

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 31 October 2021 All Saints Day

This weekend brings together Halloween, All Saints and All Souls. Halloween, traditionally the eve of All Saints Day has become a day of its own, if we were cynical, we could suggest it was made popular by the makers of cards, sweets and dressing up costumes! At its heart is the truth that we live in a world of both good and evil, and Jesus’ life, ministry, death and resurrection all point to a greater victory and hope. Much of what passes as Halloween is harmless, yet it can also mask something more sinister.

The traditions and myths around Halloween arose in part because of the celebration of All Saints, remembering those whose lives have influenced and assisted our walk with God. When Paul wrote his letters, he addressed them to the Saints in that place (be it Ephesus, Corinth or Philippi among other places). Not saints in the sense of people who have passed criteria to be ‘beatified’ but all those who were seeking to follow Christ there.

Under this definition all those who seek to follow Christ are saints. We may not feel like it much of the time, but in Christ that is what we are. As such we are a part of the Communion of Saints, those who have followed Christ in our time, and those who have gone before, a communion that extends beyond the grave and unites the Church of Christ down through the ages.

Following All Saints Day is All Souls’ Day. A day to remember and recall those whom we have loved but see no more. To give thanks for them and to remember them. Traditionally it was a day to pray for those who have departed. My personal preference is to give thanks and to remember, recalling that in Christ we are granted eternal life. In the tradition of that church I come from it is not about praying for those who have died, but a thankfulness for them and a remembering.

So this weekend, we encourage one another along the way, as we live as the saints of God and give thanks for those who have gone before us, and now encourage us as we remember them.

Bible Readings

Sunday 31 October Psalm 24:1-6, Isaiah 25:6-9, John 11:32-44

10:30am Holy Communion Kingweston

Monday Psalm 15, Isaiah 35:1-9, Luke 9:18-27

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

7pm Annual Commemoration (All Souls Day) service Kingweston

Tuesday Psalm 5, Isaiah 1:21-end, Matthew 2:1-15

Wednesday Psalm 9, Isaiah 2:1-11, Matthew 2:16-end

Thursday Psalm 15, Isaiah 2:12-end, Matthew 3

9am Morning Prayer in Lydford and on Zoom (Come to the vestry door of the church if you're 'in person')

Friday Psalm 16, Isaiah 3:1-15, Matthew 4:1-11

Saturday Psalm 18:31-end, Isaiah 4:2-5:7, Matthew 4:12-22

Sunday 7 November

8:30am Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse

Morning Prayer has restarted in Lydford Church at 9am on Thursdays, we use Zoom so that those in other parishes can also join in. It will restart in Barton St David once the Living in Love and Faith Course has ended.

Forthcoming worship

1/11/21 7:00pm All Souls Service Kingweston Church

8/11/21 8:30am Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse

14/11/21 8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

10:45am Service of Remembrance Lydford on Fosse (Outside at the War memorial for the whole service)

21/11/21 8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

10:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

We will be remembering as usual in our villages:

11/11 at 10:50am Barton St David War Memorial

12/11 at 10:45am Keinton Mandeville Churchyard

14/11 at 10:30am Lydford on Fosse (The whole service will be in the church car park, at the War Memorial)

Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Monday morning.

There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflection



YouTube

Our weekly worship continues to be available on YouTube, we hope to livestream the services as they happen, so from 10:30am. If that fails we will upload them after the service. You can find the service here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57

Advent Course

Our Advent Course begins on 22 November in Keinton church

We're going to be exploring some of the characters and themes from the Jesse Tree

We will meet at 2pm and 7:30pm

Zoom Details:**Topic: Morning Prayer****Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8750238874?pwd=dkpVVnNoZnhvcUJCeVNsYTdJRHZOZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 0238 8874

Passcode: 115224

Bible Book Club

Bible Book club is reading the Letter to the Ephesians and next meets on 22 November 7:30pm Location TBC. Why not come along & see what happens?

Our guidelines for how we conduct our worship are:

- We sing
- We film and livestream/record & post to YouTube
- We encourage the wearing of masks
- We continue to take details of who is present for track and trace
- You can either sit in close proximity with someone or be distanced (if you want to be distanced please take a notice and put it on the pew beside you)
- Communion continues to be administered in pews and in one kind only