## Parish Notes and News continued

Looking ahead...

◊ **Mothers' Union meeting – Monday, 9 November**

◊ **Men's & Ladies' meal out - Thursday, 12 November**
*Ladies' meal booked for 7pm arrival at The Red Lion*
*Men's meal arrangements to be confirmed*

◊ **PCC meeting – Tuesday, 17 November**

◊ **A Question of Faith – Thursday, 19 November**
Study Group at 7pm, The Parsonage

◊ **Generous Living** – You are invited to a presentation by **Colin Tomlin**, Head of Generosity in the Diocesan Generous Living team on **Tuesday, 24 November** *(corrected)* at 7.30pm in Church

FOR YOUR NOTES:

## The Week Ahead

The Church is open throughout the week.
**Morning Prayer** is offered at **8.30am** and **Evening prayer** will be at **4.00pm** both in St Thomas' Chapel
They are usually led, but there are resources available in St Thomas' Chapel to use if a member of clergy is not present.

**Tuesday 3 November**

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| **7.30pm** | Standing Committee at The Parsonage |

**Wednesday 4 November**

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| **10.00am** | Communion Service |
| **10.30am** | Morning Coffee |
| **6.00 – 8.00pm** | Spalding BID meeting |
| **6.30 - 8.45pm** | Choir Practice<br>*6.30-8.00pm - Junior Choir*<br>*7.30-8.45pm - Adults* |
| **7.00 - 8.30pm** | Ringing practice |

**Friday 6 November**

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| **2.30 - 3.30pm** | Church cleaning |

**Sunday 8 November** **Remembrance Sunday & Third before Advent**

**10.30am** **Remembrance Parade from Market Place & Service in Ayscoughfee Gardens**

**5.00pm** **Parish Eucharist (BCP)**
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end
Matthew 25.1-13

***Please take this notice sheet home with you.***

# 1 November 2026

# All Saint's Day

**10.30am** **Parish Eucharist (Traditional Language) with Confirmations**

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| Celebrant & Preacher | Bishop Nigel |
| Revelation 7.9-17 | Annette Parker |
| Matthew 5.1-12 | Clergy |
| **Introit** | |
| **Processional Hymn** | 232 For all the saints |
| **Gradual Hymn** | 391 Blest are the pure in heart |
| **Offertory Hymn** | 585 The church's one foundation |
| ***Communion Motet*** | *Give us the wings of faith – Bullock* |
| **Communion Hymn** | 318 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray |
| **Recessional Hymn** | 267 Thou, whose almighty word |

Please note that the whole service is livestreamed and then available on the Church's YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to appear when receiving Communion, then please use the station at St George's

***Refreshments are served after the morning service.***
***The church shop will be open.***
***There are toilet facilities in church, please just ask!***

**12.30pm** **Adult baptism** – Kayleigh Law

**5.00pm** **All Souls' Choral Requiem**

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| Celebrant & Preacher | Fr Rob |
| Wisdom 3.1-9 | Jean Hill |
| John 6.37-40 | Clergy |
| **Introit** | *The Departed*<br>*English Gradual: II p204* |
| **Processional Hymn** | 482 Jerusalem the golden |
| **Psalm** | *23 - Plainsong* |
| **Gradual Hymn** | 352 (ii) Jesu, Son of Mary |
| **Offertory Hymn** | 112 My song is love unknown |
| ***Communion Motet*** | *The Souls of the Righteous - Lewis* |
| **Communion Hymn** | 526 Nearer, my God, to thee<br>*(t. Bethel, sheet)* |
| **Recessional Hymn** | 225 O what their joy and their glory must be |

*No collections are taken in church during services. There is a collection bowl at the back of church and a 'donation station' for cards.*
*If you are a UK taxpayer, please take a few moments to complete a yellow Gift Aid envelope or select this option when giving by card. This increases the value of your gift by 25%.*
*THANK YOU!*


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## Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

## Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

## For your prayers

We hold before God all those who are ill, amongst them **Chris Thompson, Anthony Downes, Peter Fitzpatrick, Baby Alex, Michael Pallot**, **Ray Thrower, Archdeacon Gavin, Roxas Strife** and **Jānis**

We hold before God those who have died, amongst them **John Allwood, William Mealy, Brian Randall** and **Alison**

## Matthew 5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

## Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Parish Notes and News continued overleaf

**Christmas Market and Tree Festival**
**Saturday, 28th and Sunday, 29th November**

**We need your help over this weekend**
Volunteer lists will be at the back of church shortly for you to sign up to help run the days

We need your lovely baked goods for our refreshment stall. Anything is welcome, but cakes to cut go down particularly well. Please ensure all goods are labelled with ingredients and allergens

We will be having a tombola so if you have suitable prizes to donate, please deliver these to the Parish Office by 27th November

Any questions, please speak to Sarah Parker-McGee or Rebecca Harris

The **Advent Carol Service** will be at **5pm** on **Sunday, 29th November**

*Please note there will be no coffee after the morning service on Sunday, 29th as the event will still be running.* ***Please do find time to visit with friends and family to support this event and perhaps get some Christmas presents and treat yourself to homemade cake!***