

A Prayer Meditation for All Saints Day

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you
Whether in brush arbour or cathedrals,
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses
Where your name was lifted and adored.

We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,
Strong hands and those gnarled with age
Holy hands
Used as wave offerings across the land.

We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
Head ragged or aproned,
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.

Bless the memories of your saints, God.
May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/planning-resources>

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"Imagine that you have bought or made a gift for someone you love. Throughout the process of planning, purchasing or making that gift you were bursting with excitement. The thought of giving that gift to your loved one filled you with pleasure. Because you had poured your heart into it, you anticipated the joy of watching your special someone unwrap the gift. Their eyes would sparkle with unshed tears. A tender awe and reverence would fill them as they beheld that gift. They opened it. Then, after giving you the deepest heartfelt "thank you," they would use the gift for whatever the intended purpose. And you knew that each time they used it, they would think fondly of you and that special awe would fill them anew. I believe that when God gives us our gifts and talents, that's the scenario that God wants to experience when we receive what God has given us. He wants us to feel how much God loves us. God wants to share our excitement and awe and joy as we use that special something we have been given. Our gifts and talents are treasures from God. And the greatest honour that we can give God is to joyfully use what God has given us."

<https://www.buildalliance.xyz/use-your-gifts-and-talents-to-let-gods-light-shine/>

We are a gifted and talented lot! In addition to what is on display and honoured this morning let's not overlook being inclusive and welcoming, hosting, being an encourager, driving, teaching, praying, communicating, repairing, listening, sharing a skill, gardening, cooking, visiting
And God doesn't give us anything just for our own benefit. After all, we're blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2)!
Lynn

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Revelation 7:9-17](#)

[Psalm 34:1-10, 22](#)

[1 John 3:1-3](#)

[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

Focus reading for today: 1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 26

Services coming up:

- Nov** **1** Rev Shelley - Communion - Thanksgiving service
 7pm Reflective Service
 8 Combined service with Anglicans at St John's
 15 Lynn Pinkerton (Conference Sunday)
 22 Rev Shelley
 29 Rev Shelley - Advent 1
- Dec** **6** Rev Shelley - Communion - Advent 2
 13 Choir - Advent 3
 20 Rev Shelley - Advent 4
 7pm - Rev Shelley - Blue Christmas service
 25 Christmas Day - Rev Shelley

Rest Home Services

- Oct** **30** Beattie Home
Nov **3** Highfield CHT

Parish Council this month is Tuesday November 17th at 2pm.



Please pray for -

- the Douglas family in their bereavement and loss
- those known to us who are in hospital and/or facing long-term recovery at home.

This month's **Reflective Service** is tonight at **7pm**

Tuesday 3 November – 1.45 pm – Singers please

Highfield CHT: Singers needed to support the service for the residents on Tuesday 3 November. We have been asked to lead a second service for the residents in the Dementia Unit, so if you are available to help, please meet in the reception area just before 2pm.

Saturday 7 November – Fun Food and Fellowship evening:

Peter has planned a lovely meal for us. The evening will kick off at 5:30 pm, with the meal. This will be followed by our game night. There have been requests for a variety of games, rather than just checkers. Bring along your favourite game to share. We will need to know numbers for the meal so please advise either myself or Peter. There is a cost for the meal of \$10.00. Look forward to seeing you there. Rita

Sunday 8 November – Combined service

Combined service with Anglican Parish at St John's.: We have been invited to join the congregation for morning tea at 10am, with the service to follow at 10:30.

Sunday 8 November 2 pm at St Johns Anglican Church

Music Federation Cello Concert featuring Hyein Kim and Isabella McDonald, promising talented students at the Conservatorium of Music, currently preparing for international competitions. Great!

