S+Mary's Church

2 November, 2025, All Saints / All Souls



Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Gordon Briggs) 10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Gordon Briggs) 6pm – Service of All Souls, (Revd Andrew Parry)

Hymns for 10am today:- 56, 63, 328, S 20

Services next week, 9 November - Remembrance.

8am – Holy Communion 10am – Holy Communion 10am - Young Church in the hall.

10.55 – Act of Remembrance outside church.10.45 – Service of Remembrance at George Green.

<u>INTERCESSIONS -</u> Our prayers have been asked for Lorna and Charles, Hazel and Elle, Malcolm, Jane, Janine, Julie.

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.

READINGS

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18 Daniel's Vision of the Four Beasts

7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter.

- ² Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.
- ³ And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.
- ¹⁵ "As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me.
- ¹⁶ I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things.
- ¹⁷ 'These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth.
- ¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever, for ever and ever.'

Luke 6: 20-31 The Beatitudes

- ²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:
- "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
- ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.
- "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.
- ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!
- ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.
- ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
- ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.
- "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
- ²⁶ "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.
- ²⁷ "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
- ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.
- ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either.
- ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.
- ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER?

We are going to be reviewing our **Mission Action Plan** and decide what our focus will be for the next 2 or 3 years. It currently covers Community Hub, Wholeness and Healing Serivce and our on-line presence. We shall consider what works, what doesn't, and how do we need to change. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please speak to one of our PCC team, with a view to coming along to support our discussions. (Our PCC members are Brian, Paul, Beryl, Gill, Karen, Lynnette, Pat, Vicky).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

No Young Church this week as it is half-term, back next week. As always you are welcome in the 10am Church service.

NOTICES

Monday – NO BINGO tomorrow, back on 10th November.

The Bible Study Group is meeting on Tuesday mornings, 10.30, at Chris' house. We are following the course "Gracious Dialogue" which aims to help us listen to one another and gain new understandings of the conflict in Israel and Palestine.

If you are interested in joining us please speak to Chris.. m. 07790 366 241.

This Christmas we are again asking for donations so we can prepare gifts for SHOC, (Slough Homeless, Our Concern). Our target is gifts for 40 men and 10 ladies, a BIG ask! Suggested items:- hats, gloves, pants, (medium or large), socks, disposable hand-warmers, feminine hygiene items, disposable razors.

A BOX WILL BE IN THE CHURCH PORCH FOR DONATIONS from Sunday 2nd November.

The last Sunday for donations is 28th November.