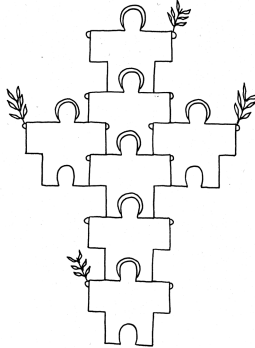


# St John's, Pevensey Road

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## Pews News for Sunday 1st November: All Saints' Day

### **People for whom our prayers are asked:**

Arlene, Ian, Amber, Sally, Tracy, Agatha, Shane, Clive, Henry, Marylyn,  
Fr Ken, Fr John, Alberta, Wendy, Tracey, Marion, Jackie, Mary, Grace,  
Nina, Angela, Jean & Geoff, Geraldine, and Kath.

### **Please pray also for...**

...the repose of the souls of the departed,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time,  
especially Michelle Rumball,

...and all who mourn.

Welcome to our Parish Mass service today - to those in Church in person, and also those following the service on screen at home.

### **This week:**

**Morning Prayer:** weekday mornings in the main church at 9:00.

**The church is open for private prayer** weekday mornings 9:30 - 12:30.


**“Zoom” service:** 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Send Rev Jill or Deacon Michael an email and they will let you know how to join in.

**Midweek Mass:** 10 a.m. on Wednesday in the chancel.

**Next Sunday:** Mass here at 10:30 a.m, including a short Act of Remembrance.



There are some prayer cards, by the exit door, to help focus our thoughts on All Souls Day tomorrow. Please help yourself.



**Currently most-required items:**

- Tins of: potatoes, meat, vegetables, spaghetti, potatoes, rice pudding, fish, custard, and fruit. [NB: they currently have plenty of baked beans, rice and pasta].
- Boxes of 40 or 80 teabags
- Long-life milk or fruit juice.
- Toiletries
- Nappies in sizes 4, 5 or 6.

*Thank you*

**Amber** would like to thank everyone for their support during her recent bereavement.

**White poppies**, to remember all victims of all wars, are available at the back of church in exchange for a donation to the Peace Pledge Union. *FM*

Don't forget we are interested to have your choice for **Hymn of the Week**, and perhaps a line or two explaining why you like it. Please contact Fr David or Rev Rosemary (details on back of pewsheets) or Richard our organist.



**EcoTip**

Ahead of winter... Homes are really important, and God calls us to play our part in giving nature a home too. Is your garden lacking a bird feeder ahead of the long winter months when it's particularly hard for wildlife to source food? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life?

Also you may be interested to check out *A Rocha*. This is an excellent Christian charity encouraging us all to care for the environment. You can find out more at <https://www.arocha.org/en/a-rocha-uk>

*MC*

## Hymn of the Week

Alison has chosen today's hymn. She says "this is particularly relevant for me this year as my mother finally rested from her labours with her Rock and Fortress. She loved to sing in praise of Father, Son and Holy Ghost".

For all the Saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the Saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

This great processional hymn by William Walsham How (1823-1897) was first published in 1864. The original version had 11 verses, of which we are hearing five today. William Walsham How was educated at Oxford and wrote this whilst he was rector of Whittington in Shropshire. He was appointed Suffragan Bishop of London in 1879, with responsibility for the East End. He established a fine reputation in the dockland slums, and was known as the "Omnibus Bishop" because he preferred public transport to a private carriage. He was appointed the first Bishop of Wakefield in 1888.

The name of the hymn tune is *Sine nomine*, which is Latin for "without a name". It was written by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).



## THANK YOU FROM INDIA

Your overwhelming generosity has paid for the completion of the new Training & Employment Centre – and is even enabling the building of the snake-proof safety wall! There is rejoicing in one of the poorest places on earth. By the way: please note that from today the charity is known as 'Building Better Futures International'. No change of focus in any way, but youngsters want a more up to date name, and it's easier for the Indian bank system. So, from my heart, thanks and thanks again.

*Bishop Laurie*

# Mass for All Saints' Day

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

## Prayer of Confession

Since we are surrounded by a  
great cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight  
and the sin that clings so closely,  
looking to Jesus in penitence and  
faith. *cf Hebrews 12.1*

**All Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to  
your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and  
cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your  
salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## The priest says the Absolution

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your  
sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The Gloria in Excelsis is said:*

**All Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen**

## The Collect

Let us pray:

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.

**All Amen.**

## A reading from the Book of Revelation

*Revelation 7.9-17*

After this I looked, and there was a great  
multitude that no one could count, from  
every nation, from all tribes and peoples  
and languages, standing before the  
throne and before the Lamb, robed in

white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## **A reading from the First Letter of John**

*1 John 3.1-3*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## **Gradual Hymn For all the Saints**

*(sung as a solo by Alison Norris)*

## **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
You are a chosen race,  
a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God’s own people,  
called out of darkness into his  
marvellous light.

**All Alleluia**

The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Matthew

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Matthew 5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and  
thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord,  
Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray...

Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority.  
Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.  
Lord, hear us.  
**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world ...  
Lord, hear us.  
**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high, pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule  
Lord, hear us.  
**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow ...  
Lord, hear us.  
**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,  
surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises ...  
Lord, hear us.  
**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, first-fruits of the new creation, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,  
until you bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**All Amen.**

### **The Peace *is* introduced**

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord,  
who came and preached peace to those who were far off  
and those who were near.

*cf Ephesians 2.17,19*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We may exchange a sign of peace*

## Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

To you we come, Father of lights,  
with angels and saints,  
where heaven and earth unite.  
May Jesus meet us in the breaking  
of the bread.

**All Amen.**

*The priest takes the bread and wine.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here  
**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and  
praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you  
thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And now we give you thanks,  
most gracious God,  
surrounded by a great cloud of  
witnesses  
and glorified in the assembly of your  
saints.

The glorious company of apostles  
praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets  
praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs  
praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,  
and with all who served you on earth  
and worship you now in heaven,  
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,  
the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother of God, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

With saints and martyrs through the ages, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many,  
we are one body,  
because we all share  
in one bread.**

### **Agnus Dei is said:**

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
Have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
Grant us peace**

### **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

*Communion is received*

## Music during Communion:

*Prière à Notre-Dame (Boëllman)*

## 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. **Amen.**

**All** Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off,  
you met us in your Son  
and brought us home.  
Dying and living,  
he declared your love,  
gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup  
bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have  
set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be  
free,  
and the whole earth live to praise  
your name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Notices

## The Blessing and Dismissal

**Priest** The Lord be with you  
**All** And also with you

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations,  
give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All** Amen.

**Priest** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All** In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Concluding voluntary:** *Toccata from Suite Gothique (Boëllman)*

And I saw the river  
over which every soul  
must pass  
to reach the kingdom of heaven  
and the name of that river  
was suffering:  
and I saw a boat  
which carries souls  
across the river  
and the name of that boat  
was love.

John of the Cross.



## Pilgrim's corner: Walking the "Saints' Way"



On this All Saints Day, I am reminded of walking the Saints' Way in Cornwall - a 30 mile pilgrim path from Padstow on the north Cornish coast, to Fowey on the south coast. 30 miles of plodding along on my own gave plenty of time to reflect!

The path allowed folk making their way from Ireland down towards continental Europe to avoid having to take the choppy and dangerous boat journey round Lands

End. But it wouldn't just have been pious saintly pilgrims, but people travelling for all sorts of reasons. Reflecting the fact that all sorts of folk can be saints, walking in the saints' footsteps. Not just the characters with halos that we see on the lovely windows here at St John's. But all who try to follow Jesus' principles and teaching, following his example, and building up his church.

Secondly, the Cornish translation for The Saints Way is "Forth an Syns". Interesting that the Cornish word for **Saints** is **Syns** - Sins spelt with a Y. Perhaps just a coincidence. But it makes you think that Saints are or were just sinful human beings as are we all - not perfect icons, but still able to be used by God to further the Kingdom.



The third thing that stuck in my mind was that when I walked the path it was very challenging in places, and very varied. Down through wooded valleys and up the other side. Along narrow roads, rickety bridges, little rutted paths and tracks beset with stinging nettles and thorns. Encountering herds of belligerent cattle across the path. Sometimes the signposts were missing. And everywhere - **mud**. When I walked the Saints Way it was shortly after some quite severe rainfall and floods. Thick squelchy mud clung onto my boots and made the terrain slippery and dangerous. Could this reflect the challenges and dangers of travelling our earthly journeys, trying to follow God's signposts and keeping to God's route for our lives, in spite of the difficulties we encounter on the way?

The final thing that struck me was that the route, for me, was symbolic. At the start, setting off from Padstow, on the eve of their annual May Day Hobby Horse festival, the atmosphere was a bit tense, sinister even. The locals were preparing to parade their two "Obby Osses", red and blue, and people seemed to be on one team or the other. I felt rather out of place, like "one of they furriners" as they'd say in Poldark. It's obviously an old pagan celebration, and I was glad to symbolically set off on my walk in the southerly direction, away from the



shouting and the sinister atmosphere. Surely what all of us saints should do, leaving old pagan dark ways behind and heading towards the brightness and goodness of God!

Rosemary

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