

St Andrew's Church

All Saints' Day

Newsletter for 1st November 2020

10.00am Mass

Celebrant - Fr John; Preacher - Carole

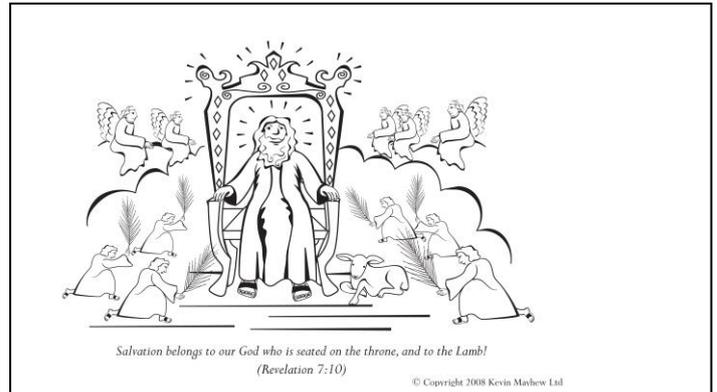
Collect

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. Amen.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Revelation 7;9-end

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 worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever 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."



Hear the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 5; 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught 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 receive mercy.

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

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

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Post 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.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Jeff Taylor, Mark Hetherington, George Wayne, John Hodson, Neil Dwayne Hodson, Tony Mahon, Fr Douglas Machiridza, Noreen Brindley.

Anniversary of death: Geoff Bird, Leslie Bason, Ken Brown, Steve Richardson.

Birthdays: Chris Baker

Notices

- **Baptism** There is a baptism in church at 12noon. Three family members, grandfather, father and son are all to be baptised; all three are coming to faith on the same day! A special day for St Andrew's church and for the family! Please pray for George Wayne John Hodson (son) and Neil Dwayne Hodson (father) and Tony Mahon (grandfather) .
- **Fr Douglas** was recently appointed by Bishop David as an Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral for outstanding service to the church in this city and region. The Collation and Installation service will take place within the context and service of Choral Evensong on Sunday , 15th of November at 15:30 hours. Due to Covid-19 restrictions attendance is strictly by invitation. Therefore we are hoping either to send a link for the live streaming of the service on the day or to send a recording of the service soon after. Fr Douglas thanks us for all your support and encouragement during his ministry at St Andrew's Church. He feels this recognition is as much our recognition as much as it is his. Please pray for Fr Douglas and his family as he begins his new role as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral church of Birmingham.
- The **All Souls' Day service** takes place this afternoon on Zoom. We will be remembering especially those who have died in the last twelve months, but also the names we have been sent will be read of those we have lost over the last several years. The Zoom link is 542 646 6030

Prayer in the time of Coronavirus.

Dear Lord,

At this time of pandemic,

Let us foster respect and solidarity with others, especially those who are weak or poor.

Let us remain calm and ignore unsubstantiated rumours.

Let us take advantage of living together as a family.

Let us attend to moments of prayer.

Let us cultivate responsibility, patience and hope. Amen.