

# **Lambourn Valley Benefice November 1st**

## **Readings and Collects. All Saints' Day incorporating All Souls' Day.**

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Please pray for

- those who are remembering their loved ones
- those who are suffering the effects of conflict
- The British Legion
- peace in our world
- the building work in East Garston and the fund raising involved

We give you thanks, Lord, for the blessings you pour out upon us. Give us wisdom to recognise when we are blessed, open hearts to receive these blessings, gratitude to rejoice in them and generosity to pass them on to others Amen.

**Those in need:** Charmaine Pike, Rosemary Blake, Pauline Ilott, Ann Price, Kim, Dennis Allsopp, Pam Pedder, George Kendall

**The Departed** Beryl Seely, Ethel Colbourne

### **Readings**

All Saints' Day  
Revelation 7.9-end  
Psalm 34.1-10  
1 John 3.1-3  
Matthew 5.1-12

All Souls' Day  
Wisdom 3:1-9  
Psalm 23  
John 6:37-40

### **Collect**

#### **All Saints' Day**

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.

#### **All Souls' Day**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of  
the saints:  
grant to us the same faith and power of love,  
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,  
we may be sustained by their example and  
fellowship;  
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.

### **Post Communion Collect**

#### **All Saints' Day**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good  
things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **All Souls' Day**

Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us near to an  
company of angels and to the  
spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## A prayer for times of isolation

'For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8:38-39)

God of heaven and earth, in these times of isolation,  
apart from loved ones, distant from friends, away from neighbours  
thank you that there is nothing in all of creation, not even coronavirus,  
that is able to separate us from your love.

And may your love that never fails continue to be shared through the kindness of  
strangers

looking out for each other, for neighbours near and far all recognising our shared  
vulnerability,

each of us grateful for every breath, and willing everyone to know the gift of a full  
and healthy life.

Keep us all in your care.

Amen.