

St Thomas, Wells

We strive to share God's Love through Welcome, Outreach & Worship

All Saints' Day



Sunday 5th November 2023

10am

PARISH EUCHARIST

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION – If you are Coeliac or Wheat Intolerant and would like to receive G/F Communion, please speak to a sidesperson or server before the service. You will be given a green card, which you should carry to the communion rail and show clearly to the priest. Please join the tail-end of the line to receive. Please leave your card at the end of the service.

A COLLECTION is not taken, however there is an offertory plate by the door for use either before or after the service. Please fill in a Gift Aid envelope if possible, so we can reclaim the tax. Alternatively, if you would like to join our **PLANNED GIVING** scheme using weekly envelopes or Banker's Standing Order, there are forms at the back of the church. Forms should be passed to the Treasurer (Fiona Rorbye 674954), who can offer advice.

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THE GATHERING

Informal words of welcome

We stand

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the holy one, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found;
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the holy one, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight
our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace -
no work too hard for him;
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Grace, mercy and peace from
God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil distortions and
hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our
failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all
his children.

**Loving God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done wrong in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.
Amen.

The Gloria

***Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest***

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Refrain

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father, receive our prayer.**

Refrain

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

Refrain

The Prayer of the Day

God of all people
from every tribe and language;
you call true witnesses, who sing your praise,
live your grace and work for peace:
may we share their faith
and know our need for you
that we might be a blessing
to the hunger of your world;
through Jesus Christ, whose body we are.
Amen.

We sit

The First Reading: Revelation 7:9-end

A reading from the Revelation of St John the Divine

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.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The 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.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We stand

Hymn: For all the saints who've shown your love

**For all the saints who've shown your love
in how they lived and where they moved,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.**

**For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.**

**For all the saints who named your will
and saw your kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.**

**Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

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.

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

We sit

The Sermon

Prayers for Others

These or other responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy *or* Lord, hear us
Hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end of the prayers

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

We stand.

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Colossians 3.14,15

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: 10,000 reasons

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name,
sing like never before, oh my soul.
I'll worship your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing your song again.

**Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. Refrain.**

**You're rich in love and you're slow to anger;
your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain.***

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending
ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Refrain***

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.

May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

We remain standing

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost, restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.
Therefore, with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name, for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We ask that your Holy Spirit
will fall upon us and upon these gifts
that these fragile, earthly things
may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother,
Jesus Christ;

who, on the night that he was betrayed,
gathered with his faltering friends
for a meal that tasted of freedom.
Calling them to his table,
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
'This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.'
In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.'
As on that night, so here and now
he offers himself in touch and taste
beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Therefore, in our eating and drinking
we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;
we proclaim him as creation's host,
transforming poverty into plenty
in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope
that one day death and greed will be no more
and people without number
will come from east and west, north and south
to share the kingdom meal.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom and with whom and in whom
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory be yours,
Father and Mother of blessings,
for ever and ever. **Amen**

We sit

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
for the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

Then we sing:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The Priest says this invitation to communion:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory
of God the Father.**

The Priest and people receive communion.

All are welcome at God's table!

*Please indicate if you'd like your wafer dipped into the wine by the
priest (left), or if you'd like to drink from the common cup (right).*

*If you cannot come forward for communion, we can bring the bread
and wine to you.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing instead of bread and wine, please
bring this booklet with you.*

Prayer after Communion

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in
your Son and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn: For all the saints

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might,
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful follw'ers cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array,
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!

The Blessing

May Christ who makes saints of sinners,
who has transformed those we remember today,
raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world;
and the blessing ...**Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

3pm Sunday 5th Nov - All Souls' Service at Mendip Hospital Cemetery
Prayers and readings to remember those from the Mendip Hospital

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**A Time to Remember 6.30pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

A service of prayers and readings to remember and give thanks for the lives of loved ones

***We will light a candle for each person we remember by name.***



To have someone remembered by name please speak to Edward.

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For our prayers

Prayers for the Parish:

North Lodge Court; Gilbert Scott Mews; The Courtyard;
West Villa Lodge; Beeches; Westfield House; Firbank; Mendip House;
The Gatehouse; Frome Road Cottages (South Horrington)

Prayers for our link churches in Zambia

Please pray for St Augustine's Church & St Monica's Church,
Livingstone East and their priest Rev Ackson Kampala

Prayers for those who are ill:

David and Audrey Parkes; Jean; Robert: Helen; Eva & family;
Jenny & Geoff; Julie & Ivor Parry; Alethea; Jenny Boocock; Isaac;
Douglas Duncan

R.I.P. Andrew Lear

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

John Wright	(06-11-1982)
Henry Batstone	(10-11-1965)
Katherine Smyth	(11-11-1977)

Thursdays at 11am - Pause to Pray for our legacy and for the redevelopment project

This week:

- 6th Mon 11am Trio Paradis Café Concert** (*refreshments from 10.30am*)
- 7th Tues 10am-12** **Coffee Stop**
2 – 4pm Choir rehearsals
- 8th Wed 9.30-11am** **ABC2** parents/carers & tots in the church hall
11am Eucharist – a quiet said communion service
- 9th Thurs 9.30am** **A Time to Meditate** in the church
10-11am Keep Fit in the church hall
2-4pm Snack & Chat in the community room
- 12th Sun 10am** **Parish Eucharist and Act of Remembrance**

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**Trio Paradis Café Concert in church 11am Mon 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
November's music is inspired by the Sun and moon, and includes Romantic Nocturnes, jazz standards and songs from the shows (*I Got the Sun in the Morning, The Sun & I*)... and a few stars may make an appearance.

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Tuesday 7th November 10.30am to 12pm
Save the Children Wells Branch invite you to a
Coffee Morning in St Thomas Church hall
Cakes ~ Preserves ~ Plants ~ Raffle ~ Christmas Cards

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**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am to 12.30pm**  
**Diocesan Mothers' Union Coffee Morning in church.**  
*A selection of MU Christmas cards will be available to buy. All welcome.*

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The Children's Society - a few of us have collection boxes at home for The Children's Society. If you feel you would like one too please let me know or contact the Church Office. Your loose change all adds up and helps young people through this charity. The boxes are collected after Christmas and the money sent to The Children's Society. Thank you. Celia Kennett, 01749 704128.