usually classed as things to put in Party Bags. Erasers, small racing cars, bubbles, small pencil crayons, bouncy balls etc. Sweets like Haribo or Miaow mix, they do small bags of sweets, sticks of chewy toffee etc. They must be wrapped

Tickets available for the Grand Christmas Draw, just £1.00 each. They are in books of 5 tickets so just £5.00 for a book. How many books of tickets can you take and sell!

#### **The Grand Christmas Draw**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Mixed Case of Wine

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Christmas Hamper

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Chocolate & Sweet Hamper

4<sup>th</sup> Prize - Bottle of Whisky

Plus many other prizes

A box is at the back of church, for your contributions to any of the above stalls.



The Bolton Deanery Meeting at St, Matthews last month was well attended. Thank you to all who donated items for the backpacks. The Deanery initially purchased 5 backpacks. With all the items donated we were able to fill another 6, plus extra items left have been sent to Christine (diocesan president) to use in back packs donated by other deaneries.

Our meeting this month is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm. The meeting will be focused on Loneliness and Pastoral Visiting.

We have decided for our Festive Afternoon on 14<sup>th</sup> December that we will watch the film Love Actually. Tickets will be £2 to include cheese and wine / festive refreshments (tea and coffee will be available). Everyone is welcome

The Festive Meal for January will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January in the Parish Hall. The price is £25 for a three course meal, please see the poster for full details.

Craft afternoons this month will be on Mondays' 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 1.30pm in the Parish Hall.

*Elsie Hollinrake*

*Mothers Union  
Annual Christmas Meal*

Percivals the Caterers have been booked for our annual Christmas meal to be held at

**St Augustine's Parish Hall**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

7.00pm for 7.30pm



The cost is £25 for a 3 course Festive Dinner (Vegetarian option available)

Tea/coffee & After Dinner mints  
Do feel free to bring your own drinks

***Names and £10 deposit to Ruth Taylor by 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022.***

***Also please let us know who you want to sit near so a seating plan can be arranged.***



**TRUST IN JESUS**

The last Messy Church had us finding out about saying Thank You.

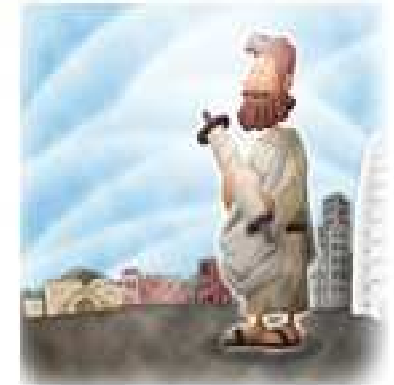
The next session has us finding out about

**The Destruction of the Temple**

Find out more

Saturday  
19<sup>th</sup> November  
11am - 1pm

St Augustine's  
Parish Hall



- Whatever your age – come and enjoy being creative!
- Join us for activities, crafts, and a short period of worship then a simple meal.
- There will be no charge although donations towards the costs are welcome!
- Children will need to be accompanied by an adult at all times.



## Walsingham News

Our annual Walsingham Festival was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was good to welcome Fr Tony's brother priests as well as Fr Ben Bradshaw, the current Shrine Priest, whose homily gave us plenty to think about. We had some wonderful hymns including *In Mary's Heart Immaculate*, a new hymn sung to a familiar (and for me a particular favourite) tune with words by John Underhill which were printed in the September edition of *New Directions*.

The weather wasn't at its best so the procession was inside church but nevertheless an important part of the day. Well done to Keith and Alex who kindly carried the Image Our Lady of Walsingham. We all appreciated the beautifully arranged flowers both round the Image and in church. The generosity of so many meant

the sumptuous buffet and drinks were taken full advantage of and so thank you to all who did what they did before, during and after to make the day such a lovely event.

I spent the first week of October at the Priory of Our Lady, attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> Craft Week when we make items to be sold for their charity of the year. Eleven of us had a very happy and fruitful week - more details in the Priory's Advent newsletter, copies of which will be available for everybody at the end of November. Before the crafting actually began, seven of us including Srs Angela and Carol and a visiting sister from Oxford, had a day out, beginning at Walpole St Peter's Church (about 15 mins north of King's Lynn) which is also known as the Cathedral

of the Fens. The sheer scale of the building is amazing and the other six who had not been before, were very suitably impressed. We followed this with a lunch at the Retail Park and then, in keeping with the theme of the week, a visit to Hobbycraft. It has to be said that as a group of seven, three of whom were Sisters in traditional habits, we turned a few heads!

You may remember that in September Sr Carol took part in a group pilgrimage walk from Norwich to Walsingham. Through sponsorship she raised £852 which has been divided between their current charity of the year, Children in Distress, and St Peter's, Great Walsingham, Building Fund.

Those with Cell cards will notice that on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm we plan to say the Rosary, which will be followed by light refreshments. This is open to everyone - worry not if you don't own a rosary or are not sure how it's said. Do join us and take advantage of the chance to find out in a relaxed and supported way.

*Linda Parkington*

## HOLY DAYS

### **1<sup>st</sup> November - ALL SAINTS DAY**

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5<sup>th</sup> century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9<sup>th</sup> century calendar named All Hallows as a

principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,  
And made converse and walk with thee,  
And with thy saints here and above,  
With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;  
The several vessels of thy fleet,  
Though parted now, by tempests tost,  
Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end,  
Shall be my company above;  
And thou, my best and surest Friend,  
Who shall divide me from thy love?\*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

*\*(Maurice Frost (ed.), Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern (London: Clowes, 1962), no. 274, verses 1,3,6.*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> November - ALL SOULS DAY**

The early Church was slow to dedicate a liturgical day to offering prayers and masses to commemorate the faithful departed. But in time prayers were offered on behalf of dead monks, that they might attain 'the Beatific Vision' through purification, which the Church later described as Purgatory. Odilo, the powerful abbot of Cluny, (d 1049) decreed that All Souls' Day should follow the feast of All Saints' Day.

At least four ancient English dedications are known, the most famous of which are All Souls College, Oxford and the church in Langham Place in London.

In bygone centuries All Souls' Day was certainly uncomfortable for anyone who had wronged a person who had then died. For it was believed that souls in purgatory could appear on earth on this day, in the form of ghosts, witches or toads, to haunt anyone who had wronged them in life.

On a more cheerful note, it was also believed that you could help the dead on this day by almsgiving in cash or in kind. Some of these beliefs seem to have been caught up in the popular customs of Hallowe'en.

When the Reformation came, the Protestants disregarded the idea of Purgatory, and this feast day remained with the Roman Catholic Church.

## **13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - THE POPPIES OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.



But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.

## **19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - HILDA OF WHITBY**

Hilda played a key role in the early English Christian church, and she may even have been the first to encourage the writing of Christian poetry.

She was born a princess, into the Deiran (Northumbrian) dynasty, and her sister became Queen of the East Angles, with whom the Deiran had connections.

In those days East Anglia had close ties with the Gallic Church, and because of her sister, Hilda came under that influence. She was actually on her way to take her monastic vows near Paris when the Bishop of Lindisfarne, Aidan, called her back to Northumbria.

Back home, she went into seclusion for a time, before being sent to be abbess of a religious house in Hartlepool in 649.

Eight years later, Hilda felt moved to establish a religious community at Streasnaeshalch (later renamed Whitby). Her community was a royal establishment, a double monastery (both men and women) and became famous for its learning, with even five bishops trained there.

Whitby was also, of course, the venue for the famous Synod of Whitby in 664. With Hilda acting as hostess, the Synod met to decide upon the date of Easter. The issue at stake was greater than that, though, for the decision would sway the Church in Britain to adapt either the Celtic or Roman traditions. Although Hilda defended the Celtic church customs, she accepted with grace the decision of the Synod to accept the Roman date for Easter, and she then worked to unite the Church throughout the land.

## **20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - CHRIST THE KING**

The last Sunday in November is the last Sunday of the church year, and in some ways the most important. Why? Because everything else in the Christian year looks BACK on what happened 2000 years ago.

The Sunday of Christ the King looks FORWARD to what we can expect next.... the return one day of Jesus Christ to this earth, as King of Kings.

Does the idea of Jesus of Nazareth literally returning to earth seem a bit quaint to accept, in our computerised world of e-mails and the internet? Well, that is what the Bible says will happen - *it is promised more than 250 times!*

The Bible is quite clear: the return of the Lord Jesus Christ as King of Kings will take place personally, powerfully, bodily, visibly, publicly - and INSTANTLY. (Read Matthew 24:30,31, or 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:3.) Here are words of Jesus Himself:

*For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. (Luke 17:24)*

This will be no local story for a BBC TV reporter to cover if he gets time. That day he won't be interviewing the Carpenter of Nazareth, wearing Galilean homespun. Jesus will be in His incandescent brilliance as the 'Son of Man' - a bit of a challenge even for TV reporters! Certainly when Peter, James and John were witness to their familiar Master 'transfigured', as the same irradiated Person - in a dramatic preview of Christ's triumphant final rule (Luke 9:28-36), they did not feel very confident.

The martyred Stephen, about to die, had a similar glimpse: "Behold I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:56). The exiled apostle John on the island of Patmos saw the same figure: '...His face was like the sun shining in full strength' (Revelation 1:16.)

When Christ one day returns, the whole world will finally witness this same spectacle (Revelation 1:7). His return will mark the end of history, as we know it. It will inaugurate the final Judgment. It will re-unite the Lord with His Church on earth.

Jesus' return to us will bring about the new heaven and the new earth. Pain, death, persecution, privation and sorrow will all be banished. The entire edifice of evil that has raised itself against the rule of God will be dismantled in a moment.

We have been warned all along not to place a date or a time upon the Second Coming of Christ. (Matthew 24:42-44) Sadly, many people ignore this warning and waste endless time in calculations. The way in which we should be spending our days before the end is to work, watch and witness to our Lord Jesus - whether or not ours is a world of computers, e-mail and all the rest!

In the meantime, where is Jesus now? The Bible writers tells us that Jesus has returned to the place of privilege and power, and is 'seated at the right hand' of the Father (Ephesians 1:20-21; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3), and is waiting for the Father's timing for Him to return to earth in glory (Mark 13:26-27,32), to raise the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), and give them their resurrection bodies (1 Corinthians 15:35-44).

Jesus will never be a baby again. He is now Christ the King - today, tomorrow, forever.

### **30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - ST. ANDREW**

Andrew, whose feast day ends the Christian year on 30<sup>th</sup> November, is probably best known to us as the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country is that

some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8<sup>th</sup> century to Fife and preserved at a church in a place now named St Andrews.

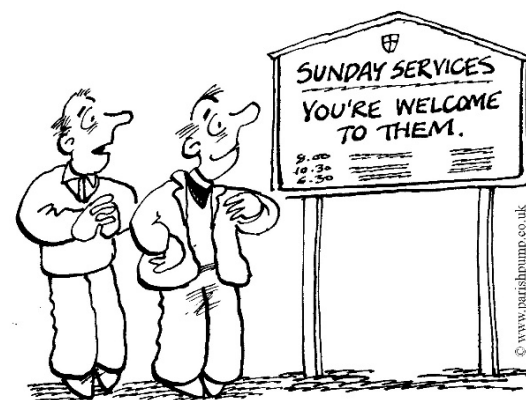
In fact, there are so many legends about him all over Europe and the Middle East that it's safest to stick to what the Gospels tell us - though the strong tradition that he was martyred by crucifixion is probably true and is perpetuated in the 'St Andrew's Cross', the 'saltyre' of Scotland.

The Gospels record that he was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the desert, to be taught by the charismatic prophet known to us as John the Baptist. Many thought that he was the long-promised Messiah, but John insisted that he was not. 'I am the voice crying in the wilderness,' he told the crowds. 'Prepare the way of the Lord! One comes after me who is greater than I am.' So when one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and his friend and described him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men assumed that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So as Jesus made off, they followed him.

All the more strange, then (though, on reflection, very true to human nature) that when Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was a lame enquiry about his current place of residence: 'where are you staying?' Or, perhaps, they were hinting that what they were seeking could not be dealt with in a brief conversation. If they could come to his lodgings, perhaps their burning questions might be answered.

The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: 'Come and see'. Come and see what I'm like, what I do, the sort of person I am. What an invitation!

The results of their response were in this case life-changing - for themselves, and for many other people. Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus. The next day Jesus met Philip and called him to 'follow'. Philip then brought Nathaniel. The little apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was being formed. They came, they saw, they were conquered! And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.



*...love the new notice board, Vicar...  
...just not quite so sure about the wording...*

The Rectory  
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren



It is a great shame that your church doesn't have chandeliers - although in your low-ceilinged converted cinema, any chandelier more than a few feet tall would also be embedded in your floor carpeting. But I find that there is nothing like watching the standard

bearers on Remembrance Sunday parading up the aisle with their flags and getting them caught up in our brass candelabra.

One year, the procession ground to a halt while a bearer fought to retrieve his flag, and was obliged to leave it flying in the centre of the church while he presented me with an empty pole. I always feel obliged to tell parishioners that, since all the candelabra will inevitably be sent spinning, not to stare at them, or they may leave the church hypnotised. On the other hand, Miss Simpson generally leaves the church looking like that.

Major Hastings always arrives bejewelled with so many medals that every time he kneels for prayer, it sounds as if he is taking the collection. Their weight increases his stoop by at least ten degrees, to the point where some feel we should support him with a personal flying buttress.

Since the trumpeter playing the Last Post can be of varying quality, your idea of broadcasting it from London into your church is inspired. However, your worries about whether your radio will be good enough need not trouble you. If you tell your congregation that they are about to hear the broadcast silence and you then simply not switch the thing on, no one will be able to tell the slightest difference whether the silence is being broadcast or not. In fact, they will even congratulate you on hitting 11am at exactly the right moment.

I always use subterfuge; I have the church clock disconnected and then when we reach the time for silence, irrespective of the true time, I get a churchwarden to toll the bell eleven times. This way, I have apparently come to the exact moment without a hitch for the last 30 years.

You will also find that preaching about warfare and of man's inhumanity to man will give you greater insights into the working of

your church council. The only difference is that on committees – sadly – the use of machine guns is rather frowned on.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

### *Chicken rules*

*One day a new chicken was introduced to the farm. The duck, who was in charge, showed the new chicken around. "This is where you go to get fed, this is the water trough and that is the coop. Chickens hang out near the fence, us ducks near the pond and the geese near the gate. We're friendly, but we keep to our own. Oh, and whatever you do, DO NOT cross that road. You'll never hear the end of it."*

### *Mouse*

*You can't teach a new mouse old clicks.*

### *Purring*

*Little George was visiting his aunt. He found the cat in a sunny window purring cheerfully. "Oh Auntie, come quick," cried George. "The cat has gone to sleep and left his engine running."*

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### HOLY BAPTISM

Sept 25th Beau John Clough

### CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

Sept 20 Kathleen Mary Connor (87)

## PARISH DATES

Tue 1st ALL SAINTS' DAY: 7.30pm Sung Mass  
 Wed 2nd All Souls' Day: 7.30pm Sung Mass  
 Fri 4th Parish Visiting Course 2pm  
 Sat 5th 10.30am: Litter picking in the area  
 SUN 6th 6.30pm: Evensong & Benediction  
 Mon 7th 7.30pm: Bible study (Parish Hall)  
 Tue 8th 7.00pm: PCC Standing Committee  
 Wed 9th 7.00pm: Meeting of Churches Together in Tonge Moor  
 Fri 11th 7.30pm: Walsingham Cell - Mass and Rosary  
 SUN 13th Remembrance Sunday  
 Mon 14th 1.30pm: Crafts Afternoon  
 Wed 16th 2.00pm: Mothers' Union  
 Sat 19th 11.00am Messy Church (until 1.00pm)  
 Mon 21st 1.30pm: Bible study (Parish Hall)  
 Tue 22nd 7.30pm: Mass, followed by PCC  
 Fri 25th 9.45am: Clergy Formation Day  
 Sat 26th 11.00am: Christmas Fair (until 2.00pm)  
 SUN 27th Church Together in Tonge Moor joint service for Advent  
 Wed 30th 11.00am: Consecration of Stephen Race as Bishop of Beverley, York Minster

## Calendar and Intentions for November 2022

Tue 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY: The Parish and the People of God  
 Wed 2 All Souls' Day: The departed  
 Thu 3 feria: Those receiving the Blessed Sacrament in their homes this month  
 Fri 4 S Charles Borromeo: A renewed interest in the Catechism  
 Sat 5 feria: the environment of the parish  
**SUN 6 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God**  
 Mon 7 feria: A greater commitment to read the Bible  
 Tue 8 feria: Our PCC and Church officers  
 Wed 9 **DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA:**  
 Thu 10 S Leo the Great: A right understanding of the Incarnation of Christ  
 Fri 11 S Martin of Tours: the Leprosy Mission  
 Sat 12 S Josaphat: The people and leadership of Russia  
**SUN 13 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God**  
 Mon 14 feria: The fire, police and ambulance services  
 Tue 15 feria: The Unity of Christ's church  
 Wed 16 feria: The work and mission of the Mother's Union  
 Thu 17 S Hilda: The Society and Forward in Faith  
 Fri 18 feria: Our local Councillors and Borough officials  
 Sat 19 feria: All who attend our Messy Church  
**SUN 20 CHRIST THE KING: The Parish and the People of God**  
 Mon 21 Presentation of the BVM: the children of our congregation  
 Tue 22 S Cecilia: Church musicians  
 Wed 23 feria: Our Sunday School and the Schools in the Parish  
 Thu 24 S Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions: all who suffer for their faith in Christ  
 Fri 25 feria: The Bishop of Manchester and his staff  
 Sat 26 feria: All who will attend our Christmas Fair  
**SUN 27 ADVENT SUNDAY: The Parish and the People of God**  
 Mon 28 feria: The Churches Together in Tonge Moor  
 Tue 29 feria: Confessors and their penitents  
 Wed 30 **S ANDREW:** The People of Scotland

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