



2nd November 2025



For meditation: *Blessed be God, for the glory of a grace never ending;
for the gift of a love never changing;
for the depth of a peace never failing.*
Isabella Wilson (Methodist Class leader – 1765 – 1807)

NEWS AND VIEWS

Today is All Souls' Day – when we remember and pray for all the dead, especially loved ones. In 1048, Odilo, the Abbot of the Benedictine Monastery at Cluny near Paris, instructed the monks to hold 2 November as a day of remembrance and prayer for 'all the departed'. The day was made an official feast day of the Western church in the fourteenth century. The customs developed differently in the Eastern Church where remembrances were on three separate days is the period before Lent.

The week also brings Guy Fawkes' Day on Wednesday. A day to commemorate the failure of the plot in 1605 by Guido Fawkes, Robert Gatesby, Thomas Winter and others to blow up King James I and his parliament. Expect lots of fireworks displays and bonfires around and about.

FOR PRAYER

On this day we remember all those who have gone before us- for our grandparents, parents, for wives and husbands, for siblings, for children, for aunts and uncles and nephews and nieces. We give thanks that they were part of our life's journey and give special thanks to those who may have been part of our particular journey of faith.

We remember in prayer today the congregation at Paulton .

LECTIONARY READINGS – 9 November

Haggai 1: 15b – 2: 9

Psalm 145: 1-5, 18 -22

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13 -17

Luke 20: 27 -38

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Lord gave me this answer, "Write it down clearly on clay tablets what I reveal to you so that it can be read at a glance. Put it in writing because it is not yet time for it to come true. But the time is coming quickly, and what I show you will come true. It may seem slow in coming, but wait for it; it will certainly take place, and it will not be delayed. And this is the message: 'Those who are evil will not survive, but those who are righteous will live because they are faithful to God.'"

Habbakuk 2: 2-4

DIARY

Thursday 6th November

Café + Soup 9.30 – 1.30pm

The meal (provided by Joy) will be served around 12 noon. All welcome

Sunday 9th November

Remembrance Sunday 10.45am

at the War Memorial (Devizes Road)
with refreshments afterwards at Box Methodist.

'O teach me your ways
and hold up my going in your paths
that my footsteps slip not.'

Your paths are well-trodden.
Along them you and your saints have carried
healing and love
to ordinary men and women where they are.
Teach me to serve them as you serve –
with patience
simplicity
reverence
and love.

Your saints never presumed to grasp at
their spiritual privileges,
or use them to their own advantage:
nor sought extraordinary grace.
They loved to follow you along ordinary
ways.
Help me to love those ways too.

Your spirit is not given that we may escape
life's friction and demands,
but so that we may live the common life
as you would have it lived –
in earth as in heaven.

Evelyn Underhill

*A saint is someone who lets the light shine
through. Anonymous*

