

Old Hills Malvern - Intercessions for All Saints Day - Sunday 1st November 2020

Please note, the commemoration of All Souls - a time to reflect on the life and memory of loved ones lost, and our funeral ministry, will take place on line via Zoom at 5.30pm on Sunday 1st November - please contact Rev Gary for the access code. Specific intercessions will be offered in these services for All Souls.

In addition - POWICK Church will be open for private prayer between 2-4pm on Sunday 1st November with your last opportunity to mark a memorial cross for installation at Madresfield for the month of November.

Intercessions for All Saints' Sunday

God of All the Saints we ask that we might be a holy church, a praying church, a giving church, a serving church. May the saints in heaven be an example for us as today as we reassess our pledges and refocus our giving, mindful of our parishes' mission here and rejoicing in the positive steps being taken to work through the appointment of our incoming Church Councils across Powick and Guarlford and Madresfield with Newland.

Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer

God of Peace we thank you for your world and remember that you entrusted it to our care as stewards. Give us wisdom to manage our money and personal finances well and to practice heartfelt generosity. As we live each day, help us to treat our world fairly whilst accepting its goodness gratefully. Help us to remember that you are the giver of all we have and to put aside pride of ownership

Lord in your mercy- Hear our prayer

God of Compassion, bring healing and peace to the nations in conflict and where there is political instability. Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little and help all people to love their neighbour as themselves.

Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer

God of Justice, keep us from being preoccupied with money and worldly goods and with trying to increase them at the expense of justice. Let us not be so concerned with our own problems that we become lacking in concern for the problems of others. Help us to demonstrate our love for you in our daily lives and in the wider communities and neighbourhoods that make up our two parishes. Make us quick to forgive and slow to condemn and help us to strive for peace in our families, in our country and in the world.

Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer

God of Communities, we thank you for those who helped us on our journey of faith and encouraged us to keep going when we felt like giving up; for all those who taught us the faith; for those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives, striving for a better world following the example of your only son, Jesus Christ. We pray for our own community here and for our churches, its congregation, wardens and for all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes, to make our Churches as welcoming as they can be.

Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer

God of Healing, we pray for all who bear the burdens of pain, bereavement, anxiety and depression. We pray for those whose illness stems from financial problems. We pray that they may have an awareness of your presence and an understanding that you are bearing those burdens with them and always working towards their healing and wholeness.

(add names of those requesting prayer)

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer.

God of Eternity, we thank you for all the saints – those recognised by the Church and those known only to a few, and to you. We praise you for their example and rejoice that they now live with you in heaven enjoying your everlasting peace.

We especially pray for those that we will be remembering during our services for All Souls-tide, especially those names on our Roll of Memory and those named, or unnamed, on crosses on the Field of Memory.

(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer.

Lord as we go out from church today, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints. May we, week by week continue to celebrate our communion with them whenever and wherever we worship.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen