

St John's, Ranmoor



**TO BE SAINTS IS NOT A
PRIVILEGE FOR THE FEW, BUT
A VOCATION FOR EVERYONE.**

—POPE FRANCIS



All Age Worship on All Saints Day

Sunday 1st November 2020

10.30am

Welcome to St John's

Whether you are in church, joining from home on Zoom, watching live on Facebook or catching up via the recording on Facebook, you are very welcome and it's good that you're here with us.

As Sheffield is now subject to Tier 3 Covid restrictions, please take extra care of yourselves and each other, ensuring that you **wear a face covering** that covers nose and mouth (unless you are exempt), **sanitise your hands** on entering and leaving church and **keep a safe distance** (2 metres / 6 feet) between you and others. Specific to Tier 3 is the fact that **we must not gather in groups** before or after the service either inside the building or outside.

Signs in church mark out the one way system. At the end of the service, please endeavour to leave row by row starting at the back and using the north door to exit the building.

We Gather

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Hymn

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
In splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome him
Into your lives.
Make way! Make way!
For the King of kings!
And let his kingdom in!

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
The prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
The blind shall see.
Make way!

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
Who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.
Make way!

We call you now to worship him
As Lord of all.
To have no other gods but him:
Their thrones must fall!
Make way!

Opening Prayer

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession – we say sorry to God

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

cf Hebrews 12.1

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all your creation:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution – God forgives us

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

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.

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. Amen.

The Collect - a special prayer for All Saints Day

Holy God, across the years
We hear your saints,
We see their faith and hear their words
As they proclaim your love;
Show us how to live like them,
With hearts of joy and words of hope,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

We listen

Reading

Hebrews 12.1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12

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.

Dering *Gaudent in coelis*

*Gaudent in caelis anima sanctorum, qui Christi vestigia
sunt secuti; et quia pro ejus amore sanguinem suum fuderunt,
ideo cum Christo exsultant sine fine.*

The souls of the saints rejoice in heaven, they who followed
the footsteps of Christ; and because they poured out their blood
for love of him, therefore they rejoice with Christ unendingly

We Respond

Affirmation of Faith – what we believe

We say together in faith
**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

Prayers conclude with **The Lord's Prayer**

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

I will hold the Christlight for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We Go Out

We remember the saints of long ago
We remember

We remember the saints of today
We remember

We remember that we are surrounded by all the saints
We remember

We remember that we and all the saints follow Jesus
We remember

Blessing

With the saints,
may we know the gift of courage,
With the saints,
may we know the gift of faith,
With the saints,
may we know the gift of love.

And may the blessing ...

Hymn

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;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

O blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

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

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

The Dismissal

We go into the world
To walk in God's light
To rejoice in God's love
And to reflect God's glory. Amen