

Victor Harbor Anglican

The Feast of All Saints Sunday, November 4th 2018

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven".
- The Gospel according to Saint Matthew*

Welcome to Church This Morning!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning. If you are visiting today, an especially warm welcome to you. We pray that your time in Victor Harbor is a joyful one. If you need assistance please speak to one of our welcomers. You are invited to join us in the Hall for morning tea following our service!

Today's Readings

Revelation 7.2-14

Psalm 24.1-6

1 John 3.1-3

Matthew 5.1-12

The Collect for Today

*Let us pray that we may be strengthened
by our communion with all the Saints.*

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From the Deacon's Desk

Good morning and welcome to our worship here this morning, as we give thanks to God for our brothers and sisters of the faith, the great cloud of witnesses, today on this Feast of All Saints,

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, or Halloween, is a Christian celebration in honour of all the saints from Christian history. The Christian festival of All Saints' Day comes from a conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth. In Catholic tradition, the holiday honours all those who have passed on to the Kingdom of Heaven.

All Saints Day annually reminds us of our connectedness as Christians.

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us "since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. "

Saints are the spiritual superheroes of the Church.

The glorious communion of saints provides us with access to a massive list of prayer partners who pray with us and pray for us. The list includes the official "greats" of our church history.

It also includes family and friends whose holiness and love directly touched and enriched our lives. Many of us have our own favourite saints we relate to and who inspire us. We need these heavenly models of holiness. We also need earthly models of holiness.

Saints are all around us, women and men whose generous spirit reflects the Gospel call to love and serve God and others. Some do it by making the ordinary holy through a spirit of simplicity and humility. Some do it by showing extraordinary courage in sickness and adversity. Some do it by railing against injustice and working to bring equality and dignity to all.

We join our prayers this morning with Saint Augustine, Saint Monica, and all the Saints praying that we too might look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

God bless, Deacon Jesse x

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Diary Dates

Monday 5th

10am: Happy Stitchers

Tuesday 6th

9 am: Cards & Cuppa

10 am: Manual

1 pm: SARM

Wednesday 7th

10 am: Chapel

Friday 9th

3.30pm: Choir Practice

*If there are changes to the
Diary Dates or Prayer requests
please contact*

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Join us next Sunday

Trinity 24

1 Kings 17.8-16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9.24-28

Mark 12.38-44

Notices

End of Year Church Luncheon: Wednesday November 21st at 12 noon in the Hall. Please support the Church. Purchase your ticket by November 11th, \$20 pp for a chicken and salad lunch; Christmas pudding and fruit salad for dessert! **We need to know numbers for catering. Tickets can be purchased from Merlene.**

South Coast Christian Community Care Office: Thank you for your ongoing support. The pantry is short of Tins of Spaghetti and Baked Beans, Vegemite and Jams, Tins of mixed vegetables, and 'stew' type meals, rice and sugar would also be appreciated. Donations of cash also greatly appreciated. Please pray for our work, for the people we meet, and that we might be able to share the good news of Jesus.

All Souls—Commemoration of the Faithful Departed: Thank you to all who joined us for this service on Friday evening, as we remembered with great love all those who have died. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to gather in hope, faith and love, to pray and to light a candle for our loved ones on their journey home to our Heavenly Father.

“Thank you sincerely to our friends at Saint Augustine’s for all your prayers, good wishes and help to Geoff and myself during my time of illness. I am finally on the mend. May God bless you all, Marie.”

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Heavenly Father, we bring our prayers before you...

We pray for your one, holy, catholic and apostolic church spread throughout the world, this Diocese of The Murray, the Bishop's Election Committee and especially for: Our shepherd, Bishop John Ford and his wife Bridget; and we pray for the work of AnglicareSA in the Adelaide Hills and Southern Suburbs.

We pray for our great nation of Australia, the Commonwealth in which we share, and for: The Right Reverend Garry Weatherill, Bishop of Ballarat

We pray for our Church Family, and in particular for: Liz & Peter Ormsby, Deacon Jesse Poole, Margaret Paull, Karen Paxton and for Saint Monica's Fellowship, all office bearers and members and the Happy Stitchers.

We pray, too, with our brothers and sisters in Residential Care: Peggy Laube, Joyce Haythorpe, Pauline Norton, Ross Reid, and Ted & Hannah Cutten.

And ask for the Healing Hand of Christ upon: Deidre McFaul; Michelle Milnes; Don Snow; Bev & Alan Thompson; Will, Chris & John Rye; John & Lyn; Kirsty; Maxine & family; Michelle; Father Peter; Laurie; Marie; Laura and Val; Andrew; Iris and Jim; and Jill M.

All these, and the secret prayers of our heart, we bring before you through the power of the Spirit, in Jesus' most precious name. Amen.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry: We pray for their work in the wider church. May they spread the love of Jesus to all. *Anglican Board of Mission*

Kununurra: Pray for the opportunities for members of Saint James' to share the good news and love of Jesus with boldness. *Bush Church Aid Society.*

Spain: Pray that God would reveal himself to Spanish people who claim to believe in God but don't know Jesus. *Church Missionary Society*

Chaplains deployed on military operations and at sea: Please pray for opportunities for them to share the gospel and for hearts and minds to be open as they do so.

Defence Anglicans

We remember with great love, and pray for the repose of the souls of...

Lindsay John Savige	November 4th 2010
Robin Stevens	November 7th 2012
Neil Raymond Finlay	November 8th 2012
Pat Briton-Jones	November 9th 2012
Frances Mowbray Thompson	November 11th 2006