

November 2018 Magazine

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REMEMBRANCE

November is a dark and sombre time of the year. On some days it never seems to get properly light.

"No dawn, no dusk, no proper time of day" –November.

It is a solemn and quiet time. On November 2nd, All Souls Day, we remembered, we prayed for our own departed –not the heroes of the church whom we commemorated on All Saints Day, but those inconspicuous fallible human beings who played an important part in our own lives. Remembrance Day is another solemn anniversary when we remember with gratitude and pray for the service men and women who suffered and died in the world wide conflicts.

However, there are some people who feel uncomfortable because such commemorations entail military uniforms, flags, marching and stamping feet. But it is far from glorifying war. We are not celebrating victories; we are not especially remembering those remarkable people who were conspicuously gallant –but we remember everyone who was caught up in the struggle against what was perceived as a human expression of evil and we give thanks for their lives.

There are some who feel that we should not dwell on the past; but we need the wisdom and memories of the past to maintain a shared moral code and a shared sense of responsibility for the future. This is something that we owe to those whose lives were lost or damaged on our behalf.

This is what we do on Remembrance Day. We remember the past and honour those whose lives were lost.

Ivan T. Draper

Sabbatical Pastoral Cover

During September, October and November the clergy at the Cathedral will be providing pastoral cover when required, please contact the Cathedral Office 0141 339 6691 or John Brooker 0141 942 2476 in the first instance.

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is 1st November and will be remembered on 4th November this year

Vestry Notes – October 2018

- The Vestry met on 9 October. David Simmons, Lay Representative, was in the Chair.
- The Vestry discussed the appointment of a new organist. A small committee led by John Harrington had auditioned and interviewed a candidate Laura Heikkila, and recommended that she be appointed for a year and possibly two, depending on her career plans. The Vestry accepted this recommendation. (A short article on Laura's background appears later in this magazine.)
- The Vestry expressed their thanks to the members of the Flower Group who had so beautifully decorated the Church for Harvest and to those who had organised the Harvest Lunch.
- The hall heating boiler had recently become increasingly unreliable, with multiple call-outs to our heating contractors having been made in the last few months. A report had been received that the boiler was also leaking. In the light of these problems and also the age (over 20 years) and inefficiency of the current unit, the Vestry agreed that a replacement boiler be purchased and installed. The Treasurer pointed out that the cost of this unit had already been factored into the church budget for 2018-19.
- The Treasurer had prepared the statement of the Church accounts for 2017-18 together with a draft budget for 2018-19, and presented these to the Vestry. He noted that the outcome had been broadly in line with his expectations as presented to the August and September Vestry meetings, and described in the September magazine and in the Vestry letter to members. The Vestry agreed that the Treasurer could take these figures to the accountant for audit. With regard to the budget, there was some discussion of whether to set aside any funds in 2018-19 for Mission Support.

The Vestry decided to allot a smaller sum to MS than in recent years but that, provided the congregational giving increased significantly in the light of the recent letter, it would be possible to release further funds during the course of the year. The Church's financial position is described in more detail in a later article in this magazine, and detailed accounts will of course be available at the AGM.

- Members will be interested to hear that, as reported to the meeting, the Bishop's Lent Appeal had raised a total of £15438 for Motor Neurone Scotland.

Andrew Long

The Current State of the Finances of All Saints

In preparation for the AGM on November 18th, I agreed to write a summary for the magazine of what I believe to be our current financial position here at All Saints.

The first thing to say is that our underlying position is I believe sound; we are having a few difficulties at present, but these are well within our compass to deal with. We made a nominal loss on the current account (the day to day transactions involving our main Bank of Scotland account) of around £13660 in 2017-18, which at first sight does look serious. There are a number of reasons for this. Firstly the congregational giving, after holding virtually constant for the last few years, declined with respect to that in the last financial year by some 7%. It was this change which prompted the Vestry to write to members in September, requesting them to consider increasing their giving. Secondly the donations from Hall users decreased even more steeply, by 18.6% when compared with 2016-17. This is more difficult to correct, in that there is currently less demand from the community for rooms to use on a regular basis. Finally, as members will be well aware, the Vestry decided that it was essential to recoat the Hall floors and to paint the walls in the summer just passed, an expenditure of about £9500. This had not been included in the budget for 2017-18 approved at the 2017 AGM.

So how does this large apparent loss look in the light of our recent financial history. Firstly it should be realised that it is somewhat larger than the deficit on the year's activity if only the strictly within-year expenditure is included. There are two classes of activity which are currently included in the current account

and should correctly be charged to the reserve account. Firstly there are improvements to our estate (rather than direct replacements of existing equipment); these total £2812. Secondly there is expenditure under the heading "Choir", including the charge for the purchase of the new hymnbooks, some £2767, which can be put against the Choir Fund held in the reserves. These two transfers reduce the deficit to just over £8000. Now let us look at what has happened over the last few years. We put aside £2000 per annum over the period of three years from 2014 to 2017 to pay back the single employee allowance we were getting provisionally from HMRC, in case it was clawed back after legal action. We no longer need to do this as the HMRC has given up its pursuit of this allowance. Finally I estimated the surplus in the financial year 2016-17 as about £2000. Together these sums cancel the 2017-18 deficit. Over the last few years we have approximately broken even.

Finally how do the budget figures for 2018-19 look? This depends on how one makes allowance for increases in congregational giving. In the figures which will be presented at the AGM, I postulate increases in giving of 10% over the 2017-18 figures. If this is what transpires, then we should have sufficient leeway in the budget to make Mission Support (MS) payments, while leaving enough to replace the Hall boiler, which is a high priority at present (see Vestry notes). However the Vestry agreed to put £3000 for MS in the budget in the first instance, and to consider making an additional sum for MS available after Christmas when we know how the congregational giving in the new financial year is shaping up.

The detail of this analysis will become clearer when members look at the budget figures which will be available before the AGM.

Andrew Long

The Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Sunday 18th November immediately after the 10.30am service. It will be chaired by David Simmons in the absence of the Rector. There will be three vestry posts for election. Further details will be in the notices in November.

Harvest Festival Service

The church was a feast of colour, filled with flowers, fruit and vegetables along with piles of tins for the foodbank.

The readings were read by Alexander and Eddie, with the intercessions led by Dave Simmons with Samantha and Gavin.

The 'band' brilliantly accompanied John at the organ for two of the hymns. Many thanks to Yvonne for some hard work in preparation!

Harvest Festival collection for the foodbank

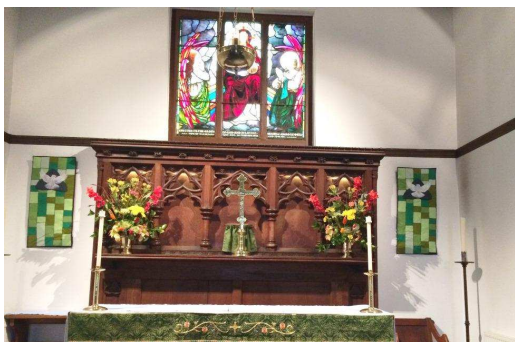
An enormous "thank you" to everyone who brought Harvest gifts for the East Dunbartonshire Foodbank.

A total of **74.2kg** was collected for the Foodbank, and the volunteer staff asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks for this marvellous donation.



Louise Benson

Rev. Ivan Draper thanked everyone who helped to make the Harvest Service so joyful ... including the 'band'.



Harvest Lunch Sunday 6th October

After a lovely service with Ivan in a beautifully decorated church... 'well done the Flower group' led by Ann Caie.



The majority of the Sunday worshippers joined together in fellowship to share in the annual Harvest lunch.

What a happy occasion and what a beautiful spread. Interesting salads, tasty pies and quite a lot of pure indulgences.

More tables had to be brought in as the numbers swelled.

Well done to the organisers a most successful 'happy happening' for All Saints.

Sheena



Two birthdays were celebrated at the lunch. No guessing ages!

Wednesday Lunches

The vegetables pictured on the window sill at the Harvest Service formed the contents of the following Wednesday soup!

An Appreciation by some very regular participants

How nice it is to see old friends from previous years at Wednesday Lunches! Thanks to Andrew and Brenda and all the helpers for all their hard work. The soup and sandwiches are delicious as ever

Kathleen and Christine



Wednesday Lunch Group – Plans

The Wednesday Lunch Group has now been meeting in the current season for about five weeks. We are now beginning to make plans for the rest of 2018 and beyond.

Our first talk of the year is scheduled for 31 October; our own Mike Keen will be giving it. He is still considering the exact title but we are assured it will contain the word “gold”. Hopefully too we will have a second special day in November – watch the Church notice sheets for details.

Finally the Christmas party is scheduled for December 12th.

The overall aim of the Wednesday Lunch Group is the same as ever it was, to provide a nourishing lunch of soup and sandwiches backed up by home baking, and a forum to meet other church members and friends for stimulating conversation. Now that the existing pattern is up and running again, the organisers are looking for new ideas for extra events which would be attractive to the clientele. If you have any ideas please see Brenda or Andrew.

Brenda Hadcroft and Andrew Long



Our new Organist and Choir Director, Laura Heikkila

Laura Heikkila is from Finland, and is an experienced musician who trained in her native land and then took a second degree in Verona, specialising in music for the solo piano. She has attended piano masterclasses with a number of eminent musicians, and also classes in Harpsichord and Continuo and in Chamber Music. Her first instruments are piano and harpsichord but she has also some experience of the organ and in her audition recital played works by Bach and Liszt as well as some hymns from our current hymnbook.

In recent years, Laura has become increasingly interested in choral music, both in the direction of choirs and in acting as a repetiteur and accompanist. She has come to Glasgow to study for an MA at the Conservatoire, on the repetiteurship programme. She is planning to stay for a year in the first instance, possibly extending to a second year.

Laura is looking forward to playing the Sauer organ for our services and to directing our Choir. Among her other accomplishments, she speaks six European languages, including fluent English, which must be an advantage in her chosen

career in the world of choral music and opera. I have no doubt that we will make her welcome to All Saints and enjoy hearing her play for us.

Andrew Long

A Report from your Lay Representative: A Bishop retires, but a Deacon is ordained ...

Sunday, 30th September, Ordination of Lee Johnston

It is always inspiring when a young person gets ordained, and it was a particular pleasure for me to attend the ordination of Lee Johnston at St. Mary's Cathedral on the 30th September. I have known Lee since he was an undergraduate Theology student at the University of Glasgow's Anglican chaplaincy, and we have kept in touch through his preparation for the Priesthood.

Some of you may recall Rev. Kevin Francis, the University's Anglican Chaplain and Rector of St. Bride's, Hyndland. Kevin worshipped with us for a while during his own training period a few years ago, but he has also been instrumental in guiding a number of young people towards ordination. Kevin “gave away” Lee in the ordination service in a manner reminiscent of the bride's father at a wedding!

The service itself was quite magnificent and it was especially poignant that Lee was the last ordination for Bishop Gregor. After the service we enjoyed the Cathedral's usual generous hospitality before ending up in a local pub. It was rather alarming to be drinking in a pub surrounded by so many ordained clergy! Lee will be working as a curate at Christchurch, Lanark, as he prepares for his priesting next year.

Sunday 7th October, Valedictory Evensong for Bishop Gregor

This service was another magnificent, if somewhat sad, occasion, with a spectacularly full cathedral. The most poignant moment was when Bishop Gregor laid his crozier on the altar and walked down the chancel during the Nunc Dimittis (“Lord now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace ...”). Bishop Gregor was also appropriately humbled by the generous gifts he received during the service.

Losing no time, note that the first (preliminary) meeting of the Electoral Synod takes place on 3rd November ... more news of this as it happens.

Dave Simmons

From the Bishop's charge to the Diocese at the Diocesan Synod 2018

I found myself reading this, from Thomas Merton's *The Power and Meaning of Love*:

The union that binds the members of Christ together is not the union of proud confidence in the power of an organization. The Church is united by the humility as well as by the charity of her members. Hers is the union that comes from the consciousness of individual fallibility and poverty, from the humility which recognizes its own limitations and accepts them, the meekness that cannot take upon itself to condemn, but can only forgive because it is conscious that it has itself been forgiven by Christ.

These words leapt out at me at the time and have stayed with me into the time of the Christian year in which we meet – the part of Eastertide that is between Ascension and Pentecost. That time helps me to think that all the binding and uniting qualities listed by Merton are, surely, the work of the Holy Spirit within us, the working out of the ascended Christ's high priestly prayer that we may all be one as He and the Father are one.

Humility, love, awareness and acceptance of our poverty, fallibility and limitations, the priority of forgiveness over condemnation, these qualities, and I find them among us all over this diocese, are above all qualities, I think, which give God space to be God freely among us. For example, for quite a long time now I have thought that humility is not so much about self-abnegation as about giving the other person real space to be who they are and to rejoice in that. I think you might think the same of all these other qualities listed by Merton. And since God is the ultimate significant Other their existence among us gives space for God to be actively and graciously present at the heart of our common life, transforming us and the people around us. So, I want to suggest to you that the churches of this diocese, if they are characterized by humility, love, awareness and acceptance of our poverty, fallibility and limitations, and by the priority of forgiveness over condemnation, will be well on the way to becoming communities which give God real space to be who God is, for our good as God's people and for the good of the world.

Now, of course, I know this diocese well enough and myself well enough also to know that we do not always allow that kind of freedom for God, but I also know that we do not want to be communities where vices like hardness of heart, the harbouring of long-standing grievances, persistently bad relationships, power

plays, obsession with the minutiae of our own life, shrink the space for God almost to vanishing point.

So, I suppose my valedictory words to you are – don't be like that. Rather, as St Paul might have put it, be more and more what you already are – called and loved into being by The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and sustained in that love and call by God the Holy Spirit. **Amen. +Gregor**



Remembering the Centenary of the Ending of World War 1

The Flower Group are remembering this Centenary

Your contributions for this occasion are being received- stories, poppies, pictures and other items – Thank You. There is still time to contribute.

The Church will be open on Saturday 10 November and Saturday 17 November - 10.00 – 2.00 p.m. Please come along, read the stories, view the pictures and other items on display. Tea and Coffee will be available and any donations received will be forwarded to the Poppy Appeal.

Sunday 11 November – Remembrance Sunday. There will be an opportunity after the Service in the Church and at the Cross to see the Displays and, again, Tea and Coffee will be available with the money being forwarded to the Poppy Appeal. The Church will remain decorated for the Service on Sunday 18 November, a second opportunity to view the Display.

The Flower Group thank everyone – young and old who have assisted with this event. Special thanks to the Children of the Sunday School who made the White Crosses with the Poppy, to be displayed on the left hand windows.

The Flower Group

A Memory from Gallipoli

I will not be with you on Armistice Sunday as I will be part of the Remembrance Day Parade at George Square, along with some of my former comrades. I would like to contribute this account which to my mind illustrates how the Bible can provide support and sustenance for us in a very practical way.

The Gallipoli Campaign during World War One cost thousands of lives of doughty Australian and New Zealand troops in a doomed assault against the Ottoman Empire at Turkey. But fighting alongside them were the men of the 4th

(City of Glasgow) Battery of the Lowland Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. They were 200 men armed with four 5-inch, quick-firing, breech-loading guns, who were on the crowded beachhead of Gallipoli, an area no larger than 300 acres, which contained many thousands of men.

In August, 1915, the Glasgow men had gone into action, opening fire on enemy fortifications at Lone Pine Ridge before it was captured by Australian troops. The next day the battery's guns were trained on a German officers' trench before another major infantry push where Australian and New Zealand troops took Rhododendron Ridge. For the next nine days the Scots soldiers manning the guns faced constant calls for fire to support attacks or repel counter attacks until the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps controlled a strip of land nine miles long and two miles wide.

But by December, with some 250,000 casualties on the side of the Allies, including some 46,000 dead, the decision was taken to withdraw from Gallipoli, and the Glasgow battery was ordered to act as part of the rear guard, holding Turkish forces in place while the Anzac troops withdrew on waiting ships. The weather conditions were atrocious, including a prolonged blizzard and rainstorms.

The withdrawal, while ultimately successful, had moments of sheer confusion. To quote from the battery's records, they received numerous contradictory orders to embark their guns, stay where they were, or move to other locations. Eventually only one Glasgow gun remained to help hold back the Turkish forces, as the others were successfully withdrawn, and the order was then given that the final gun should be destroyed so that the Turks could not use it. As an officer wrote in the battery's records: "Whole place looks like a city of the dead. Not a man to be seen anywhere, the last remnant being all in the firing-line. If there are spies about, which is pretty certain, the Turks will probably attack tonight. A bad look-out if they do, as our 'support' trenches are empty, the firing line is insufficiently manned, and we have no men in reserve. However, we still have the machine guns and must hope for the best."

A Lieutenant Peden was detailed to remain behind with this last gun's detachment. After the last round was fired he set the charges to blow up the gun, but removed the gun's breech block. He successfully led his detachment to the beach and onto their waiting ship. He was guided through the night by the flames from burning ammunition which made a "pillar of fire" in the darkness. He still had the breechblock with him when he was re-united with his comrades on the ship.

Over one hundred years later that breech still sits on the table of the officer's mess in Glasgow of the 207th (City of Glasgow) Battery of the 105th Regiment of the Royal Artillery, in Jordanhill, Glasgow. This was the Battery I had the honour to command some years ago.

In December 2015 there was a service of commemoration at Glasgow Cathedral with members and former members of my old battery present. In

his sermon the Minister recounted the above story. He then went on to describe how he had been called to the bedside of an elderly parishioner who was nearing the end of his days. He had tried to comfort the old man, who rebuffed him and explained that he was sure of God's guidance and support. He explained he had been a soldier and landed in France on D-Day. He had been wounded on the beach and had lain there for two days until recovered and evacuated. He said he knew he had not been abandoned because throughout the two days and the intervening night he could see a column of smoke by day, and the pillar of fire by night, from the burning oil tanks at Caen.

In a very real sense both Lt. Peden and his detachment, and the soldier on the beach had followed very real Godly guidance.

Exodus 13.21

"And the LORD went before them in a pillar of cloud to guide their way by day, and in a pillar of fire to give them light at night, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place before the people. "

Graham Bryson



Christmas Stamps for the Sudan Church

Please support this worthy cause by buying 2nd class stamps from me for Christmas.

I would be grateful if I could have your orders by the latest - mid November - many thanks. My tel. no is 942 5347.

Jane Lowis

Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme

Christmas Gifts to be ready by **Sunday 25th November**

All Saints will be collecting gifts for G.C.H.S children, last year 150 children from 50 families benefited. Gifts for young children can include indoor/outdoor games, toys, puzzles, Lego, dolls etc.

Please do not wrap gifts as they need to be easy to sort, but a roll of Christmas Paper is always much appreciated. Christmas biscuits are always enjoyed (check dates on label). It is also much appreciated for some gifts for older siblings and parent to be collected as they can expect little. Scarves, gloves, perfumes etc are acceptable.

Douglas Wilson, G.C.H.S. Coordinator will attend service to say a few words. There will be a box at back of Church from 28th October for the gifts to be gathered.

Ann Wheatley - Mission Support Group



The Usual Children's Corner is on Half Term break

Below are some articles for young and not so young members

November 24th at St. Serf's Shettleston
2.30 – 5.30 pm

Children and young people from across the Diocese are warmly invited to our first Diocesan young people's party.

Come and celebrate the coming of Advent, share all the good news that's happening in our churches and help plan the future programme for young people's events in our Diocese!

youth@glasgow.anglican.org



Upcoming Dates for the diary

28 th October	Sunday School	2 nd December	Sunday School
4 th November	Sunday School	9 th December	Sunday School
11 th November	Sunday School	16 th December	Sunday School/crèche Party
18 th November	Sunday School	23 rd December	All Age Worship - Crib Service
25 th November	All Age Worship - Gifts for Children's Holiday Scheme	24 th December	Christingle

All Saints Day

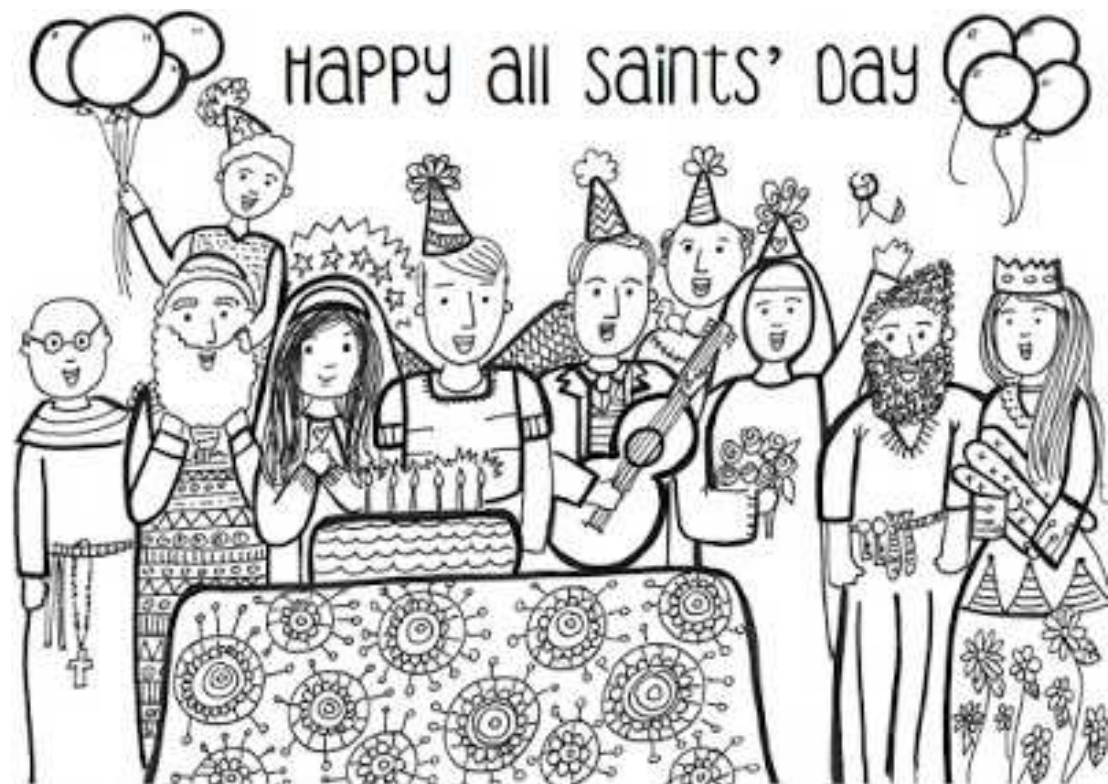
All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, Hallowmas, Feast of All Saints, or Solemnity of All Saints, is a Christian festival celebrated in honour of all the saints, known and unknown

Our Church celebrates it on **November 1st** and so we will have a special service for 'All Saints' on Sunday 4th November.

We are members of All Saints Church so it is the birthday of our church.

All Saints Day revolves around "giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints", including those who are "famous or obscure", in addition to individuals who have personally led you to faith in Jesus, such as your grandmother or friend.

Perhaps you could colour the picture below of an All Saints Party



November Service Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
4th November All Saints	Anne Shirlaw Andrew Long	LHS: Hanan RHS: Richard	Isaiah 25:6-9 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	David Wheatley	Louise Benson	Elaine Perret John Brooker Gioia Whitmore
11th November Remembrance Day	Richard Kingslake Kate Ross	LHS: Graham RHS: Andrew	Job 19:21-27 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 John 6:37-40	Susan Gray	tbc	Sheena Macdonald Barbara Thompson Gillian Kingslake
18th November Pentecost 26	Joyce James Graham Bryson	LHS: Louise RHS: Susan	Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrew 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8	Margaret Dunn	David Hamblen	Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lowis Ann Wheatley
25th November Christ the King	Mike Keen John Harrington	LHS: John RHS: Catriona	Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	Andrew Roach	Susan Gray	Margery Pollock May Campbell Margaret Dunn
2nd December Advent 1	Philip Thompson Simon Lowis	LHS: Mike RHS: Celia	Isaiah 25:6-9 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	John Sherwood	* Andrew Long	Joyce James Kate Ross Janet Stack

November Services

Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament!
Psalm 150:1

During November there will be no 9am service on Sunday except on
November 11th Remembrance Sunday
and no 11.30am service on a Wednesdays

Date	Services	
4th November All Saints (White)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Reserved Liturgy
11th November Remembrance (Green)	9am Said Eucharist Morning Service begins at All Saints at 10.30 then to the Cross with the Community Remembrance then continues in the Church	1970 Liturgy
18th November Pentecost 26 (Green)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
25th November Christ the King (White)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
2nd December Advent 1	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Advent Liturgy

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