FIRST READING Revelation 7.9–17

John tells us of his dramatic vision – when a multitude of saints who have suffered and died find a glorious future of eternal joy as they worship God in heaven.

A reading from the book of Revelation.

9 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. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

11 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 worshipped
God, 12 singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving
and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?' 14 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.

15 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.
16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
17 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.'

PSALM 34.1-10

We omit the Psalm today.

SECOND READING 1 John 3.1–3

In his letter, John tells us to remember that we are children of God – this is a tremendous privilege and a sign of God's great love for us.

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 See what love the Father has given 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. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has
not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will
be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him
purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL Matthew 5.1–12

Today we hear the beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. Here is the heart of Christ's message, the way to true happiness.

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

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds
of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great 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.

Hymns - *(AMRW)*:

Introit	CH 688 – The Church's one foundation
Gradual	CH 72 – Be still for the presence of the Lord
Offertory	CH 317 – Jerusalem the golden
During Communion	CH 98 – Breathe on me breath of God
	CH 302 – In bread we bring you Lord
After Communion	CH 176 – For all the saints (omit verses 4, 5 and 6)

Refreshments follow the Parish Eucharist in the Church Hall. Please join us.

Also this week…

Mon 2 ALL SOULS' DAY
7.00 pm PARISH EUCHARIST REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DdepartED
Revd Anthony Bash Presiding

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.



We don't take a **collection** during the service. *But offerings may be left in the plates at the back of church*. Thanks for your support!

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THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS 1 November 2026

Today as we keep the Feast of All Saints, we give thanks for people who have become saints in ordinary and hidden ways. We may not remember all their names - but their lives bear testimony that it is Christ who calls us to holiness, and who helps us to attain it.

Eucharist: 10.30 am – We welcome the Revd Canon Charlie Allen today.

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.**



Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light. **Alleluia**!

Eucharistic Prayer B *is used with a Preface for All Saints' Day*

*We welcome communicant members of any Christian Church to **receive communion** - people who don't receive communion are invited to receive a blessing.*