

ST PETER AT GOWTS CHURCH

NOVEMBER 4TH 2018

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

10AM SUNG EUCHARIST AND BAPTISM

Readings

First reading; Isaiah ch25 v 6-9

Second Reading; Revelations ch 21 v 1-6

Gospel; John ch11v 32-44

Hymns

Introit; **EH 197 omit v 3,4,5**
For all the saints

Gradual; **EH 396**
Let saints on earth

Offertory; **EH 231 omit v 3,4**
Who are these like stars appearing

Communion; **EH298**
May the grace of Christ my saviour

Post Communion **EH 478**
Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Collect

O almighty God,
who hast knit together thine elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of thy Son Christ
our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow thy blessed
saints in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible
joys which thou hast prepared for
them that unfeignedly love thee;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Please pray for;

the sick; Fred Bowskill, Kathy Cullimore, Pam Goodman, Elizabeth Graham, Joy Gray, Mandy North, Mary Rose, Stuart Rose, Tim Wheeldon.

Years Mind; —

- Emily and her parents and godparents on her special day
- English saints and martyrs. (8th)
- For immigrants travelling towards America
- For safety at firework displays (5th).
- For those with pancreatic cancer. (awareness month)
- For those who suffer from stress. (awareness week)

Priest in charge:

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Events this week

6th	Tuesday	10am	Women's social group	church hall
7th	Wednesday	10am	Keep fit	church hall
8th	Thursday	1.15pm	Prayer shawl meeting	Central Methodist

11th Sunday 10am Sung Eucharist and Remembrance church

Dec 1st Saturday 10—3 Christmas craft and gift fair Church Hall

Regular monthly events

1st Thursday	2pm	Women's Fellowship	church hall
1st Saturday	10am	Coffee Morning	church hall
3rd Monday	7pm	CAMEO (social games evening)	church hall

REMINDERS

1. **Rotary shoe boxes** should be returned by the 11th November, each with £2 attached.

'...they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid...' (Micah 4:3b,4a, NRSV).

These are words which speak of a future hope, a world at peace, a real peace, and not just the absence of conflict, a sense of wellbeing, of living in harmony with the world we've been given to share, of wanting the best for those we've been given to share that world with.

Words I was reminded of recently in conversation with a Russian Second Lieutenant on one of the ships at Immingham Docks, as he spoke in broken English of what he saw as the natural desire of all peoples to live like that – and his frustration at what he saw as the leaders of the nations, his own included, in failing to be able to achieve that.

And they are good words as we remember this month the ending of the Great War, the world's first example of what became known as 'total war'. 'It'll all be over by Christmas' the British Army were told – 1,568 days later, 888,246 British lives were lost. Nine to 15 million lives lost in total. Sixty-five million men from 30 countries involved. The 'war to end all wars' was what was hoped for then.

As Christians we know that ultimately the challenge of peace is not one of political solutions, important as they may be, but one of dealing with the human heart.

That is actually what the passage in Micah looks forward to. A time when all men and women look to the *'mountain of the Lord, the house of the God of Jacob'* and have their hearts and minds transformed by him, which then brings in that universal peace, which we all long to live in.

That's the ultimate vision, the ultimate hope – but until then, being peacekeepers, peacemakers in the different places we find ourselves in is something each of us is called to do, and something our world still desperately needs.

With every blessing, Bishop David