The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to All Saints' Day – a day to look back and be inspired by the example of saints of old; to look forward to the day when we will be reunited in glory; and to look around as we hear the call afresh to live as saints – God's people on earth.

Rev Lin's sermon takes us on a journey through these themes, and comes in two parts, responding to each of our two readings:

Readings: Revelation 7: 9-17 Matthew 5: 1-12

Collect: *God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age:*
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The intercessions are from Roy Hancox. Our morning services are Holy Communion at 9.30 at Good Shepherd, and Morning Prayer at 11.00 at Christ Church.

At 4.00 in the afternoon, you can join in the **Annual Memorial Service** on the website, Facebook pages or YouTube channel. Those who receive a weekly DVD have it included as a second track. I do encourage all who can to share in this service in solidarity with those who have lost loved ones over the past year, or at least to light a candle as they are lit in the service (which will be a bout 4.30). I have enclosed with the mailing a prayer card to use at the same time.

Next week, 8 November, is **Remembrance Sunday**. Services in both churches will be at **10.30am** to incorporate an Act of Remembrance.

We're still looking for more volunteer singers to record their voices for the online carol service. If you don't have equipment at home, recording in church can be arranged. Speak to Russell Taylor or Steph Hemming.

I am pleased to let you know Rosemary Malpas has successfully completed her intensive course of chemo and radiotherapy. Inevitably it's resulted in the loss of hair, but she's turned this into an opportunity to raise funds for Compton Care where she has been a volunteer for 15 years. She's inviting people to sponsor her hair as it grows back. If you'd like to support her, the link is: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rosemary-malpas?newPage=True

Whatever challenges you face this week, at All Saints-tide especially, remember there is a great cloud of witnesses, who have been through it all, cheering you on every day. God bless you this week and always.

Phil