



**PARISH OF HAWLEY**  
*Holy Trinity – All Saints*  
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Dear friends

The **Annual Meetings** took place as planned last Sunday afternoon. The results of the elections were as follows:

*Churchwarden:* Rita Davies; Roy Joseph

*Deanery Synod Rep:* Keith Blanchard; Rita Davies. These are in post for 3 years.

*Parochial Church Council:* Derek Bangs; Susan Brown; John Chapman; Peter Crouch; Jackie Davies; Mike Gunston; Stuart Murton; Jim Rapley; Lorna Wilkinson.

Many thanks to all of the above for being willing to serve in these capacities; and especial thanks must go to Chris and Joan Young, who have stepped down from the PCC on this occasion, for all their input into the life of the parish both in this and other rôles (many of which I'm sure will continue!)

Due to a change in the law, Sidespersons are no longer elected by the APCM but by the PCC.

This Sunday is **All Saints' Day** and therefore the Patronal Festival of our daughter church. It is good that we will actually be able to celebrate this in the church itself, unlike on Trinity Sunday when Holy Trinity's Feast of Title saw the church still closed to public worship.

Then on Monday we observe **All Souls' Day**, with a Requiem Mass at **10 am** in Holy Trinity. We are not having a registration system for this service, instead relying on our experience so far that Holy Trinity's capacity appears to be sufficient for our current needs. (Please be understanding if this turns out to be a misjudgement!)

You can submit the names of those you wish to be commemorated via the form on our website, or in writing (in advance) either directly to me or on the sheets available at both churches. Please do so no later than 5 pm the previous day.

I will also be celebrating a Requiem Mass for my own intentions, in Latin, at 6 pm on Monday, again in Holy Trinity. Though this is technically a private rather than a public Mass, if you wish to attend you are welcome to do so – an Order of Service in both Latin and English will be available.

Next Sunday (8th) is **Remembrance Sunday**. Understandably, things will be very different and much more low-key this year. I shall be conducting a brief ceremony at the Memorial Hall on Hawley Green, starting shortly before 11 am, with a small number of civic and other representatives present, and incorporating the Two-Minute Silence. If you wish to attend this, please make sure you socially distance – there is plenty of space to do so! This will be followed by Mass in Holy Trinity, with the reading of the names of the fallen, but without the usual attendance from the council, uniformed organisations etc. Due to the prior ceremony at the Memorial Hall, Mass is expected to start that day at or about 11:15 am.

And we have once again, courtesy of the Society and the Church Union, a booklet with a selection of **lives of the Saints** whom we commemorate during November, for use at home in your own devotions. Producing these in physical form for everyone would be a lot of expense and effort, so those of you on email will be receiving it, as usual, as a PDF attachment; nevertheless, for those who find it inconvenient to use in this form, I shall be making a few additional printed copies available at each church. If we run out, please have a word with me and I shall be happy to print some more.

With my prayers and good wishes

William.

## 1 John 3:1-3

Right at the start of his letter St John says it is his right to speak, because he has both seen and heard Christ. Here he reminds us that we are privileged to be members of the family of God. God is our Father, because He seeks an intimate and loving relationship with us. It is tragic that so many don't want to know, but we should not be surprised that if the world rejected Christ that it rejects those who walk in His way. But whatever happens we have hope, since this life is only a beginning and the best is yet to come. No words describe the future glory, but we can be confident that we shall recover the image of God within us. We were all made in the image of God, which means that we share some of the qualities of God such as love and compassion. When our lives reflect the image of God then we shall be able to know the direct presence of God. This is why we are called to resist temptation as we look forward in hope.

## Saints and Heroes

### St Martin de Porres - 3rd November

Martin was born in the 16th century in Peru. His father was Spanish and his mother had been a slave. Throughout his life he was ridiculed and bullied for his mixed race. At a young age he started to work for a barber surgeon, cutting hair but also some simple medical procedures; but Martin wanted to serve God and joined the Dominican order, first as a volunteer servant where he did the most menial tasks. His mixed race meant that he was discriminated against, even in the monastery, and was prevented from fully joining the order. But after many years he was allowed to become a lay brother. Martin always cared for the poor and the sick, and as a lay brother he worked in the infirmary where he cared for sick people regardless of their wealth or race.

### From the Fathers

Lord, because you have made me, I owe you the whole of my love; because you have redeemed me, I owe you the whole of myself; because you have promised so much, I owe you all my being. Moreover, I owe you as much more love than myself as you are greater than I, for whom you gave yourself and to whom you promised yourself. I pray you, Lord, make me taste by love what I taste by knowledge; let me know by love what I know by understanding. I owe you more than my whole self, but I have no more, and by myself I cannot render the whole of it to you. Draw me to you, Lord, in the fullness of love. I am wholly yours by creation; make me all yours, too, in love.

From, 'A Prayer', by Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop, 1033-1109

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## Blessed are you



There is no actual portrait of Jesus, but in the Beatitudes the Evangelist does provide us with an Icon of Our Lord, because Jesus lived every one of the 'blesseds'. On All Saints' Day we remember the many people who, in every age, have lived their lives this way, because they were inspired by the Good News of the Kingdom which Jesus brought. This Kingdom turned everything upside down, because Jesus saw things so differently from the way the world saw them – and still sees them. The world does not value humility, mourning, gentleness, peace, but Jesus lived this way. So Jesus sets an example that the saints throughout the years have followed.

The term 'saints' in the early church was used for all Christians (eg. Acts 9:32) because all were sanctified by the Holy Spirit and participated in the holiness of God. This became a more formalised process called canonisation and the Church continues to declare saints this way. But all Christians are called to be saints and we only know a small number of the many who lived hidden lives in God, as they lived the Beatitudes