251102 Patronal Festival with Commemoration of All Souls

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.

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18

Visions of the Four Beasts

7In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

Daniel's Visions Interpreted

15 As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. 161 approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

Psalm 149

Praise for God's Goodness to Israel ¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. ²Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. ³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. ⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory. ⁵Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. ⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, 'to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, 8to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, ⁹to execute on them the judgement decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!

Ephesians 1.11-23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the

gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Paul's Prayer

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 6.20-31

Blessings and Woes

20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

22 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

26 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. *Love for Enemies*

27 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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Streets

Tandlewood Mews, Ten Acres Lane, Terence Street, Tetlow Street, Thaxmead Drive, Thompson Street.

Book of Remembrance

Dorothy Shields; Frederick Foster; Alan Whittaker; Francis Bennison Dean; Frances Siddall; James Langton; Winifred Hocking; Lillian Linehan; Edith Boulter; Clifford Hodgson; Mary Johnson.

Post Communion

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.

251109 Remembrance Sunday

Collect

Lord of the nations,
Saviour and judge of all:
remove from human hearts all bitterness and
hate, grant to those who have died in war
your mercy and forgiveness
and bring us all to the peace of
your eternal Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who suffered and died,
and now lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Job 19.23-27a

²³ 'O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!

²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer*lives,
and that at the last he*-will stand upon the earth;*

²⁶ and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in*-my flesh I shall see God,*

²⁷ whom I shall see on my side,*_
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-end

2As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters,*2not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. 3Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one*-is revealed, the one destined for destruction.*4He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. 5Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? 13 But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters*beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits*for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news,*so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15So then, brothers and sisters,*stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, 17comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Luke 20.27-38

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man*shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the

resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' 34 Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

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Streets

Amen.

Thorp Road, Tommy Taylor Close, Topsham Walk, Troydale Drive, Underhill Walk, Verona Drive.

Book of Remembrance

Leonard Horrocks; Elizabeth Taylor; Robert Carlisle; Martha Smith; Laura Acton; Harry Burgess; Joseph Swales; Mabel Grainger; Mary Dower; Peter Jones; Alan Taylor; Robert Lennon; Hilda Clarke; Eugene Kennedy.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, in this Eucharist which we have shared, you have spoken your word of life and nourished us with the mysteries of Christ's body and blood; bring us with all who have died in combat or through the injuries of war, to know the joys of heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lived and died and was raised to newness of life, to whom be glory in every age and for eternity.

251116 Dedication Festival

Collect

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to 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.

1 Chronicles 29.6-19

6 Then the leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill-offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. ⁷They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. ⁸Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, into the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly. 10 Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. ¹¹Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹²Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

14 'But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. ¹⁶O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. ¹⁸O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts towards you. ¹⁹Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple*for which I have made provision.'

Psalm 122

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

1 was glad when they said to me,

'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'

2 Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.

6

⁴ To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
⁵ For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David.
⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.
⁷ Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.'
⁸ For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.'
⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Ephesians 2.19-22

⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.* ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually*into a dwelling-place for God.

John 2.13-22

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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Streets

Warden Lane, Warnford Close, Well Park Walk, Wellock Street, William Lister Close, Wimbledon Terrace.

Book of Remembrance

Albert Moss; Thomas Hodson; Harry Wharram; William Gorst; Helena Gerrity; Hilda Knowles; Joseph Butler; John Proctor; Syril Smalley; George Worsfold; Thomas Fenton; James Riley; .Arthur Brookes; Ada Taylor; Ann Lennon.

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Collect

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Restoration after Exile

23Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. Will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The Righteous Branch of David

5 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Psalm 46

To the leader. Of the Korahites. According to Alamoth. A Song.

¹God is our refuge and strength,

a very present*help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Selah

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city;*it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.*_

Selah

⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord;

see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

9

he burns the shields with fire.

10 'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

Selah

Colossians 1.11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23.33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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Streets

Windsor Road, Windsor Street, Winnall Walk, Woodgarth Avenue, Woodhouse Street, Worksleigh Street, Worral Street.

Book of Remembrance

Arnold Robinson; Edith Mercer; Matthew Dawson; George Lowe; Peter Horridge; Martha Ledger; Eric Jones; Arthur Bailey.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,

the wills of your faithful people;

that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

251130 The First Sunday of Advent

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 2.1-5

The Future House of God

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Judgement Pronounced on Arrogance ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Psalm 122

Song of Praise and Prayer for Jerusalem A Song of Ascents. Of David. ¹I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!' ²Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. ³Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together. ⁴To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel,

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⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek your good.

Romans 13.11-14

An Urgent Appeal

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling

and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24.36-44

The Necessity for Watchfulness

36 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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Book of Remembrance

Len Mellor; Hilda Jackson; Frances McDermott; William Summers.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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