**Sunday 1st November 2015**

**ALL SAINTS**

S GILES-IN-READING

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Hymns: ***The English Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *Gregory Murray*

Motet:

Entrance Hymn: *204* Offertory Hymn: *641*

Communion Hymns: *197 & 201* Recessional Hymn: *519*

Voluntary:

**OUR INTENTIONS TODAY.**Those in need: Tony Allen, Sarah Alderson, Jean Chapman, Pat Davis, Peter Davis, Peter George, Herbert Hinton, Phyllis Hinton, Maurice Houghton, Grace John, Kate Morl, Diana Sanni, Elizabeth Sayer, Sheena Sixsmith, Margaret Summers, Sophie Thomas, Fr Christopher Walker, Ann Westgarth and Nesta Williams.

The departed: Ada Clements, Cecil Howlett, Meg Manning, Herbert Mumford, Reynold Thomas and Mabel Whitehouse.



*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.*

*Mark 12.34*

There’s a story about Austin Farrer, who as chaplain at

Keble College went every morning to celebrate the Holy

Eucharist. He was devoted, but his friends sometimes

wondered why he bothered. “Doesn’t it get lonely in

there, with just one or two students, and them, half asleep?” Dr. Farrer replied, “Quite to the contrary. What with all of the apostles, prophets, saints, martyrs, angels and archangels—well, it’s a wonder there’s any room for us at all.” This Sunday we stumble into what Austin Farrer understood: that he was surrounded by the communion of saints. He knew that he wasn’t alone. He knew that he had help.

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**Psalter Week 3**

**Sunday Readings: Year B. Weekday Readings: Year 1.**

**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

**Monday**

**02 November**

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Wednesday

04 November

Thursday

05 November

Friday

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Saturday

07 November

**Sunday**

**08 November**

**All Saints**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**All Souls**

**11.30 Mattins**

**12.00 Low Mass of Requiem**

**19.00 Evensong**

**19.30 Sung Mass of Requiem**

Tuesday of Week 31 in Ordinary Time

09.00 Mattins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

S Charles Borromeo, Bishop

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

18.00 Evensong

Thursday of Week 31 in Ordinary Time

09.00 Mattins

16.30 Evensong

Friday of Week 31 in Ordinary Time

11.00 Mattins

11.30 Bible Study

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

Saturday of Week 31 in Ordinary Time

09.30 Mattins

10.00 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**(Rememberance Sunday)**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

*We welcome any visitors here this morning and hope that you will stay for refreshments after the service.*

**Bed for a Night volunteers needed!**Once again this year we will be helping with sheltering the homeless in Reading during the coldest period of winter.   If you are able to help one night a week with food and other assistance, please talk to the clergy.

Believe it or not, its time to start thinking about our **Christmas Shoeboxes**!   Information is available in the side aisle.  Please talk to Maddie Harris for more details.

Thursday 5 November is **Guy Fawkes Day**.  We will have our annual fireworks party at the vicarage.   Bring along some food or wine to share!  The evening will start at 6.30pm.  All welcome!

**Monday 2 November is the feast of All Souls,** we will have a low requiem mass at noon and a **Sung Requiem Mass at 7.30pm**.  Sheets will be available to request names of the departed to be remembered at those masses.

**Next Thursday** we begin having a low mass at 7pm in the Evenings.  All Welcome!

*If you have any notices that require adding to the sheet, please contact Anne or Geoff Canterbury at canterbury@ntlworld.com or 0118 961 0525 by Wednesday of the previous week.*

**Sunday 1st November 2015 All Saints**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.***

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

**THE FIRST READING** (Apocalypse 7: 2-4; 9-14)

*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty it was to devastate land and sea, "Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, "Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the

throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: "Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen." One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, "Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?" I answered him, "You can tell me, my lord."

Then he said, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb."

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 23

**Response:** ***Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.***

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves

him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (1 John 3: 1-3)

*A reading from the first letter of St John.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope

must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

*The word of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.***

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Matthew 5: 1-12)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: "How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,

we may pass from this pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.

Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***