

THE PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH
GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER, ST PAUL'S, ST MARY'S
SUNDAY 1st November 2020 All Saints Day

Sunday Services as follows: Facebook at 10am and 11am in the Minster.
Midweek Eucharist: Wednesday 10.15 (*see notices for venue*)

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All Saints Day

We are approaching the end of the Church year, and so we come to the end of ordinary time - during what are very extraordinary times. It seems like everything is happening at once, environmentally, politically, economically, socially, without even starting on the global you-know-what.

As we celebrate the feast of All Saints today, and All Souls tomorrow, we cast our attention backwards, to those who have gone before. The people we have loved and lost, the people who have shone with the love of God and made it known in the world. Of course, it's not just the famous saints, or even those who have been formally recognised by the Church. We also take time to remember those who have passed down the story of the people of God, to God's people (that's us!), through the generations. Taking the time to tell and re-tell, write down and interpret those stories - our stories. Maybe today you could take some time to think about those people who have nurtured your faith; those who have shown you how you are loved; those ordinary, every day saints. We have seen so many acts of community, love, and kindness this year, ordinary people rising to face extraordinary times. So today I give thanks for all the Saints of Great Yarmouth and resolve to follow their examples.

P.S. I have just discovered the artist Gracie Morbitzer's work *The Modern Saints*, with pictures of Saints as twentieth century people, and a short telling of their stories, well worth spending some time with this week. Here is St Nicholas for a taster.

Helen Lynch (She/Her)



NOTICES

Next Sunday, 8th November 2020 the service will start at 10.55am.

Midweek Eucharist: Weds 4th November 10.15am at St. Paul's. 11th November Eucharist at St. Mary's.

All Souls Day is when we remember our departed loved ones. This year, the Minster will be open on Monday 2nd November from 3.00-7pm for people to come in and light a candle of remembrance: clergy will be present at all times to pray with people. There will be a short online Commemoration Service that evening at 7.30pm.

Would you like to be a Dippy Volunteer!! From 11th January to 21st March 2021, Norwich Cathedral will be hosting Dippy the Diplodocus from the Natural History Museum, on the final leg of his national tour. If you would like to be part of the team helping welcome our visitors and enabling them to get the very most out of the Dippy experience. You don't need previous experience of volunteering, or be a dinosaur expert to get involved. You just need to have a friendly and helpful attitude and lots of enthusiasm! We are looking for people who can offer half a day a week during each of the ten weeks that Dippy is with us. Full details, and an application form are available at: <https://www.cathedral.org.uk/about/news/detail/2020/01/27/dippy-volunteers>

Remembrance Gardens There will be a remembrance display outside at St Paul's and St Mary's for the next couple of weeks. Please feel free to visit and spend some time there, and pass on the word to anyone who might be interested. There will also be a prayer station in the Minster. A huge thank you to everyone who has made donated poppies - they should be quite a sight!

Remembrance on the Radio Tune into Harbour Radio on Remembrance Sunday for a radio service at 10am, and a programme on Armistice Day - 11th November, 10.30-11.30am, including an act of remembrance at 11 o'clock. You can find Harbour Radio on 107.4fm, and online harbourradio.co.uk. Please do pass on the message, especially to people who don't have access to the internet.

Spare Crosses are needed for Priory School who are having year group assemblies at present. They need to be crosses which can stand up on a table. Any offers to Parish Office. Also: Do you have a **Christmas Jumper** you no longer need? Priory School are collecting them for the children and can collect from you. Any offers to Kerry Jarmey, email address kjarmey3mr9@nsix.org.uk or phone 01493 843552.

Minster Open daily from 10am-12noon for private prayer and visitors. We need helpers to keep the Minster open day by day. All volunteers are welcome, not just church members. Any offers please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Magazine: The November magazine is out now, if you have any articles for the magazine please contact Pat Stringer, email: pat.stringer1@sky.com

PARISH PRAYER LIST If anyone wants someone prayed for, ask any of the Ministry Team or the parish office. Pray for those who are sick or in need, all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit or in need of God's loving care: Sheila, Brenda, Ronnie, Leah, David, Fleur, Della. Remember before God the recently departed: Roger Coote, Alan Varney. Pray for those who work to keep our community safe and limit the spread of the virus.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
 you have knit together your elect
 in one communion and fellowship
 in the mystical body of your Son
 Christ our Lord:
 grant us grace so to follow your
 blessed saints
 in all virtuous and godly living
 that we may come to those
 inexpressible joys
 that you have prepared for those
 who truly love you;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our
 Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-end

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the

throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

PSALM Psalm 34:1-10

R *I will bless the Lord at all times;
 his praise shall ever be in my
 mouth.*

I will bless the Lord at all times;
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
 My soul shall glory in the Lord;
 let the humble hear and be glad. **R**

O magnify the Lord with me;
 let us exalt his name together.
 I sought the Lord and he answered
 me
 and delivered me from all my fears. **R**

Look upon him and be radiant
 and your faces shall not be ashamed.
 This poor soul cried, and the Lord
 heard me and saved me from all my
 troubles. **R**

The angel of the Lord encamps
 around those who fear him
 and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is
 gracious;
 blessed is the one who trusts in
 him. **R**

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
 for those who fear him lack nothing.
 Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
 but those who seek the Lord
 lack nothing that is good. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given
 us, that we should be called children

of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

POST COMMUNION

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.



I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.