



# The Magazine of the Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd, Poitou-Charentes



Sunday 1st November 2020

## All Saints Day



## **Bible Readings for today**

Revelation 7.9-17 1 John 3.1-3 Psalm 34.1-10 Matthew 5.1-12

## **Collects**

Almighty Father,
you have built up your Church
through the love and devotion of your saints:
inspire us to follow their example
that we in our generation may rejoice with them
in the vision of your glory;
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.

## 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.



#### **ALL SAINTS DAY**

In France, and throughout the Francophone world, the day is known as *La Toussaint*. Flowers (especially in Chrysanthemums), or wreaths called 'couronnes de toussaints' are placed at each tomb or grave. The following day, 2 November (All Souls' Day) is called *Le jour des morts*, the Day of the Dead.

The Christian celebration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the "Church triumphant"), and the living (the "Church militant").

All Saints Day revolves around "giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints, those who are "famous or obscure".

"For All the Saints" was written by the <u>Anglican Bishop of Wakefield</u>, <u>William Walsham How</u> Just three of the 11 verses are printed here.

The most well-known tune for this hymn is **Sine Nomine** ("Without a Name") by Ralph Vaughan Williams

1. For all the saints, who from their labours rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

7. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia. Alleluia!

10. 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!

Give thanks to God for the life of JANET CAMPBELL, former member of the Chaplaincy, who died on 27<sup>th</sup> October and is now numbered with the saints in heaven.

Pray God's comfort and strength for George and their family.



Who is a saint? <u>You are</u> That is if you're a follower of Jesus. God calls a "saint" anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation.

Look up: Acts 9:13, 26:10, Romans 8:27, and 1 Corinthians 1:2.



Saints (and sinners) can worship God together online



## Virtual Worship +

- returns this Sunday at 10.30.am
- led by Revd. Steven Abram from his "live lounge"
  - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Virtual-Worship-Poitou-Charentes-104677654507124/">https://www.facebook.com/Virtual-Worship-Poitou-Charentes-104677654507124/</a>
- this will be an 'Agape' service
- if you miss it, you can see and hear the service later by going to: <a href="www.abram.org.uk/vw">www.abram.org.uk/vw</a>

#### **SAINTS**

When asked to give their first reactions to the word "Saint", here is how some *Jubilate* readers responded:

Someone who has influenced our world for good

Member of the household of God – holy, prayerful, Kingdom-centred but imperfect

FRANCIS

Trusted person of integrity, known for kindness & thoughtfulness to others

Saint Patrick and my Irish ancestors

Set apart Chosen

Saints (and sinners) can go <u>walking</u> together (maybe) and can <u>quiz</u> together.

Randonnée: Next Scheduled Walk -

Friday 13 November- LA VAUZELLE, NEAR BRILLAC 16500

Although the Covid19 restrictions may mean it'll have to be cancelled

## **Zoom Quiz**

The next QUIZ will be on the afternoon of November 19th

Updates on both in next weekend's Jubilate

#### **NOVEMBER IS HERE**

So where do our thoughts turn?

To: CHRISTMAS CAKE. Of course!

#### RICH FRUIT CHRISTMAS CAKE

Homemade rich fruit Christmas Cake (Contains Alcohol and Nuts)



This homemade Christmas Cake is being **raffled to raise funds for the Chaplaincy**. Entries should be made by email to <u>raylegicq@hotmail.com</u> and cost 2,50 Euros for one or five entries for 10,00 Euros.

It is important that all entries are paid for immediately and this can be done by giving cash to any of the following: Nicky Marshall, Pat or Allen Jenkins, Chris or Ted Hands or Ray Smith.

If in our current climate this proves difficult cheques made payable to the Chaplaincy should be sent to Ray Smith 1 rue Des Lilas, 17160 Le Gicq.

The draw will take place on December 6 and arrangements made to deliver or collect the cake in time for Christmas. The full result and details of monies raised will be published in a December issue of Jubilee.

Important. If any entries are made but not paid for before the 6th December the entries will be withdrawn.

## **TOGETHER IN PRAYER - NOVEMBER, 2020**

1st (All Saints' Day) 'With one heart and voice, all the saints proclaim: We praise you, blessed Trinity, one God' (from the service for Evening Prayer for today)

2<sup>nd</sup> (All Soul's Day) Father God, we thank you for the gift of life in your image. We remember with joy and thanksgiving, all those we have known, who are no longer with us. We thank you for the capacity to love and be loved, and ask that your presence will comfort those who are grieving for the loss of their loved ones.

3<sup>rd</sup> (Richard Hooker – Priest and Teacher) Father God, we thank you for all who are called to minister to us. 'Give grace to your servants ever to rejoice in the true inheritance of your adopted children, and to show forth your praises now and ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord'

4<sup>th</sup> Father God, I accept this new day as your gift, and I enter it now with eagerness; I open my senses to perceive you; and lend my energies to things of goodness and joy. Amen.' (Rita Snowden)

5<sup>th</sup> Father God, we lift before you all who have asked for our prayers. We thank you for each person and ask that you would instil in them a true sense of their value to you.

6<sup>th</sup> 'O God, it is good to know that I am not alone. You have given me human companionship at every turn; you have given me above all, the assurance of your presence, dependable at all times, and available whatever my need,' (Frank Topping)

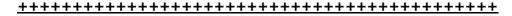
7<sup>th</sup> 'Dear Lord Jesus, we shall have this day only once. Before it is gone, help us to do all the good we can, so today is not a wasted day.' (Stephen Grellet [1773 – 1855])

The prayers and suggestions for prayer in *Jubilate* are offered for you to think about and prayed through carefully

## A Prayer for All Saints Day (and maybe other days, too)

Let us pray to God, whose saints have shown his glory in the Church and in the world. Guide your Church to follow the example of all your saints through the ages, and to witness with joyful praise and reverent worship: May her ministers and all her people know that they too are called to holiness. Sanctify all human striving towards a better world, that all may work together for good ... Give wisdom to all in authority, to learn from those who in the past have governed with justice and mercy. In all our families, with our friends and at our work, help us to share the grace which we see in the lives of the saints. Bless our community with the love that seeks peace and perfection for all. Have compassion on those who suffer for the truth ... May they find strength in the example of the saints and martyrs. Open the vision of holiness for the comfort of all who are afflicted in mind or body. We give thanks for all who have left us a pattern of holy living. Give us grace to honour their memory not only with our lips, but in lives that make us worthy to come with them to eternal life in the heavenly glory. May our prayers be accepted in the name of Christ who calls his people to be saints.

Adapted from: "Hear Our Prayer": Gospel-Based Intercessions for Sundays and Holy Days: Raymond Chapman, published by Canterbury Press





## Some useful information

Here in France, you will be aware that we are once again experiencing "lockdown" throughout the country. This means that you are not allowed to leave your house without good reason, and if you do want to go out, you must carry a signed *attestion* which states your purpose. You can download the *attestation from*:

https://mobile.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/L-actu-du-

Ministere/Attestations-de-

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At the bottom of the page you will find links to the *attestation* in French AND in English.

(should you need it – How long have you lived in France?!!!).

(There are other ways to download your *attestation* – this one definitely works!)

Don't go out without one, and always wear your mask.

**Maybe** you could check with your neighbours (of any nationality) to see that they have access to a computer. If not, print copies for them.

#### <u>And</u>

You can go about obtaining your residency permit can obtained by going to <a href="https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F35032">https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F35032</a>

At the bottom of the first page, CLICK on the Blue (Brexit) Box which says "Accéder au service en ligne"

At the bottom of the next page there is the opportunity to click on a Union Flag in order to get all the information, including the application form, in English.

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#### Our AIM:

- To love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.
- To love our neighbours as ourselves
- To go and make disciples

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