



# Connection

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**  
**All Saints' Day**



## **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,

**Amen**

## **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.

## **Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12**

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, 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 be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called sons 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.”

### **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**

### **Requests for Prayers**

If there is someone or something that you would like to pray for please email us at  
[eckingtonvicarage@hotmail.com](mailto:eckingtonvicarage@hotmail.com)



**Please continue to pray** for the ill and isolated, frontline, hospital and medical staff and for all those who are in any kind of need. Pray for our school communities who have experienced the pain of grief, bereavement and loss this year. We pray that they will be encouraged through a hope for a brighter future.

**Those who are sick:** Roy and Margaret Putnam, Richard Clements, Christopher Frith, Edward Bunn, Brian Bolam, Alison Edwards, Terry Andrews

**We continue to pray for:** Don Dufty, Percy and Sharon Blizzard, Jackie Pickford, Clive Hunt, Mary Doney

**Those in residential care:** Sheila Bigland-Gibbons, Barbara Milton, Rita Sheppy

**Those who have died and their families:** Brian Druce, Charles Brazier, Nils Wilkes, Simon Flynn, Irene Keys, Tony Potter

**Anniversary of a death:** Please pray for those who have lost loved ones

### **All Souls' Service**

There will be a lay lead **All Souls' Service** for Eckington and Defford cum Besford at Holy Trinity, Eckington at 6pm on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm**. If you would like a name to be included on the list of the remembered, please contact us.

# The church services this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November will be at:



9.00am Chapel of Ease, Bredon's Norton



9.00am St Faith's, Overbury



10.30am St Mary's, Elmley Castle



10.30am Holy Trinity, Eckington

## The Rota for November 2020

Date	Church	Time	Minister
Remembrance Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	St Peter's Chapelry, Besford	9.00am	Reverend Allison Davies
	St Faith's, Overbury	10.45am	Lay lead
	Holy Trinity, Eckington*	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies
	St Giles, Bredon**	10.30am	Peter Whitehead (Lay led)
	St Mary's Elmley Castle	10.45am	Peter Hayes (Lay led)
15 <sup>th</sup> November	St John the Baptist, Beckford	9.00am	Reverend Allison Davies
	St Michael's Great Comberton	9.00am	Canon Roger Spiller
	St Giles, Bredon	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	St. James, Defford	9.00am	Reverend Allison Davies
	St Barbara's, Ashton Under Hill	10.30am	Reverend Doug Chaplin
	St Giles, Bredon	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies
29 <sup>th</sup> November	St Faith's, Overbury	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies
Fifth Sunday	United Service for Advent Sunday		

\* The Eckington Remembrance Service is a ticketed only event – please contact Alison Khan at [acbhteam@gmail.com](mailto:acbhteam@gmail.com)

\*\*The Bredon Remembrance Service is a ticketed only event – please email Alison Khan between Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November to reserve your place - [acbhteam@gmail.com](mailto:acbhteam@gmail.com)



## Remembrance Sunday 2020

Please remember that if you would like to attend the Remembrance Services at Eckington and Bredon on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November this year you will need to contact Alison Khan (details above). Also please remember that due to the rule of six you must disperse immediately following the services.

Despite the changes this year, you can ensure Remembrance Sunday is still marked appropriately by taking part in remote and socially distanced Remembrance activities, whether that is watching the service on television or pausing for the Two Minute Silence in your home or on your doorsteps.

The Royal British Legion have also put together a wide-range of suggested Covid safe activities that are inexpensive to create:

- Hold a small Remembrance service in your garden.
- Use our [Remembrance education activities](#) to help children learn about Remembrance.
- Create your own Remembrance art piece using our [teaching resources](#) – children and families could be asked to display something in their window like the rainbows for the NHS.

## News from the Diocese

Prayers and diocesan news can be found at [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk)



**The Prayer Diary is produced by the Communications Team as a monthly PDF and posted each day on the homepage and our social media channels. Download the Prayer Diary (PDF)**

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**Reverend Allison Davies**

Vicar of Eckington, Defford with Besford and Associate Priest for the churches of the Bredon Hill Group

