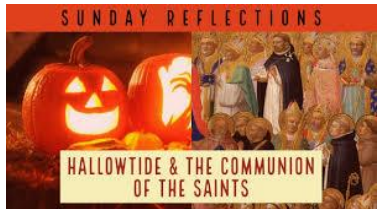




27th October 2024
We extend a warm welcome
to all our members, friends
and visitors



For meditation: Give us a new heart, O God, free enough to live by faith, brave enough to endure
in hope and generous enough to love without limit. El Salvador, source untraced

NEWS AND VIEWS

The last day of October marks the beginning of the three day period known as Halloween when Christians remember the dead. These three days involve All-Hallows Eve, or Hallowe'en, on 31 October, All Saint's Day on 1 November and All Souls' Day on 2 November. The word 'hallow' is an old English word meaning to 'make holy' and All-Hallows refers to all the saints- the holy ones. The latter two festivals recognise and cherish the memory of those who have gone before us; those we never knew, as well as those we knew and loved. In celebrating their memory we can come to know, and be glad, that with us they share in Christ's eternal kingdom

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Gracious God, we come to you today with open hearts and minds, ready to hear your voice and see your glory. Thank you for your presence among us, and for your grace that sustains us. Guide us in our worship and speak to us through your Word and Spirit. Help us to listen to your voice, and to respond with faith and obedience. Help us to see your face, and to reflect your love and compassion. Help us to follow your will, and to serve your purpose. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. © ROOTS for Churches Ltd
With the Circuit we pray for Peasedown St John Methodist Church

LECTIONARY READINGS – 3rd November

Ruth 1: 1-18
Psalm 146
Mark 12: 28 -34
Hebrews 9: 11-14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I will always thank the Lord; I will never stop praising him. I will praise him for what he has done; may all who are oppressed listen and be glad! Proclaim with me the Lord's greatness; let us praise his name together! I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me; he freed me from all my fears. The oppressed look to him and are glad; they will never be disappointed. The helpless call to him, and he answers; he saves them from their troubles. His angel guards those who obey the Lord and rescues them from danger. Find out for yourself how good the Lord is. Happy are those who find safety in him. Psalm 34: 1-8

DIARY

Thursday 31st October
Café + Soup 9.30am – 1.30pm
The soup will be served around 12 noon.
Halloween drop-in 6.00 – 8.00pm
Helpers will be welcome- for set up, and clearing particularly.
Sunday 3rd November
NO service at the church.
Sunday 10th November
Remembrance Sunday 10.45am
Service at the War Memorial.
Refreshments afterwards at Box Methodist

I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea
Come drifting home with broken masts and sails;
I will believe the Hand that never fails,
From seeming evil worketh good for me.
And though I weep because those sails are
Tattered,
Still will I cry, while my best hopes are shattered,
'I trust in thee.'

I will not doubt, though sorrows fall like rain,
And troubles swarm like bees about a hive;
I will believe the heights for which I strive
Are only reached by anguish and by pain;
And though I groan and writhe beneath my
crosses,
I shall see through my severest losses
The greater gain.

I will not doubt. Well anchored in this faith
Like some staunch ship, my soul braves every
Gale;
So strong its courage that it will not quail
To breast the mighty unknown sea of death.
Oh, may I cry, though body parts with spirit,
'I do not doubt', so listening worlds may hear it,
With my last breath.
Anonymous

*I am a man of hope, not for human reasons
nor from any natural optimism, but
because I believe the Holy Spirit is at work
in the church and the world, even when his
name remains unheard. Cardinal Leon Suenens*

