St Martin's Church, Scamblesby

United Parish of the Asterby Group



Service with Holy Communion

All Saints' Day

Scripture & Notices for Sunday 1st November 2026

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET WITH YOU

Service leader: Revd Andrew Roberts
Churchwardens: Derek Elmhirst, Peter Myers
Organist: Kathy Brayshaw

Next Sunday, 8th November
Remembrance Sunday, St Helen's Church, Burgh on Bain, 10:30am

The Word

Psalm 34.1-10
(from the Common Worship Psalter)

[1] I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
[2] My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
[3] O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
[4] I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
[5] Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
[6] This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
[7] The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him
and delivers them.
[8] O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him.
[9] Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
[10] Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Readings

First Reading – **Revelation 7.9-17** (NRSV)

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.'

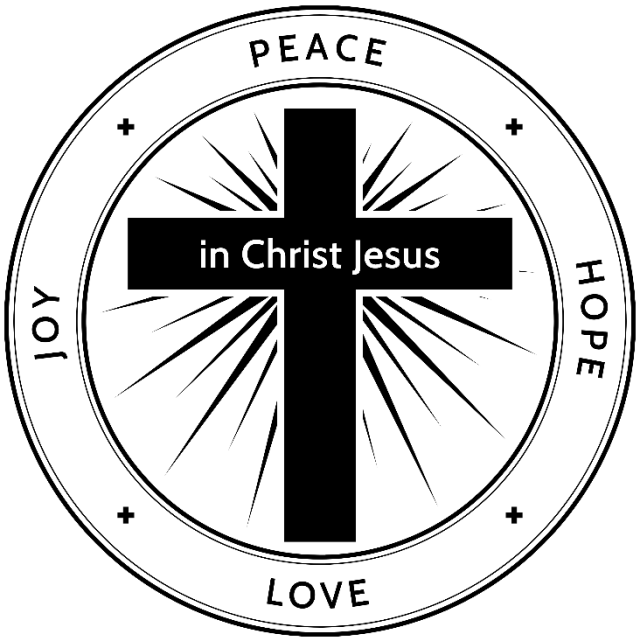
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed
in white, and where have they come from?' 14 I said to him, 'Sir, you
are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who
have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and
made them white in the blood 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.'

Second Reading – **1 John 3.1-3** (NRSV)

[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.



The Gospel

Matthew 5.1-12 (NRSV)

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.

Oh, when the saints… 1st November – All Saints' Day, the feast day of all the redeemed

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,
And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom for ever I must be…

As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
Shall safely in thy haven meet….

The heavenly hosts, world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
*Who shall divide me from thy love?**

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints – a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

*(Maurice Frost (ed.), Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern (London: Clowes, 1962), no. 274, verses 1,3,6.



Remembrance Sunday
8th November
St Helen's Church
Burgh on Bain
10:30am

Armistice Day
11th November
St Andrew's Church
Donington-on-Bain
10:45am

Confirmation services

'Confirmation' and 'being confirmed' is a very meaningful service that takes place which can help strengthen and encourage people on their journey of faith as Christians. It is a traditional service that is open to young people and adults of all ages. It is preceded by some sessions of preparation and reflection. Confirmation services take place at intervals throughout the year. If you would like more information please do call Revd. Mark Holden, Rural Dean - 01673 857825.

Notices

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday – 10:30am
St Helen's Church, Burgh on Bain

Wed. 11th Nov. – Remembrance service
with Donington Primary School – 10:45am
St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain

Sunday 15th November – Holy Communion – 9:30am
St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain

Sunday 22nd November – Morning Praise – 10am
St Martin's Church, Scamblesby

Sunday 29th November – Holy Communion – 9:30am
St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain

Sunday 29th November – Taizé service – 6pm
St Helen's Church, Burgh on Bain

The Parish **Prayer Circle** exists to meet some of the prayer needs of the community. You can make a request for prayer (confidential within the Prayer Circle) by contacting Ann South on 01507 313792)

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