

Bulletin for St Thomas' & St Mary Magdalene's – Sunday 3rd November – All Saints' Sunday and Safeguarding Sunday

Dear Friends,

On this All Saints Sunday we celebrate the saints of the past who through their extraordinary, sacrificial lives shone out with the light of Christ and so transformed their world. However, you don't have to be a saint to let Christ shine through you: we are all called to do this!

In our modern society there is much discussion about identity as if it were a matter of us making a choice. However, for us Christians it is the other way round: we are who we are because our relationship with Jesus makes us who He wants us to be. He does this by longing to be in relationship with us, by the cross which sets us free from the damage we've inflicted and the hurt done to us, and by giving us hope through the Resurrection. As St. Paul puts it in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold the new has come. This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun." This All Saints'-tide let us give thanks for the saints in glory and in our own small way shine the light of Christ and make a difference!

Yours as always, Michael.

PS make a difference by:

- Returning your giving form and Time and Talents sheet for the work of the church.
- Giving generously to the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal to relive suffering in Gaza.

Sunday 3rd November : All Saints' Day and Safeguarding Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion at St Thomas'
9.30am	Family Communion at St. Mary Magdalene's with a word about safeguarding
10.45am	Family Communion with Sunday School at St. Thomas' with a word about safeguarding
6.00pm	Commemoration Service at St Thomas'

Notices

Monday-Friday	9.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Monday	1-2.30pm	Praise and Play at St. Thomas' Church
Tuesday	3.30pm	Confirmation Class at St. Thomas' School
	7.30pm	Standing Committee at the Vicarage
Wednesday	9-11am	Little Sunbeams at St. Mary Magdalene's
	7.30pm	Sing a New Song at St. Mary Magdalene's
Thursday	10am	Midweek Communion at St. Thomas'
	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation at St. Thomas'
Saturday	8.15am	Breakfast with the Bible at St Mary Magdalene's
Saturday	9.30-11am	Clean-up at St. Mary Magdalene's

Prayer Focus

- Thanksgiving for all the saints who through their lives have revealed Jesus to the world, remembering our Patron Saints Thomas and Mary Magdalene, amongst the first of the apostles to see Him risen from the dead.
- The Middle East Humanitarian Appeal run by the DEC : that aid may reach those who desperately need it, and that the peace negotiations will be successful in bringing a lasting solution.
- The Assisted Dying Bill coming to parliament in November, that the sanctity of life may not be forgotten. Give thanks for St. Rocco's which provides palliative care to all in Warrington.
- Government making difficult decisions about the economy, praying that those on the bread line will be fed and that families will have enough support to be warm this winter.
- Gratitude to those who make our churches safe, especially Dorothy and Julie our Safeguarding Officers. May we all look after each other.
- Bridgewater Churches Together as we work to proclaim the Good News in our area. Pray especially for Hill Cliffe Baptist church as they seek a new Pastor. In our Deanery we pray for the parishes of Walton, Daresbury, Grappenhall, Little Leigh, Aston and Lower Whitley as they seek new vicars.
- For the emergency services as autumn turns to winter, giving thanks for their service to our community in all circumstances.
- The result of the imminent US election: that whoever is elected will influence world leaders in the ways of peace through justice and compassion.
- Comfort for all who are sick and in need of healing – our prayers surround them with love:- Carol, Surya, Paul, Ken, Syd, Kirsty, Katy, Debbie, Mark, Rachel, John, Hazel, Pat, Joan, Kara, Ivy, Ferenc, Mark & Alisha.
- May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory: we remember John Mason.
For all those with anniversaries at this time, especially the families who will attend our Commemoration Service on Sunday evening.

