

# **HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD**

**November 2017**

**The Kingdom Season**

November is always a busy and interesting month. We begin with a baptism and confirmation service on November 1st, All Saints Day, and welcome the Bishop of Middleton as our president and preacher.

Please hold the candidates in your prayers.

Please make every effort to attend the services for All Saints Day and All Souls Day. By tradition, we put cards on the windowsills to remember those who we loved but see no more in this season of remembrance. This year we will be remembering, among others, the victims of the terrorist attack in Manchester in particular, and victims of war and atrocities across the world in what has been a frightening year in many ways.

November used to be the time when we put on the pre-Christmas fair – selling jam, cake, gifts etc to raise money for church funds. Last year, after deciding that it was no longer possible to run such a large event, we held two Gift Day Sundays and raised more or less the same amount. So there will be two Sundays at the end of November where we will be handing out envelopes for gifts towards the work of this church. We hope that people appreciate the work of those with little money to give, who help to keep the church clean, tidy and in a good state of repair.

A visit to the **Diocesan website** will show that the advert for a new incumbent for the parish has been added. The Parish Profile and a Person Specification and other details are there as well. The closing date is the end of November, and the diocese hopes to hold interviews for the post in early December.

## **SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS IN NOVEMBER**

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### **Wednesday November 1st All Saints Day 7.30pm**

**President and Preacher:** The Rt Revd Mark Davies

**Readings:** Revelation 7.9-end; Psalm 34; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

**Hymns:** *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, Gospel Alleluia, For all the saints, Give me the wings of faith to rise*

**Other music:** *We turn to Christ alone; You shall cross the barren desert*

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### **Thursday November 2nd All Souls Day 7.30pm**

**President and Preacher:** The Revd Paula Robinson

**Readings:** Lamentations 3: 17-26, 31-33; Psalm 90; Romans 5: 5-11; John 6: 37-40

**Hymns:** *Jesus lives! Thy terrors now; Let saints on earth in concert sing; Jesus, son of Mary; The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*

**Other music:** *Pie Jesu; The Kontakion*

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**Sunday November 5th The Fourth Sunday before Advent**

**President and Preacher:** The Revd Richard Young

**Readings:** Micah 3.5-end; Psalm 33.1-5; Hebrews 12.18-34; Matthew 5.1-12

**Hymns:** *Rejoice today with one accord; Gospel Alleluia; The church's one foundation; Now thank we all our God*

**Other music:** *How can I keep from singing?*

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**Sunday November 12th Remembrance Sunday**

**President and Preacher:** The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

**Readings:** Amos 5.18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end; Matthew 25.1-13

**Hymns:** *Eternal Father, strong to save; Peace, perfect peace; Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round; O God our help in ages past*

**Other music:** *They shall grow not old; Morning glory, starlit sky*

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**Sunday November 19th The Second Sunday before Advent**

**President and Preacher:** The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

**Readings:** Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18; Psalm 90; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

**Hymns:** *Angel voices, ever singing; Gospel Alleluia; Let all mortal flesh keep silence; Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**Other music:** *The eternal gifts of Christ the King; A devout prayer of Henry VI*

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Week beginning November 20th is Autumn Cleaning time: all offers of help to get church polished and extra clean and tidy for the start of the new liturgical year, as we move into Advent. Please speak to Hilary for times and days!

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### **Sunday November 26th Christ the King**

**President:** The Revd Caroline Hewitt

**Preacher:** The Revd Gerald Broadbent

**Readings:** Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95.1-7; Ephesians 1.15-end; Matthew 25.31-end

**Hymns:** *Christ triumphant, ever reigning; Gospel Alleluia; Hail redeemer, King divine; Crown him with many crowns*

**Other music:** *Rejoice the Lord is king (Archer)*

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# **ADVENT COURSE 2017**

## **History – Faithfulness – Light**

Reflections on Advent Themes in images, seasonal readings, prayer and discussion.

November 29th – December 6th – December 13th

7.30 pm, beginning at Holy Innocents, then at St Chad's.

2017-18 is Year B – the year of Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of action!