

Time to Reflect

Oliver Cromwell, Protector of England (1653-58) is remembered for a number of things; executing King Charles II, invading Ireland, removing the Bishops and the Church of England... and suppressing Christmas. One of his deeply held Protestant Christian beliefs was that those who were destined to be saved were already saints of God.

We struggle a bit with the idea of saints. We look at the figures in the stained glass windows and feel we have little in common. We may know about more contemporary figures but we are as likely to know about their human foibles as we are their gracious acts. Somehow, saints are too complex. Yet here we are, about to celebrate a whole month which the Church calls "Season of the Saints".

Paul, in his letters, is always writing to the 'Saints' in various places. What he means is not a description of where people are but is a description of the journey of transformation that they are on because they are allowing Christ to fill their lives.

Our wonderful passage from Ephesians is one such description. The readers were '**marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit**'. They have '**faith in the Lord Jesus**', and '**love towards all the saints**'. But they are still on a journey. Paul wants them to experience '**wisdom and revelation**', have '**hearts enlightened**', to '**know the hope to which he has called you**.' May we also be on that same journey, graced by the love of Jesus.

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	12.30pm Baptism of Isaac Kennedy 5.00pm Office Hour 6.30pm All Souls' Service
Mon	9.30am Morning Prayer 1.00pm "In-house" @ House on t'Rock 7.30pm PCC Meeting
Tues	7.15pm Holy Communion followed by the MU meeting @ Kay Room
Wed	11.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Study Group @ Ashton Room
Thurs	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Tiddlers @ Church House 12.45pm Holy Communion
Fri	8.00am Dustbusters 9.30am Morning Prayer 12.30pm Lunchtime Concert with Ellada Pavlou (piano) 4.00pm Choir School 7.00pm Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am Morning Prayer

Next Week : Remembrance Sunday 10 November

8.00am Said Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School followed by coffee in the Blackburne Hall
11.30am Remembrance Day Civic Service 4.00pm Baptism Preparation 5.00pm Office Hour 6.30pm Evensong

Baptisms & Weddings.

Speak to any of the clergy after the service. Our monthly Parish Magazine has a full list of contact details for clergy and organisations on the inside of the back page. For inclusion on the weekly pew sheet: please email: bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk by Wednesday.

All Saints' Day 3rd November 2019

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We welcome you and hope you enjoy being with us. If you're not familiar with our services, don't worry. We follow a written order of service and at times will tell you which page we're on.

We also welcome children in church. If your child gets restive in church, don't be afraid to get up and move around if this helps. There is a toilet at the back of church.

There is a **Hearing Loop** for those who would value it.



8.00am Said Holy Communion

All Saints' Day (Pg. 233)

President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns : 230; 394; 232; 439; 227
Anthem : Tomás Luis de Victoria :
O quam gloriosum
Ernest Bullock : Give us the wings of faith

6.30pm All Souls' Service

Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Hymns on Service Sheet
Anthem : Edgar Bainton :
And I saw a new heaven
Howard Goodall :
'The Lord is my shepherd'
John Rutter : Gaelic Blessing

Cornerstone

Serving Bury, deepening our faith, caring for the marginalised, sharing the Good News of Jesus.

Today's Readings

The Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 1.11-23)

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in

the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 6.20-31)

Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Parish Breakfast

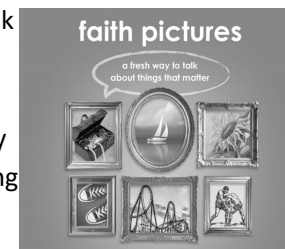
Sunday, 10th November @
8.40am. Tickets at £2.00
(plus donation), available from the
Church Wardens or House on the
Rock during the week.

*Come and join us for great food and
an opportunity to meet friends old and new.*



Wednesday Study Group

FAITH PICTURES is a 6-week course designed to help us to find a way to talk about our faith to people in a way that is natural and life-giving to both us and them. Why not join us for at 7pm in the Ashton Room if you'd like to know more? More details in the November magazine



All Souls' Day Service

Our commemoration of the Faithful Departed takes place on **today at 6.30pm**. If you wish a loved-one to be remembered at this service, please add their names to the list provided at the back of church.

Next Sunday Park note

Please note that you will need to have arrived by 9.50am. The roads will close after that. Cars will be able to leave the Church Car Park after about 11.45am.

Please use **Bolton St** to approach BPC.

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