



Crucis



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*Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.*

Galatians 6:14

Message from Fr Andrew Murphy

... I looked, and the Temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened (Rev. 5:15)

Thanks be to God that we have now been able to open once more the church for services on the past two Sundays and been able to attend a celebration of Mass albeit with some Covid restrictions on the liturgy and worship. The Wardens and other helpers have to be praised for all their efforts in making the church secure and safe as can be from the pandemic around us.

The Temple in Jerusalem, we learn from Scripture, was either closed or destroyed at various times over the centuries. But, was repeatedly rebuilt and reopened. We learn from the book of Chronicles (2 Chron. 29:3) that King Hezekiah was quick as he was able to have the temple re-opened and sanitised after it had been shut for a while ... sound familiar?

Owing to the enforced closure, we not only missed Holy week and the main Christian festival of Easter, also too the Ascension, Trinity, Pentecost, Corpus Christi and the Assumption of Our Lady were wiped off our Calendar. We were however able to open in time to celebrate Holy Cross day, our patronal festival, and bit by bit our worship is becoming a bit more 'normal' as can be.

Apart from the major festivals, solemnities and memorials, we have all sorely missed the Sanctoral cycle – with the feasts and festivals of the Saints of the Church because we have not been able to find it practicable to open the church for worship during the week with all the extra safety measures we would have to engage in. Even since Sunday 20th September when we reopened, we have missed some 'big hitters' like



St Matthew, St Wenceslaus (so look out, Christmas sadly won't be quite the same this year), St Michael the Archangel, St Jerome, the Holy Guardian Angels and St Theresa of Lisieux. Although we have missed their memorials, remember that whether we can make it just now to the church, the Saints in heaven continue to pray for us. As St Bernard said "If we think of the Saints and venerate them, it serves *us*, not them. They inspire a longing to enjoy their company, to share in the citizenship of heaven and to dwell with the spirits of the Blessed and be united in happiness with them." May Our Lady and all holy men and women, the Saints of God pray for us in the difficult weeks and months which may lie ahead and may St Michael and the Holy angels keep guard over us.

Blessings, Rev. Andrew Murphy

Evelyn Rodger

We are deeply sorry to announce the death of Evelyn Rodger on 23rd September, 2020. The funeral will be held by the Rev. Canon Joseph Morrow at the crematorium. *Requiescat in pace.*

Saints' and special days this month

(For 18th October) *O Lord God, who dost look with compassion on all the needs of men: Grant thy grace to all whom thou hast called, like Luke the beloved physician, to be sharers in thine own work of healing; that they may learn their art in dependence on thee, and exercise it always under thy sanction and for thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Thurs, 1 Oct., St Gregory the Enlightener, Bp & Miss.
Sunday, 4 Oct., St Francis of Assisi, Deacon and Friar*
Thursday, 8 Oct., Alexander Penrose Forbes, Bp
Sunday, 11 October, St Kenneth, Abbot*
Monday, 12 October, Elizabeth Fry, Reformer
Thursday, 15 October, St Teresa of Avila, Teacher
Saturday, 17 Oct., St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp & M.

S. LUKE
A doctor, probably
also an artist



Sunday, 18 October, St Luke, Evangelist

Monday, 19 October, Henry Martyn, Pr. & Miss.
Friday, 23 October, St James of Jerusalem, Martyr
Wednesday, 28 Oct., Ss. Simon and Jude, Aps.
Thursday, 29 Oct., James Hannington, Bp, & Comp., M.
(*Sunday celebrations supersede minor saints' days.)

(Apologies for the three mistakes in dates I made last month. Did anyone spot them? /MA)

Vestry

The Vestry met on 16th September by Zoom and discussed issues around the church reopening, cleaning of the Rectory and church, and various repairs to the buildings. The congregational and new Rector profiles continue to be worked on. Regrettably, this year's AGM will have to be postponed until after the Covid-19 restrictions on

numbers of people in meetings have ended as it is unlikely we can get enough people on a Zoom session to be quorate. Any essential AGM business will be fulfilled by the Vestry members in the meantime.

M. Andrews

All Souls

We intend to hold a service at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 2nd November for All Souls at which we will remember many of those known to us who have died over the years. During this month we shall be compiling a list, as we have done in previous years, but this year the list will be filled in by our Welcome Team. Please tell us any names you wish to be included when you come to the church, or alternatively telephone or e-mail them to us at any time during October. If more than 6 people wish to attend the service it shall be held in the main body of the church rather than in the Lady Chapel.

Food Cupboard

Our food bag handout continues on Sunday afternoons from the church gate, and is now being held from 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Numbers started out lower than before the lockdown but are rising again as the word gets around. We are most grateful for the generosity of the individuals and organisations who continue to support this important ministry and, of course, thanks to William and Richard for all their hard work.

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