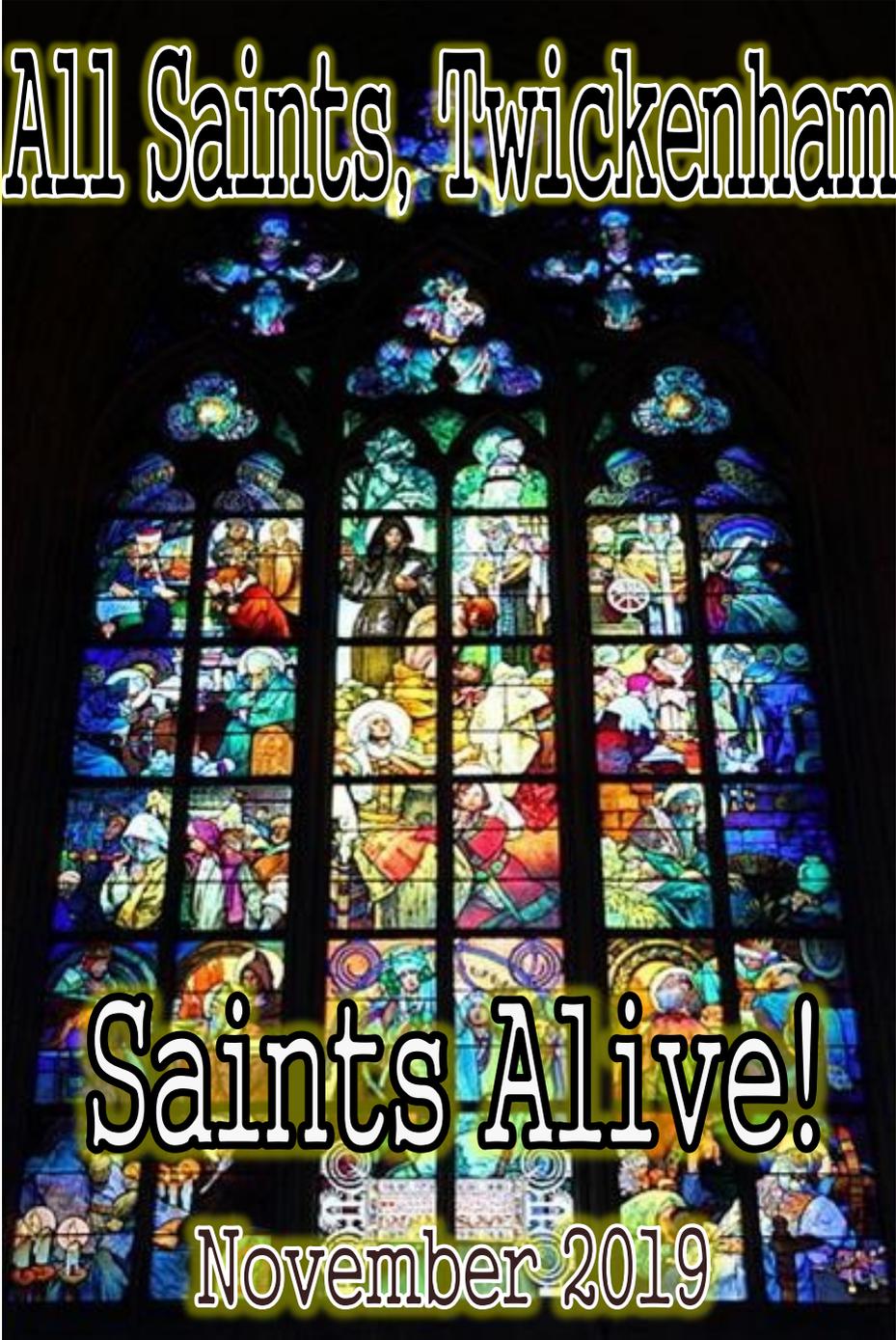


All Saints, Twickenham



Saints Alive!

November 2019

THE ROLLING YEAR

SAT 2 NOV	ALL SOULS DAY REQUIEM MASS 12 NOON
SUN 3 NOV	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY AND BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY CELEBRATION MASS 10AM
FRI 8 NOV	ALL SAINTS HOORAH FOR HOLLYWOOD DINNER
SUN 10 NOV	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY REQUIEM MASS AND ACT OF REMEMBRANCE 10AM
SUN 24 NOV	CHRIST THE KING CELEBRATION MASS 10AM
SUN 1 DEC	ADVENT SUNDAY
SUN 22 DEC	ADVENT 4—CAROL SERVICE
TUES 24 DEC	CHRISTMAS EVE. MIDNIGHT MASS 10PM
WED 25 DEC	CHRISTMAS DAY PARISH MASS 11AM
24—29 MAY 2020	PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

*All Souls'
Day*

*Saturday
2nd
November*



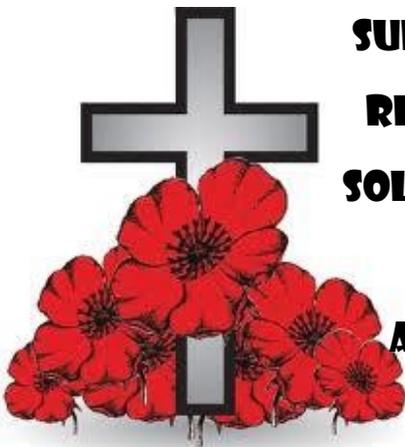
*Mass of Requiem 12 noon
May they rest in peace*

Sunday
3rd
November

All Saints Sunday



and Back to Church Sunday
Celebration Mass 10am



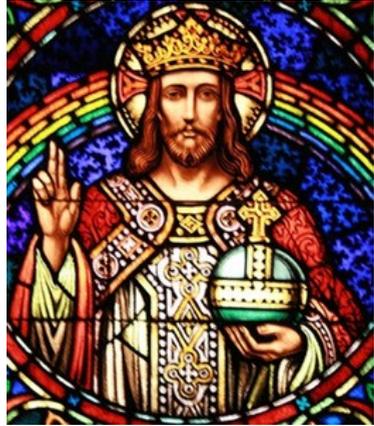
SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
SOLEMN MASS OF REQUIEM
AND
ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
10AM

Sunday 24th November



Celebration Mass

10am



Reverse Advent Calendar
Helping Others at Christmas
Add an Item every day



Advent begins this year on December 1st.

Instead of the usual advent calendar where you open a door every day and get a picture or even a small gift, why not take a box or basket and add a tin or packet of food, or maybe some toiletries or household items and give them to the Food Bank!



FRIDAY
8TH NOVEMBER
7.30PM

ALL SAINTS
HOLLYWOOD DINNER &
CHARITY SHOP FASHION CHALLENGE

Wintershall Nativity Play

Stand with shepherds in the field and see Mary arrive on a donkey. Sit in the barn where the baby Jesus lies in his Manger. A timeless memorable experience for young and old as we bring the story of Christmas to life for you



Experience the Christmas story in a new way on a Surrey estate.

Dramatic and intimate, the story begins in the open air with the shepherds. The audience then take their seats in the atmospheric barn, where the story unfolds of how Jesus changed the world.

Performances last approximately 90 minutes..

How to get there

Exit the A3 at the Guildford turn-off and follow the signs pointing to Horsham, Shalford, Bramley on the A281. Follow the A281 through the villages of Shalford and Bramley. Three miles past Bramley Church, turn right at Palmers Cross opposite Whiplely Manor Farm and by a wooden bus shelter, signposted to Wintershall and Gate Street Barn. After approx. 1 mile, turn right into Gate Street. Carry on down Gate Street until you see iron gates on the left, which is the entrance to Wintershall. Follow the drive up to the house.



Please avoid the very tight lanes surrounding the estate shown on Sat Navs and keep to the main A281 route.

Wednesday 18th December 16.30 Adult £18, Child £9, Family £50

Thursday 19th December 16.30 and 19.00 Adult £18, Child £9, Family £50

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Saturday 21st December 11.00, 14.00 and 17.00 Adult £20, Child £10, Family £55

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God's Plan for Aging

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His Wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His Wisdom he made seniors lose coordination, so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach and stretch.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise.

God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

What have we learned in 2,065 years?

- ◇ "The budget should be balanced,
- ◇ the Treasury should be refilled;
- ◇ public debt should be reduced;
- ◇ the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled,
- ◇ and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest Rome become bankrupt.
- ◇ People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance."

---Cicero, 55 BC

Evidently nothing!!!!

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

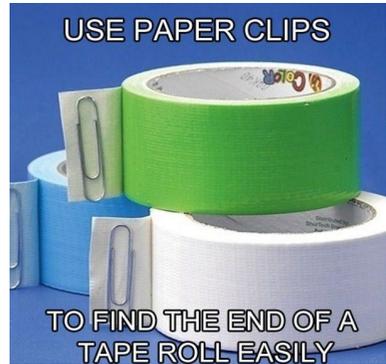
For all the Saints



- 1 Of which country is St James the patron saint?
- 2 Of which of the arts is St Cecilia the patron?
- 3 St Columba lived on one small island and St Cuthbert on another, Name he two islands
- 4 St Crispin is the patron saint of which tradesmen?
- 5 St Dunstan is the patron saint of the blind and of which craftsmen?
- 6 The mother of St Augustine is also the patron saint of mothers. Who is she?
- 7 A peasant girl saw a miraculous spring of water which is now a famous shrine, What is her name?
- 8 A spell of fine weather is supposed to occur about 11th November . After which saint is this spell called?
- 9 This saint is remembered by a hospital in England and a massacre in France,
- 10 Which church in Edinburgh is dedicated to the patron saint of beggars, cripples and lepers?
- 11 Which saint was the first Bishop of London and the third archbishop of Canterbury (and has a church dedicated to him in Hanwell)?
- 12 Which saint caused Westminster Abbey to be built?
- 13 Which saint is usually depicted bound naked to a tree and pierced with arrows?
- 14 Who is known as the "Father of English History"?
- 15 Tradition says that St Thomas the Apostle died in a land far from Palestine. Which country?

PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

13 Sebastian 14 Bede 15 India
Bernadette 8 Martin 9 Bartholomew 10 Giles 11 Mellitus 12 Edward the Confessor
1 Spain; 2 Music 3 Iona and Lindisfarne 4 Shoemakers 5 Goldsmiths 6 Monica 7



All Souls

On November 2nd the Church celebrates All Souls. Although we are directed towards death and the departed, our thoughts as Christians nevertheless turn towards life and resurrection, because real life for the Christian comes only when we have passed through death to share in the life of the Lord.

Death doesn't even alter our membership of the Church..."therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven...." The living body of Christ which is the Church is made up of Christians on earth and in heaven. Time and death do not matter. We all share in the same experience of Christ's Presence and the Power of His Resurrection.

Christ's Presence is not just to be looked for in Heaven alone. We experience the Presence of the Lord on earth in the Church. By joining ourselves to Him in the Eucharist and in our prayers we experience the fellowship of all who have died in the Lord, and who now live in Him.

So is there anything that we in the earthly Church can do to be involved in the dead and their life? Well the first thing we can do for the dead is to commend them to their Lord. "Come, you Holy Ones of God, you angels of the Lord, come to meet him. Take him and bring him before the Lord most High."

The Last Rites of the Dead are the focus of tremendous prayer. A Christian funeral is often accompanied by the celebration of the Eucharist, the remembrance of our Lord's death and resurrection. The Preface is full of compassion and understanding – "...in Christ the hope of Resurrection dawns and the sadness of death gives way to the joyful promise of immortality..." The Burial is made up of prayers for the dead.

Why are they offered? We pray for the dead because there is so much ill-will, indifference and rebellion in man even when he dies in a "state of Grace". (Do any of us feel ready to enter Heaven just as we are?) There is still much selfishness to be changed and purified. In Holy Baptism we died to sin, so that we might live with Christ. In death itself the Baptism of Water is completed and consummated. It becomes the total converter to God's light which is Christ.

We remember that all this takes place outside any idea of time as we understand it, but the Church says that there is a certain period when we think of someone as "departed", and we can help them by our prayers.

November 2nd has become a special day of prayer for the departed and the month has come to be an extension of this special focus of prayer. So perhaps the last word ought to go to the Prayer Book Funeral Office which finishes, "Happy are the dead which die in the Lord; even so, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours..."

We pray for them in their rest.

From the magazine of St Peter's Acton November 1982

*Say not in grief that he is no more
But say in thankfulness that he was.
A death is not the extinguishing of a light
But the putting out of the lamp
Because the dawn has come.*

Looking at

The Bible

The Content—an overview

The Epistles

Plop!

Onto the doormat falls a letter.

The postman has been!

In the New Testament the postman calls 21 times! And, as with our post, it is not necessarily the ones written first which arrive first!



Chronologically the order in which the letters were written is probably: the two letters to the Thessalonians, 1 Corinthians, Philippians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Romans, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, 1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy, 1 Peter, James, Hebrews, Jude and the three letters of John. The date of 2 Peter is not known, but many of these dates are very tentative anyway.

But it doesn't really matter; as we read our letters in the order in which they arrive, so we'll look at them by their "arrival" times.

Many of the letters are addressed to groups of people; some are addressed to individuals. Thirteen – more than half - come from Paul.

These are letters, not theological treatises, though they may contain some "theology". But mostly they deal with concrete situations which have arisen in particular circumstances.

Paul wrote 9 letters to churches – Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1 and 2 Thessalonians; the other four are to individuals.

Romans

Most of Paul's letters were to churches he had founded, but Romans seems to be written in anticipation of a visit.

Rome in Paul's day was the capital of an empire which stretched from Britain to Arabia. Wealthy and cosmopolitan it was a diplomatic and Trade Centre of the then known world. There was constant coming and going. The Roman Peace made travel safe; Roman roads made it relatively swift and easy. Visitors from Rome heard Peter's first sermon in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, so it is not surprising that there was a large and flourishing Christian community there by the time Paul wrote. It was the usual mixture of Jews and Gentiles. There is no serious rift but there was a tendency for each to criticise and look down on the other.¹

The main theme of the letter is that faith in Christ is the only way of salvation; all, Jew and Gentile alike, are sinners, and all in need of His saving grace. The Jews have the unique privilege of knowing God's law, but they tend to see salvation in terms of keeping the law. There is nothing wrong with the law, but it has its limitations; it serves its purpose when it makes us aware that our own efforts are not enough; we need the grace of the Holy Spirit to help us keep it and transform us into images of Christ.

And we must begin by transforming our lives and becoming part of the family of Christ. Individual gifts are to be used for the good of the whole community; we put ourselves into the hands of God to fulfil His purpose for us; we treat our enemies as friends and leave the judging to God. We must obey lawful authority unless it directly conflicts with the demands of God; we should be sensitive to the consciences of other Christians.

His last word is one of warning against a set of troublemakers whose direct disruptive influence on the churches he knew all too well. But as always at the close his thoughts return to the wisdom and glory of the eternal God¹

1 Corinthians

Corinth was a thriving commercial city with a large floating population and a hotchpotch of races and cultures. *The Christian Church, like the city, was a racial and social mixture; there were a few Jews but more Gentiles, some men of wealth and position but most from the lower classes; many were converts from permissive Pagan backgrounds.¹*

Paul has received reports of behaviour in the church which make him uneasy and he sets out to address these issues – matters of divisions in the church; of incest; of Christians bringing court cases against their fellow Christians; of the abuse of Christian freedom; and general chaos in church services.

He also addresses questions the Corinthians had written about; about marriage versus the single life, problems over food consecrated to idols and social functions held in the temples, the place of women within the church and in society, the matter of spiritual gifts, and the meaning of the resurrection.

As almost always Paul begins with praise and encouragement. He addresses the problems which have been put to him and concludes, *“Everything is permissible, but not everything is beneficial; everything is permissible, but not everything is constructive. Nobody should seek his own good but the good of others....So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble ...,even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.”* (1Cor 10)

Paul goes on to castigate the Corinthians for their disorderly behaviour when they meet together to celebrate the Lord's supper; it is not a free-for-all, a free party! It is a sacred act, a proclamation of the Lord's death until He comes again. Nor are the gifts of the Spirit to be selfishly used, they are given for the common good and the building up of the church. To this end different people are given different gifts; none is “better” than another. The important thing is not which are most impressive, but which best serve to build up the church. He uses the imagery of the body being made up of many parts; when one, however humble a part, is sick, then all suffer.

From this arises the great hymn of Love – if I have not love I am nothing, I gain nothing. The greatest gifts and virtues are Faith. Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is Love.

Paul goes on to discuss speaking in tongues and prophesying; both are gifts to be used, but all things should be done decently and in order. He then goes on to assert the truth of the Resurrection, its centrality to the faith. If there was no resurrection, all our faith is in vain.

He first letter ends with practical instructions and greetings from the other churches.

2 Corinthians

It would seem that Paul's appeals to the Corinthians to amend their behaviour had had little effect; a short visit and a sharp letter followed before Paul had news that they had taken his appeals to heart and in what we know as his second letter he is thankful to God for their mended relationship.

This letter is very personal, and fills us in with many incidents of Paul's life and reasons for his changes of plan. He put forth his credentials as a minister of the Gospel, and asserts the authority this gives him.

He looks forward to his coming visit to them and begs that he will not find the bickering and general disorder which had compelled him to write his first letter; *“aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of Love and Peace will be with you.”*

Galatians

This letter was written to answer a specific, damaging error. Some Jewish Christians were saying that it was necessary for converts to Christianity to be circumcised and to keep the Law of Moses in order to be saved. Paul saw this as striking at the roots of the Christian message – salvation is God's gift to all who believe. Christ has done all that is needed to put us right with God and nothing should be allowed to undermine faith in Christ alone. *Christ has saved us to set us free – free not to live permissive lives, but to put ourselves at God's disposal.*¹

Paul is so vehement about this that he grabs his scribe's stylus and pens the last couple of paragraphs in his own hand! *Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the Cross of Christ.*¹



¹ Lion Encyclopaedia of the Bible

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services at All Saints

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Wednesday Mass 10am / 7pm

Thursday Mass 10am / Sacred Space 7.30pm

Friday Mass 7pm

Saturday Mass 9.30am

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