

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

NOVEMBER 2018

November begins with the festivals of **All Saints** and **All Souls**. This is the time when we give thanks for those whose witness has inspired the faith of others, and whose lives and deaths are reflected on by the faithful. It begins with the big names and then our thoughts turn to those who we loved but see no more: people whose lives inspired or sustained.

Cards will be available from now for people to complete, and place on one of the windowsills. On All Souls' Day, we do not read out a list of names but light candles to float on the waters of the font for all those named and unnamed people – the whole cloud of witnesses.

The St James' window will be set out with candles and photos for Elaine Rose -and for John Murday who died on October 24th. Our friends from the Mar Thoma Church will be remembering the two children lost this year, and one of their founder members. We are very pleased to welcome a former member of this church, the Revd Margaret Trivasse, as the preacher on All Souls's Day.

The blessed water will be used to baptise new members of the Church on Sunday. Please pray for Kaveh, Arsham, Julia and Gareth as they take this further step on their journey of faith.

Sunday November 11th marks the one hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War. Children from St James' School have been researching names from the War Memorial with links to church and constructing poppies to plant in front of it. To mark the day we will be keeping the two minutes silence outside at the end of the service. We hope that members of the community will join us at the end to take part in the Act of Remembrance.

Thursday November 1st All Saints 7.30pm

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 24:1-6; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Hymns: *Christ is our cornerstone; Gospel Acclamation; For all the saints; Give me the wings of faith to rise*

Other music: *How beautiful are their feet; Dance with the Saints*

Friday November 2nd All Souls 7.30pm

President: The Rector

Preacher: The Revd Margaret Trivasse

Readings: Lamentations 3:17-26,31-33; Psalm 23; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40

Hymns: *Thine be the glory; Let saints on earth in concert sing; Just as I am, without one plea; Now rest beneath night's shadow*

Other music: *Jerusalem the Golden; Author of the World's Joy; The Trisagion*

Sunday November 4th 4th before Advent

President and Preacher: The Rector (Baptisms)

Readings: Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119 Aleph; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

Hymns: *Sing praise to God who reigns above; Gospel Acclamation; All praise to thee, for thou O King divine; There's a wideness in God's mercy*

Other music: *We turn to Christ alone*

Sunday November 11th Remembrance Sunday

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-end; Hebrews 9:24-end; Mark 1:14-20

Hymns: *Love divine all loves excelling; Gospel Acclamation; Eternal God, before whose throne we stand; O God our help in ages past*

Other music: *For the fallen; If there is to be peace*

The Eucharist on Remembrance Day will end outside at the War Memorial in front of the church for the two minutes silence at 11am. Please

remember to dress for the weather in November and possible rain on the day.

Sunday November 18th 2nd before Advent

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Hymns: *Hark, what a sound; Gospel Acclamation; Be thou my vision; Glorious things of thee are spoken*

Other music: *Come, my way; Lead me, O Lord*

Sunday November 25th The Last Sunday of Year B: Christ the King

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

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

Other music: *Rejoice the Lord is King*

The PCC meets on November 14th.

We will be thinking about suitable charities for our Advent giving: we usually give to a charity based in another country, and usually one that

works directly with children. If you have suggestions, please speak to the Rector or Wardens.

Making, Crafting and.... Fundraising

As part of our attempts to do some ongoing fundraising (either for general church funds, or to support people who are going through a difficult time) we are turning our hands to some “Making” activities. This will include the production of items that can be sold/bought as gifts. We are looking for durable fabrics to turn into bags, pieces of wood for producing icons, and small (very small) items of furniture to refresh creatively. If anyone knows someone with an electric or air-compressor staple gun, that would make our work a lot easier....Speak to Hilary if you would like to be involved.

Lynda is working on the new rota, to take us up to Easter next year. If you would like to be part of a particular team, then please speak to her as soon as possible!

Lectionaries for Year C are now available for members of the prayers team to collect.

From the Manchester Guardian, 12th November 1919:

It may be doubted whether the great central streets of Manchester have ever before been so silent as they were for two minutes yesterday morning. Even during the dead hours of the night there is ordinarily some little stir of traffic, and on Sundays silence never completely falls.

Yesterday's silence was but the more impressive because it came in the presence of every conceivable possibility of commotion.

The peace came out of tumult, and passed swiftly into tumult again.

The main streets were filled with people as eleven o'clock drew near. Many had come especially to be present on a unique occasion. It was remarkable with what quickness all noise was hushed when the dull explosion of the first maroon was heard. Horses were pulled up, tramcars stopped still where they stood, carts and motor-cars and pedestrians were as if suddenly fixed to the ground.

With instinctive accord, all the men standing along the thickly-lined streets bared their heads. Then a more distant maroon was heard emphasising a silence that, like the Egyptian darkness, might almost be felt.

The faintest noises now took on the portentousness of the little noises that fill a quiet church. A woman coughed fifty yards away; a baby gave a faint cry; one could not move a foot without self-consciousness. Here and there were persons crying quietly, women furtively drying their eyes. The street seemed the centre of a calm which one felt to be reaching out to an undefined circumference. One began to ponder whether a more wonderful

idea than this had ever entered anyone's head; this simple, impressive "**Be still, and know**".

A horse's hoof suddenly struck a spark from the granite of the road;
a tram bell clanged; and like a watercourse released from frost the traffic
streams flowed noisily about the city.

.....Remembering the first Act of Remembrance.....

