

Notices for 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2024

# All Saints' Day

We welcome Fr Mark Stafford who will be taking our 8am BCP service.

A warm welcome to everyone; please come into the hall for refreshments after the service.

# 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.

# Hymns:

- 232 For all the saints
- 369 All people that on earth do dwell
- 524 O for a thousand tongues to sing
- **391** Blest are the pure in heart
- **435** Glorious things of thee are spoken

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

# **Readings:**

#### **Revelation 21.1-6a**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

#### John 11.32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

### Post-communion prayer:

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.

# Vacancy Notices and Dates - Any questions Dan & Peter

**Vacancy Plans** – Following a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October with Bishop Paul, Archdeacon Martin and Area Dean Rosemary, it is decided that we will not interview at this time but keep the advert open in Dec/Jan for a closing date of 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. Shortlisting on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb for formal interview on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**Visiting Clergy** – A number of visiting clergy will be helping us with our worship over the coming months, including Mat Ineson (Guildford Mission Enabler Lead) at 09:30 on  $15^{\text{th}}$  Dec.

**8am SERVICES will be held <u>only once a month</u> on the first Sunday of each month. Any questions please talk to Dan or Peter.** 

# Dates for your diary

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – All Souls Commemoration 3pm Church

4<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December are the next two sessions of Knit and Natter in The Leverton Room at 7.30pm.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Parade Service 10:30am Church

**Sunday 24th November - Christmas Homemade Fair** Enquiries: Sara Tomlin and our social team

The Christmas Home-made Fair is fast approaching. It is after Church on Sunday 24th November from 11 till 1, and will hopefully be a joyous introduction to the festive season. Please come and have a soup/filled roll lunch while browsing the stalls selling all sorts of goodies for Christmas. And bring your friends! We would love it if you could donate any unwanted gifts, plants, jewellery, bottles (in date), and also think about baking cakes nearer the time. Many thanks.

**Sunday 1st Dec – Gift Day for Quinquennial Expenditure** *Enquiries: Peter Harvey and David Eames.* 

**Sunday 1st December 7pm Epsom and Ewell Silver Band Christmas concert** at St. Mary's Church, The Avenue, Worcester Park. Tickets are £10, free for under 16's, including tea/coffee and a mince pie. Tickets are available from the Vale Rd G&A Express Newsagent or Wendy.

We're already planning our Christmas services, and this will include a Carol Service on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec @6:30pm**, and a Christingle Crib Service on **Christmas Eve at 4pm**. Good to note these in your diaries! Details of our full Advent and Christmas programme will follow nearer the time.