

Prayers for the Community

For the people of: Rocky Drive, Northern Platt, Old House Lane

For prayer: Sally & David, Heidi, Mark, Simon, Simon, Susan, Bunty

From the Prayer Board: Pray for Cheryl, Linda, Guy, Marie, Sandy, Annette and her son Louis, Danny

In memoriam: Penny Peters, Simon Bishop

To keep our prayers up to date please let Janet or Martin know about people to list and keep listed in Prayers for the Community.

FAITH AND INTEGRITY

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil.'
PROVERBS 3:5-7 (NLT)

SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Merciful Father, we pray for the estimated one in seven faithful Christians today who are suffering high levels of persecution and discrimination across 50 countries, especially in Africa and Asia. Please watch over them and help them persevere as powerful witnesses for Jesus. In His name. Amen.

Sovereign God, we pray for our world which 'lies in the power of the evil one'¹ and intercede for Your creation that is 'in bondage to decay.'² Please bring truth where there is deception, peace instead of war, and faith in place of cynicism and indifference. May Your Church shine out in faith and integrity. For Your glory. Amen. (¹John 5:19 ²Romans 8:21)

Father, please strengthen and guide men and women engaged in competitive and elite sport who follow Jesus, that they may demonstrate His wisdom and integrity in their public and personal lives. Thank You for the ministry of Christians in Sport, supporting sportspeople at every level through mentoring, encouragement, prayer, and Bible study. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Lord of wisdom and knowledge, we lift to You the learning institutions in our nation—schools, colleges, universities, centres for research, exploration, engineering, information technology, AI, and think tanks. Please awaken in them a genuine desire for truth and healthy collaboration as they seek ways to pursue innovation and excellence. For Christ's sake. Amen. www.care.org.uk



Ascension Weekly

Sunday 2nd November 2025 **All Saints Sunday**

8.30am Said Communion

10.00 am Café church

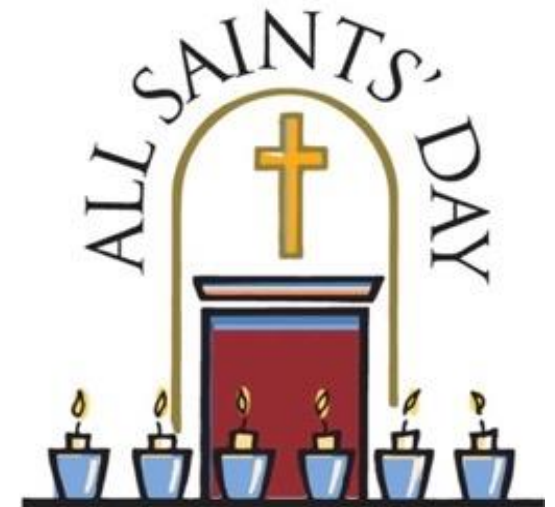
Readings: 2 Thessalonians 1.1-12 & Luke 19.1-10

All Saints

When we think of saints, we might picture patron saints, sculptures in churches, or the Pope declaring someone a Saint. Yet none of these matches what Scripture teaches.

In the NRSV Bible translation we use in church, the word "saints" appears 24 times—and every time it refers not to a select few, but to all God's people: all those who trust and follow Jesus. In other words, the Bible's answer to "Who is a saint?" is wonderfully simple: if you are a follower of Jesus, you are one.

This Sunday, as we celebrate All Saints' Day, we remember that every believer—past, present, and future—is part of one great company of saints, joined together in Christ. The Book of Common Prayer describes this day as a reminder of "the unity of Christians of all ages, countries, and races in Christ, and the perfection of that unity in heaven." Scripture puts it another way: we are called to be saints, part of the great cloud of witnesses whose lives tell of God's unfailing love and grace.



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This Week

Sunday 2nd November

All Saints Sunday

8.30am Said Communion

10.00am Café church

Tuesday 4th November

9.30 -10.30am Food Larder

Wednesday 5th November

1.30pm Tiddlers

3.30pm Home Group in church

7.30pm Home Group

Thursday 6th November

8.30am Morning Prayers

12.00 - 1.00pm Food Larder

7.30pm Home Group

Saturday 8th November

9.00am Community Coffee

Sunday 9th November

Remembrance Sunday

10.00am Communion Service

Please see the website for links
for online streaming:

www.ascensionchurch.co.uk

Happy Birthday to

Barbara Van Riel and Michelle Flint

Every man loves
THE MERCIES OF GOD,
but a saint loves
THE GOD OF HIS MERCIES

JOHN FLAVEL

Christmas Services

Sunday 14th December

6.00pm Community Carols with
the St. Wilfrid's School Choir.

Sunday 21st December

6.00pm Blue Christmas Service.

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th

4.00pm Christmas Carols and
Nativity.

11.30pm. Christmas Midnight
Service.

Christmas Day

10.00 a.m. Christmas All Age
Communion

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All Saints' Day invites us to look back with gratitude to those who have gone before us, and to the example of their faith; but also to look forward with faith. It reminds us that being a saint isn't about perfection or achievement, but about belonging—to Christ and to one another.

Each day offers us a chance to show in ordinary ways, something of that saintly life: through trusting God and living out the fruit of His Holy Spirit with faith love, kindness, forgiveness, patience, and hope. As we go about our week, may we remember that we stand among the saints—and that our words and actions can shine with the same light of God's love that has guided his people through every age.

Martin

"Every saint has a
past, and every
sinner has a
future."

— Oscar Wilde

Ladies afternoon

Saturday 22nd of November 2:30 pm

Come along for tea/coffee,
cake and a chat.

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