

# ✠ 20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ✠ ALL SAINTS

## COLLECT

Everlasting God,  
you have ordained and constituted the ministries  
of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:  
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,  
so, at your command,  
they may help and defend us on earth;  
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.**

## FIRST READING

*Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14*

A reading from the book of Revelation:

I, John, saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: 'Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.' All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying: 'Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!' Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?' I answered, 'Sir, you know.' And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*1 John 3.1-3*

A reading from the first letter of John

See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 5.1-12a*

Alleluia, alleluia, Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest says the Lord.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy  
Gospel according to  
Matthew:

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**



Now 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. He said:

"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 children 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.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the saints be  
pleasing to you O Lord, and grant that, just as we believe  
the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so we may  
experience their concern for our salvation, through Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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 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.**

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## ✠ ST GEORGE'S CHORLEY ✠

### NOTICES FOR 2nd NOVEMBER

**WELCOME** - as we gather together to hear from God in His word, and to receive God in the Sacrament.

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**THIS THURSDAY - 6TH NOVEMBER** - David Horsfield is giving a talk on **The Angel Font** to Thursday Ladies. It is an open meeting, so everyone is welcome to come along, we meet at 7.30pm in the church hall.

**INTERNATIONAL AID SHOEBOX APPEAL** - We are once more supporting this worthy cause. Please see the display in church where you can pick up printed shoeboxes and leaflets or wrap your own box if preferred. Information on the delight these boxes bring can be found in September's magazine or [www.internationalaidtrust.org.uk](http://www.internationalaidtrust.org.uk). Boxes to be returned by **TODAY**. Thank you. Mission and Discipleship Team.

**FAMILY FRIENDLY CEILIDH** - in the Church Hall 15th November, £5 per ticket, £15 for a family ticket, nibbles provided, bring your own drinks. Fun, games and dancing for the whole family. The fun starts at 6-30pm.

**CASHLESS DONATIONS - ST GEORGE'S CHURCH** - If you wish to make cashless donations (one-off or regular), please use the following bank account details below, Thank you.  
Account Name – St Georges Parochial Church Council  
Sort Code – 160039 Account Number – 16383850  
St George's also accepts cashless donations via the Give A Little Platform (bank transfers do not incur fees). See the separate QR Code. If you are eligible, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form, available at the back of church. allowing the church to reclaim tax on your donation.



**LITTLE STEPS** - is our baby & toddler group which runs on: Weds 10.30-11.30am in the Church Hall. All welcome.

#### VACANCY PRAYER

You are encouraged to please use this prayer daily.

**Heavenly Father,**

**In this time of waiting, we place our trust in You.**

**Keep us unified as a parish and faithful in prayer.**

**Send down your Holy Spirit to guide those responsible for choosing our new incumbent.**

**May the one chosen be a wise and gentle shepherd**

**of your people, ready to serve us with joy,  
build us in faith and grow our church family.**

**We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.**

#### Our hymns this morning

Processional **177** For all the saints

Gradual **67** Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Offertory **303** I cannot tell

Communion *Choir: God be in my head*

**324** In our day or thanksgiving

**919** Zacchaeus was a very little man

Post Communion **636** The church's one foundation

**JOIN US ON SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER** - for the annual **Christmas Fair**, held this year inside the Church Hall only. The fair opens at 10.30am by very special guests and closes at 1.30pm. You will find all the usual fun and games, as well as a great selection of stalls including: White Elephant, Bottle tombola, Crafts and festive gifts, Cakes and Preserves, Children's toys, Scouts & Guides games and gifts, Pop-up café, a visit from Santa, Children's Crafts, Teddy and Chocolate tombola and Mothers Union Gift Bag stall. **Run-up to the big day:** You could help us make the fair a really successful event (and our main fundraiser for the year) by bringing in the following in the weeks running up to the fair:

Also - can you help us find some raffle prizes? We would be grateful for a raffle prize to add to the Grand raffle. Would your hairdresser donate a haircut, your garage a free MOT, your favourite restaurant a meal for 2? In Summary: Drop off at back of church and please follow the notices directing where each type of contributions are to be left. It would be really helpful if you can sort your donations into the correct area rather than leaving them mixed together in one bag: (See table )Thank you, *Sara Shingler*.

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| <b>October</b>        | Bottles - all bottles, including shampoo, wine, fizzy pop - for the bottle tombola              |
|                       | Good quality Toys for the Toy stall & Teddies/soft toys - for the Teddy tombola                 |
|                       | Chocolate - for the Chocolate tombola (Sunday club are also requesting these from the children) |
| <b>November</b>       | White Elephant goods & Raffle Prizes                                                            |
|                       | New/good used condition toys                                                                    |
| <b>For on the day</b> | Cakes & bakes for the cake stall                                                                |

**MORNING PRAYER** – every Friday 9:15am in the side chapel, to pray for our parish during the vacancy and to ask for God to send us the right person to lead us. Open to anyone and everyone. Please join us.

Please remember in your prayers:

**Marian Crossthwaite, Harold Dunseath, Linda Eubank,**

**Richard Wilk, Simon Newell, Margaret Salisbury,**

**Norman Whittaker, Dorothy Treadwell,**

also the families of the recently departed:

**Stephen Moss, Fr Robert Moore,**

**Steven Turner, Alan Fairclough**

Also for those whose years' mind falls at this time:

**Peggy Sutcliffe, Charles Ratcliffe, Netta Ackroyd,**

**Joseph Windle, Lottie Barton, James Ellison, Craig Ford.**