

O how glorious is the kingdom, wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ, clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb, withersoever he goeth.

Prayers. Hymn: The saints of God. (AMR 572; on green paper)
 Short sermon by *the Vicar* (on tonight's three hymns and the anthem)
 Hymn: Joy and triumph everlasting. (OEH 200; on green paper.) Collection.
 The Blessing
 Organ: Symphony No.2 (First movement). Dupré

After the organ voluntary, because it is the eve of Bonfire Night, the Vicar will read excerpts from the dreadful Gunpowder Treason service, which lasted in the Book of Common Prayer until the nineteenth century. Those who would like to hear such doubtful things should come to the front of the nave after the organ voluntary.

The choir will be enjoying a party and fireworks after Evensong, combining the celebration of All Saints (always something worth celebrating with a party) with 'Gunpowder Treason and Plot' and also with Hannah Crick's eighteenth birthday.

In church this week
 Tuesday

1000 Holy Communion (Saints of England.)

[It is also the feast of St Illtud, an important figure during the Dark Ages. His principal site was the present Llantwit Major (Llanilltud Fawr) in the Vale of Glamorgan, where the Vicar served his second curacy many years ago. We shall also have a prayer for HM The Queen and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh on the day of their Diamond Wedding.]

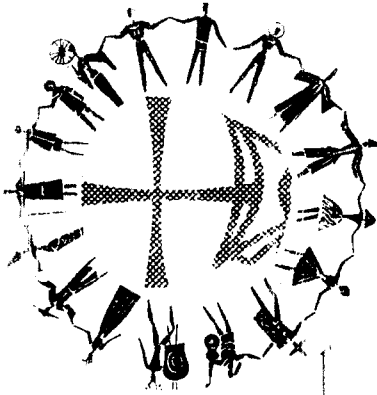
1930 for 2000. **Evening Fellowship** in the Parish Room: Prayer evening, Taizé style.

Wednesday ALL SOULS DAY (transferred from 2 November).

The blue box is in the Welcome Area for names of those whom members of the congregation wish to have commemorated at the Eucharist. Please specify at which service you would like the names called. Names from funerals conducted during the past twelve months will be called at the **evening** Requiem. Last-minute names may be handed to the Vicar for the 1200 service, and to the Duty Steward or a sidesman at 1900.

1200 **Requiem Mass** (Nave Altar)
 1900 **SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF REQUIEM.**

The Chapel Choir of Emanuel School, with some of the members of the Parish Choir, sings *Mozart's* Requiem (K.626) at the evening Requiem. There is a special leaflet for this service. See also the front page of today's Notes.



WEEKLY NOTES

4 November 2007

ALL SAINTS DAY

A busy month begins at St Mary's today. All Saints starts us off. The saints should always be a great encouragement to us all in the Church Militant. They remind us that we really can win through, and that the whole moral struggle is in the end worthwhile. It is a joyful day, with scriptures telling us of the eternal blessedness of God's saints, and in the Beatitudes pointing out the basic characteristics of Christian sanctity. Today's hymns are all magnificent; grand and noble at the Eucharist, scholarly and devotional at Evensong; rather more meditative at Mattins. The splendid choral music today also drops the clear hint that God's saints are people for us to be proud of, and that we should rightly sing their praises. They lived and loved for Jesus' sake, and many of them passed through great tribulation. All they had to start with was that same human nature as ours, but in them we see how God's grace can gloriously perfect that basic raw material. May God be praised for them all.

And then it is All Souls. I have often regretted that over the years, although many members of the congregation have valued this day as a time of prayer and affectionate remembrance, others have not realised the devotional importance of this particular day. Because it is 'all' souls, it is an annual reminder of all those whom we have known in this life. We are given this chance every year to call them to mind, and to offer the Holy Eucharist for the repose of their souls. All of us have a personal side to All Souls Day, and provision is made for the formal commemoration of our own dead at the Eucharist. (The blue box is in position again today for names for All Souls.) However, we also have a pastoral side *as a parish* at All Souls-tide. The next of kin from all the funerals taken at, or from, St Mary's during the past twelve months receive an invitation to come on All Souls Day at the time when they receive their harvest flowers, and a fair number usually come. It is a matter of some importance that those who come *by invitation* to the evening Requiem meet a sizeable number of the St Mary's worshipping community. Furthermore, from our own point of view, it is an obvious occasion for concentrating the mind, as we are firmly put in mind of our own mortality through the classic texts of the Liturgy of the Dead. These words have inspired many great composers, and this year the music will be the Mozart Requiem – his last work. I was much encouraged by a lady who came the last time it was Mozart; she said, 'I came for the Mozart, but found so much more.' It is my hope that St Mary's people will remember that All Souls Day is the one day in the year when the Church bids us, in effect, to 'wave devotionally' to those whom we love, but who are now in the nearer presence of their Lord. One day our own call will come for us to join them.

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Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Church today we pray for those who belong to the ancient Oriental Churches outside the main stream of the Eastern Orthodox Churches (mainly Coptic, Syrian, Armenian and Ethiopian Churches). In the diocese we pray for the work of the Diocesan Pastoral Committee, and in our parish prayer for our former daughter church of All Saints West Ewell, and for Ian Whitham, the parish priest and his people. In our systematic prayer for those who live in the geographical parish we pray today for those who live in St John's Avenue.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167.

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 494.
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184. Other material for All Saints: page 324.

0930

PROCESSION AND SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

Wayfarers and Children's Hour, Creche available, if needed.
Collect of the Day: page 494. Other All Saints material: page 324
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188.

Setting of the Eucharist. *Schubert* in G.

Some very hearty hymns at the service today; do enjoy them. The Gloria and Creed are being sung to *Merbecke* today. Please use the hymn-book as indicated; the words in Order 1 do not fit the melody.

Processional hymn: 226

Kyrie eleison.

Gloria in excelsis: **Hymn book: page 830; words only book: page 559.**

The Mutual Salutation and the Collect of the Day: page 494.

New Testament Reading from the Revelation to St John.

Gradual hymn: 227

[v.2 unison]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Sermon by *the Vicar.*

Nicene Creed (sung): **Hymn book: page 833; words only book: page 562.**

Intercession, followed by the Prayers of Penitence (Confession today on page 276 [No.2]); then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory Hymn: 432; Collection

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188; Proper Preface: page 324.

Acclamation at the consecration. *on readings paper.*

The Lord's Prayer, etc. back on page 178.

After the Invitation to Communion. Hymn 198

During the Communion: *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God).

Anthem: Glorious in heaven.

Whitlock

Glorious in heaven are the souls of all saints, who walked in the way of Christ, the Lord Jesus. They loved him, and followed his footsteps, and as they died for their Saviour, losing life for his sake, they reign with him for ever. Amen.

All stand after the anthem for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 495

The Mutual Salutation, the Blessing and the Dismissal.

Hymn 197
(Not the hymn on the readings paper.)

Organ: Incantation pour un jour saint. *Langlais*

Welcome to any visitors or newcomers to St Mary's today. Please make yourselves known, and join us for coffee in the church hall across the road between the 0930 and 1100 services.

1100

MATTINS

Book of Common Prayer rite.

'Village Mattins' today; congregational service. Holy Baptism was scheduled to happen at this service, but no-one has in fact booked in. So it is the simpler form of service today. The choir is back for Evensong. Small red hymn-books at Mattins today.

Green prayer book: page 8 for the opening Responses.

Metrical Venite (shorter form): Card

Psalm Page 180.

[Tune: 388 i]

First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15. *In praise of famous men.*

Metrical Te Deum: Card

[Tune: AMR 40]

[All Saints is very much a 'Te Deum' day; 'all the saints adore thee.']

Second Lesson: Revelation 7: 9-end. *'Who are these like stars appearing?'*

Hymn: AMR 285

[Tune AMR 128]

The Creed and the Greeting (page 12); then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect is on page 90.)

Prayers. Hymn: AMR 282. Sermon by *the Vicar.*

Hymn: AMR 160; Collection. The Blessing.

A reminder to the regular Mattins congregation that the service next week starts at 1050, and that it would be advisable to arrive in plenty of time.

1700

CHORAL EVENSONG

The hymns are on a separate paper today, because they come from different books.

Book of Common Prayer rite

Introit: Cantate Domino.

Pitoni

Cantate Domino canticum novum; laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.

Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit illum, et filiae Sion exsultent in rege suo.

Sing to the Lord a new song; his praise is in the congregation of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in him who made him, and let the daughters of Zion rejoice in their king.
(*Psalm 149: 1,2*)

Responses: Green books, page 18.

Music: *Neary*

Office-hymn for All Saints Day.

(OEH 249 (ii), on green paper)

[Note: The tune *Deo gracias* was sung at the Battle of Agincourt.]

Psalms 149, 150. Page

The Psalter ends with two Songs of Praise: one from 'the congregation of saints', the other from the whole created order.

First Lesson: 2 Esdras 2: 42-end. *The reward of the saints.*

Magnificat: page 19.

Dyson in D

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11: 32-12:2. *The cloud of witnesses.*

Nunc dimittis: page 20

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