FIRST READING Isaiah 25.6-9

6 On this mountain
the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food,
a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-matured wines strained clear.
7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
8 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

GOSPEL Matthew 11.25-30

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

25 I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things
from the wise and the intelligent
and have revealed them to infants;
26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.
27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father;
and no one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
28 Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE PRAYERS

*In the opening intercession, this **response** is used:*
Leader: Hear us, risen Lord,
All: **our resurrection and our life.**

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Names of those to be remembered are read out…

After the Commemoration of the Departed:
Priest: This is the will of him that sent me
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
All: **and I will raise them up at the last day.**

*Concluding Prayer following the Commemoration - **all** join in saying:*

Hear us, O merciful Father,
as we remember in love
those whom we have placed in your hands.
Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock,
sinners of your own redeeming.
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

The service continues in the service booklet with **the Peace**

Eucharistic Prayer B is used with a special Preface for All Souls
*We welcome communicant members of any Christian Church to **receive communion** - people who don't receive communion are invited to receive a blessing.*

During Communion:
*Please take the opportunity to **light a candle**, and place it in the sand bowl by the eagle-lectern as a sign of your prayer for your loved ones.*

After the **Blessing***:*
The final dismissal is omitted - in its place.....
Priest: May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

A **memorial book of the departed** *is kept in St Cuthbert's Church.*
If you would like to enter the name of a loved one,
please take an application form from the back of church.

May God bless you and all your loved ones.

Looking ahead…

Thursday	5	6.00 pm – Derwent Valley Team meeting at St Mary Magdalene Church, Medomsley
Fri	6	7.00 pm in St Cuthbert's Hall – Talk by Jeff Singleton on the Dynasties of Shotley Bridge



Next Sunday, 8 November is Remembrance Sunday
3rd Sunday before Advent
Eucharist: 10.30 am
with the Revd Phil Carter

Readings:
Wisdom 6.12-16;
1 Thessalonians 4.13-18;
Matthew 25.1-13

There will also be an opportunity to meet at 3.00 pm at the Memorial Cottages, Shotley Bridge for the village's Annual Act of Remembrance led by Father Tom McHale.

Parish of St Cuthbert, Benfieldside

Part of the Derwent Valley Team

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ALL SOULS' DAY 2 November 2026

7.00 pm Requiem with the Revd Anthony Bash.

We welcome you as we join in worship and remember before God our departed loved ones. The order of service is found in the yellow booklets. Variations in the service are as follows:

After the Confession, the **Kyrie Eleison** *is said.*

Collect:



Everlasting God, the maker and redeemer of all believers:
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection;
that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Hymns - *(AMRW)*:

Introit	CH 351	– Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
Gradual	CH 531	– Now the green blade riseth
Offertory	CH 602	– Praise my soul the King of Heaven
During Communion	CH 288	– I watch the sunrise
After Communion	CH 386	– Lord of all hopefulness