



**25<sup>th</sup> October 2026.**  
We extend a warm welcome to  
Pat Heynes and to our  
members, friends and visitors.



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**For meditation:** *Descend into our hearts, O Spirit of love, and there transform us until we are fire  
Of your fire, love of your love, and Christ himself is formed within us.*  
*Elizabeth of Schönau (c1129 -1164)*

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### **NEWS AND VIEWS**

The clocks have returned to Greenwich Mean Time and this week brings us into November and the beginning of Hallowtide when Christians remember those who have died. The three days involve All-Hallows Eve or Hallowee'en on 31 October, All Saint's Day on 1 November and All Soul's Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The word 'hallow' is an old English word meaning to 'make holy' and All Hallows refers to all the saints – the holy ones. On Saturday the church will host once again the Halloween Drop-in – an event that we share with our Anglican friends. It is an opportunity to open the church and welcome revellers on the 'trick or treat' trail to a warm light space – a refuge from the darkness outside.

### **A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

We pray that our hearts may be so filled with God's love that we are enabled to reach out to all the needy and oppressed not just with words of comfort but with concrete support in every way possible. We pray for all those who are suffering in our own communities and throughout the world, naming those close to us as we witness to the power of God's love to transform the world.

*We are remembering the congregation at Peasedown St John in our prayers this week.*

### **LECTIONARY READINGS** – 1<sup>st</sup> November

Joshua 3: 7 -17                  Psalm 107: 1 -7, 33 -37  
1 Thessalonians 2: 9 -13    Matthew 23: 1 -12

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

'Teacher, (said one of the Pharisees) which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."  
Matthew 22: 36 -40

*The Church is like a great ship pounded by the waves of life's various stresses. Our job is not to abandon ship, but to keep it on its course. Boniface of Crediton*

### **DIARY**

#### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Church Council meeting**                  1.45pm

All are welcome to attend

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**Café**                                          9.30 – 12 noon

All welcome.

#### **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Halloween Drop-in**                  6.00 – 8.00pm

Helpers needed – speak to Tony

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

There will be NO service at the church

#### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**Remembrance Sunday**                  10.45am

'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 for 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

