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Service of Thanksgiving, 1 November 2025

Dear

Every year, our church community at All Saints host a special Service of Thanksgiving at the beginning of November, in order to remember loved ones who have died.

The service not only offers us an opportunity to give heartfelt thanks for the love we have received from those who have died, but also invites us to recall the promises of God's undying love and be renewed in our hope that we, too, will come to share in the new life of the resurrection.

I am writing today to invite you to this deeply moving service, trusting that it might offer you comfort and solace as you continue to come to terms with your recent bereavement.

This year's Service of Thanksgiving will take place at All Saints Church on **Saturday, 1 November, at 4pm**. The name of your loved one will be read out during the service, and there will be an opportunity for you to light a candle in their memory. The service will last for about an hour, and you are warmly invited to stay for some light refreshments in the church afterwards.

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At All Saints, we also keep the tradition of remembering our loved ones in our Sunday morning services throughout the year, on the anniversary of their death. For this purpose, their names are inscribed in our beautiful Book of Remembrance located at the back of church. If you would like us to include your loved one in the Book of Remembrance and remember them annually on the anniversary of their death, please do complete the enclosed information slip and bring it with you to the service (or return it to the Parish Office).

There is no need to reply to this letter to indicate whether or not you would like to attend our service on 1 November. Simply come along on the day, and please do feel free to extend this invitation to any family and friends who would also value the chance to attend the service. Everyone is very welcome.

With continued prayers,

Revd Dr Henry Hope
Vicar