We pray for people who do not have enough food to eat or a safe place to sleep. Help us to share what we have and help everyone to have the things they need.
Leader: Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for people who are grieving because someone they love has died. Please comfort them when they are sad and help them remember the happy times they shared together.
Leader: Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

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. **Amen.**

During the service, we pass around a collection plate for donations. These help us keep our church open and our work in the community going. If you would prefer to donate by card, please use this QR code, or the machine at the back of the church.

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SUNDAY SERVICE PEW SHEET
God's love transforming lives
SUNDAY 1st November – All Saints' Day
Welcome to this service

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.
1 John 3.1

10am Embracing Church Parish Eucharist
Presiding and Preaching: Revd. Nicky Skipworth
Reading: Henry Intercessions: Roland and Maddie

Services Next week
Thursday 5th November: 10.30am Midweek Eucharist
Sunday 8th November: 8.30am BCP Eucharist
10.45am Remembrance Service (no Eucharist)

HYMNS

Come, now is the time to worship
Here I am to worship (Light of the World)
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
Build my life
In Christ alone

COLLECT
God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 John 3.1-3

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5.1-12

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

'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 receive 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 for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

INTERCESSIONS

We pray for countries where there is war and fighting. Please help leaders to make good choices and help people to live together in peace without hurting each other.
Leader: Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for our world and the animals and plants that live in it. Help us to stop polluting, use less plastic and look after the places where animals live.
Leader: Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for doctors, nurses, teachers, carers, firefighters and everyone who helps other people. Thank you for the time and care they give. Please give them strength when their work is difficult.
Leader: Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for our church and everyone who comes here. Help us to welcome new people, care for one another and make sure everyone knows they are loved and belong.
Leader: Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray that people everywhere will be kinder to one another. Help us to notice when someone needs help, stand up for people who are treated unfairly and remember that even small acts of kindness can make a difference.
Leader: Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

Thank you for our families and friends and for the people who care about us. Please help us to be patient with each other, forgive each other when we make mistakes and show our love through what we do.
Leader: Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.