

# Pew Sheet: Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

**Office Hours:** Fridays 9am to 2:30pm

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**Vicar:** Rev. David Smithson

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## 10:30am All Saints/Souls Day Family Communion

**Sermon:** "Holy Saints!" Rev. David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Brenda Kebbell

The day of All Saints refers to the Saints—the Holy Ones. Those who died for their faith or who lived extraordinary lives. This day dates back to the 5th century Antioch in Syria when the church dedicated a day to the memory of all those who had been killed for their faith. Until then the church had remembered martyrs on special days of the year, but there became more martyrs than days in the year, and there were some whose names were not known. All Souls: In the New Testament, 'saint' is often used to describe all those who are followers of Christ, the people called to holiness in him. Not just those who were extra-specially good. So does this apply to Christians now? Are all saints? The answer must be yes! So on All Souls day we pray not just for those who have been specially recognised as Saints, but for all of our loved ones. In 1048 Odilo, the Abbot of the Benedictine Monastery at Cluny near Paris instructed his monks to use this day as a day of remembrance and prayer for all the departed, this day was made official in the 14C. God bless, David

**Christmas Fair:** 5<sup>th</sup> Dec is just around the corner! A brief touch base meeting will held after church 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.

**Foodbank:** The current need is: washing powder; toiletries such as toothpaste, deodorant and soap. These can be placed in the offering basket in the church porch.

**Donate to help Persecuted Christians** Please give generously – the giving box for this is on the Welcome Table at the entrance of the church. We will be donating to Barnabas Fund next Sun when Stephanie Dole comes to speak to us

## Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> Oct:

**Apocrypha:** Wisdom 3:1-9

**NT:** Revelation 21:1-4

**Gospel:** John 11:1-44

**Children's Church/Junior Youth:** Fun activities in the Kids Space

**Youth:** Friday's 7pm @ Oaks church – combined churches



## + Prayer Points +

- For Stephanie Dole as she comes to speak to us next Sunday.
- For smooth organizing of the Christmas Fair and for willing hands to help
- If you are unwell, you can receive a brief prayer & anointing with oil during Communion – just let the vicar know at the altar rail. Private confession is also available at the church on Fridays

