
NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - NOVEMBER 2018

Remembering

As you will undoubtedly realise, the beginning of November each year is a time of remembering - we begin with All Saints Day on the 1st of the month, then we remember the lives of those we have loved and lost on 2nd. Then on 5th November we have Bonfire Night, with its theme of *'Remember, remember, the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot!'* Soon after this the nation remembers all who gave their lives for their country in time of war on November 11th, Armistice Day. It's a powerful time of the year, made perhaps more poignant by the changing of the seasons with the colder weather coming in, the leaves being shed from the trees and the time of daylight being shorter.

This time can become so familiar to us that we presume everyone else is remembering just like us. But this isn't always the case. For instance, it was only with our son's move to the USA that I came to realise that not everyone celebrates Bonfire Night. It is, of course, (when you think about it) a peculiarly British celebration - one which means pretty much nothing to your average American. So bonfires and toffee apples and all the rest are not part of their memory.

But All Saints, All Souls and Armistice Day are marked across the globe. All Saints and All Souls might be specifically religious observances, but people the world over (whether they know it or not) join in as they celebrate Halloween (All Hallows (saints) Eve). And even if people are not in the habit of coming to church much, All Souls has become a time when churches around the world invite the families of those for whom they have performed funerals to come and remember them before God. Armistice Day is, of course, marked around the globe as it commemorates global events.

In a world that moves at such a frantic pace much of the time, it is vital that we take time to stop, to think and to remember. To remember what is truly important in this life and perhaps to focus once more on those things that bring us joy, peace and contentment.

So let us take this year's opportunities to stop, to think and to remember those we have loved and what so many of them died for. And may we recognise God with us in all this, the God who desires us to be with him and draws us to himself through those memories.

Father Tackin

Calendar - November

- 1st **ALL SAINTS DAY**
7.30pm Patronal Festival Mass
Preacher: Canon Alistair Helm
- 2nd **ALL SOULS DAY**
7.30pm Memorial Service
- 3rd 10.00am Coffee Morning
- 4th **4th BEFORE ADVENT**
10.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Taizé Service
- 7th **St Willibrord**
7.30pm Eucharist
- 10th 11.00am Act of Remembrance
Memorial Homes
- 11th **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
10.00am Sung Eucharist & Act of Remembrance
- 14th 7.30pm Eucharist
- 17th 10.00am Coffee Stop
- 18th **2nd BEFORE ADVENT**
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- 19th 7.00pm PCC
- 21st **Presentation of Our Lady**
7.30pm Eucharist
- 22nd 7.30pm Deanery Synod
- 24th 10.00am Flower Group
- 25th **CHRIST THE KING**
10.00am Sung Eucharist
3.00pm Messy Nativity Rehearsal
- 28th 7.30pm Eucharist
- 30th 5.00pm Christmas Market

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- 2nd **ADVENT SUNDAY**
10.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Taizé Service

Daily Inspirational Bible Readings

One of the main ways God communicates with us is through the Holy Scriptures. These short passages give us a chance to connect with them every day, even when things are mega-busy. Perhaps you could put your Bible next to your bed, or next to your favourite chair, along with this list, and you can keep in touch each day.

- 1st Ephesians 1:18
2nd 1 Peter 2:9
3rd Romans 13:1
4th 2 Corinthians 3:6
5th Romans 13:6
6th Ephesians 1:9-10
7th 1 Timothy 2:1-2
8th Joshua 24:15
9th Isaiah 1:18
10th Job 37:5-6
11th 1 John 2:15-16
12th Colossians 1:9
13th 1 Peter 2:15-16
14th 1 Peter 3:18
15th Psalm 119:143
16th Psalm 119:18
17th Psalm 119:105
18th John 17:17
19th Psalm 1:1-2
20th Psalm 95:1-2
21st 1 Corinthians 1:4-5
22nd Colossians 3:15
23rd Psalm 100:4-5
24th Colossians 2:6-7
25th Colossians 3:17
26th Hebrews 12:28
27th Colossians 3:16
28th 1 Chronicles 16:8
29th Psalm 136:1
30th 2 Peter 3:10-11