



All Saints' weekly email: 2nd Sunday before Advent

Dear Friends

Risk management is one of the current obsessions of church bureaucracy, for reasons that are entirely understandable in the wake of safeguarding failures. Clearly our churches must be safe places for children and vulnerable people, but the fear of getting this wrong has embedded itself so deeply in the institutional psyche that avoidance of risk seems sometimes to crowd out the Gospel itself. The whole trajectory of the Gospel is about risk-taking on God's part and his call to us to be generous in taking risks on his behalf. This Sunday's parable of the Talents is, quite simply, pro-risk. The one who buries what he has been given in order to keep it safe is not commended: he is seen as denying its true value.

The Gospel repeatedly challenges us to ask how we imagine God, and how the way we see God influences our attitudes and behaviour. Is God an exacting master who demands that we return to him exactly what we have been given? Or is God a gambler and an adventurer who hopes that we will trust his promises and enhance what he gives us? The most frequent commandment in the bible is 'do not be afraid'. The American cartoonist Ashleigh Brilliant has a cartoon with two luminous eyes, rounded in terror, peering from the dark enclosure of a stone vault. Underneath, the caption reads: "If you're careful enough, nothing bad or good will ever happen to you." That is the opposite of Christianity. Our faith begins with God who risked his own Son, the investment of God's life.

Once again, I look forward to welcoming you back to the church building as soon as that is allowed.

Fr Michael

Click on the following links for mass on **SUNDAY**:

[Propers for 2nd Sunday before Advent](#)

[YouTube link for live stream](#)

Our monthly [Walsingham Devotion](#) takes place **tomorrow**:

Rosary at **1130** before the Saturday Mass of Our Lady at noon.

Sunday's flowers have been given by **Elaine Norman** in memory of her father **Norman Caplin**, whose anniversary of death falls at this time.



The **Monthly Requiem** is **next Saturday**, 21st November at **12 Noon**.

If you would like people prayed for by name in this month of the Holy Souls please let Fr Michael know by email or phone.

Supporting All Saints

Parish Giving Scheme:

Thank you to all who give in various ways to support the work of All Saints. While we regret that the previous online registration facility for the **Parish Giving Scheme** is no longer available, our Treasurer recommends that this remains our preferred option for giving: it allows contributions to be anonymous and deals with GiftAid, which saves our office a lot of time.

It is no longer possible to register for the scheme online.

There are now two options, for each of which you need the parish code: 230623075.

You can join the scheme either
by phoning 0333 002 1271 and quoting the code
or
by requesting a form from the parish office.

The following link will take you to a page which explains how the scheme works:

www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/how-it-works

Donations for general Church purposes: To give by BACS please use the following details, advising the Administrator to collect Gift Aid:

PCC All Saints (Charity # 1132895)

Sort Code 60-09-15.

A/C # 04559452

Parish Legacy Policy We are always delighted to hear from anyone who wants to support us with a donation. Our PCC Legacy Policy encourages people to leave bequests specifically to one of our two related charities to be used for purposes of lasting value (rather than day to day costs):

All Saints Choir & Music Trust (Charity # 802994) or

The All Saints Foundation (Charity # 273390).



Prayer List

Prisoners and captives: Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, Kylie Moore-Gilbert, Ismaeil Maghrebinejad, Nasrin Satoudeh, Ahmed Almour, Mayshee Eyob. The work of the London Prisons Mission.

The sick:

David Fettke, Joan Cooper, Vallery Tchukov, Sara Vice, Katherine Lee, Chris Gudgeon, Nicky Yeo, Lorna Smith, Beth Klausning, Hilary Porter, Keith Peers, Marg Ferguson, Bruce Ross-Smith, Benjamin Woolf, James Shrimpton, Tony Rodger, Rachel Pereira, Victor Sharp, Fr Michael Gudgeon, Audrey Williams, Chris and Carole Radley, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Simon Little, Ellie Lyon, Rosemary Orr, John Sibbald, Pat Hawkins, Andrew Rodger, Christine Vaughn Lillie, Martin Berka, Ryan Brown.

Those known to us recently departed:

Peter Davey
Dolores King

Anniversaries of death:

15th - Genge Frank Genge *Pr*, Herbert Brackley, Janette Brierly, Cecil Everton
16th - William Foster, Alfred Stephens
17th - Elizabeth Church, Jonathan Walker
18th - Nadine Olivey, Norman Caplin
19th - Clifford Doyle *Pr*, Joan Roberts, Donald Page
20th - Florence Searle, Helen Clayton, Douglas Cudmore, Gwendoline Minnett
21st - Emma Stephens, Jack Harrington, Kingsley Stansfield, David Voy