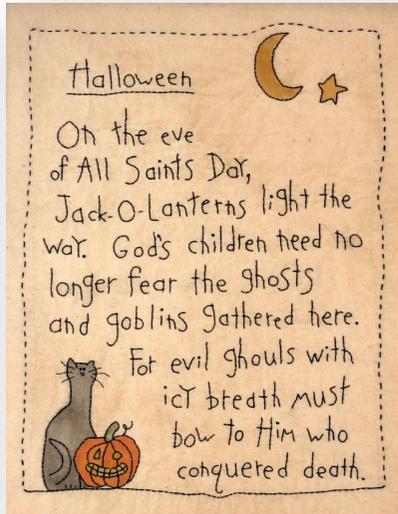


Three tips for the Halloween Season



Don't be turned off by the ghoulish-ness Every great cathedral has gargoyles carved into its stone work. Illuminated manuscripts are also full of ghouls in the margins. Lots of Christians are into this kind of stuff. Why? **Because Christ has conquered death and the devil. After Christ, death has lost its sting**

Be holy. If you persevere in the love and grace of God, you too shall be a capital "S" Saint. The whole point of "All Hallows" is to remind us to be "hallowed" or "sanctified". Most of us won't have our own particular feast day and so All Saints Day will be our feast day. It is the feast day for most of the Church's saints, those who lived peaceably, followed Christ, loved their families, accomplished their duties in life and passed on to the next life.

May their prayers be with us.

Visit the graves or memory sites of your loved ones. The point of this festival is to remember our loved ones and to pray for those who have died marked with the sign of faith. **Death is not the last word. Christ has overcome death by His own sorrowful passion and death through the resurrection.** That is the source of our hope and strength of all the saints. From: [Top 10 Christian Halloween Ideas - Taylor Marshall](#)



Remembrance Friday 4th November @10am
There is a list at the back for you to write the names of loved ones who have died and would like remembered. We will read the names and place them on the altar during our Friday service.

Children's Church Sunday 9am

This Sunday in church we will be talking about how Jesus tells the grumbling grown ups that children can have important words for adults to hear and can tell us amazing things about God's love.



30th October 2022
7.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST
9.00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

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'From the mouths of children and babies
I'll furnish a place of praise'

Matthew 21:14

Children Are . . .



Amazing, cherish them.

Believable, trust them.

Childlike, let them.

Divine, respect them.

Energetic, nourish them.

Fallible, embrace them.

Gifts, unwrap them.

Here Now, be with them.

Innocent, delight in them.

Joyful, appreciate them.

Kindhearted, join them.

Loveable, love them.

Magical, fly with them.

Noble, esteem them.

Open-minded, hear them.

Precious, treasure them.

Questioners, encourage them.

Resourceful, support them.

Spontaneous, enjoy them.

Talented, believe in them.

Unique, affirm them.

Vulnerable, protect them.

Whole, recognize them.

Xtra Special, celebrate them.

Yearning, notice them.

Zany, laugh with them.

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READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY.

Today salvation has come to this house, for the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

Luke 19.10

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Merciful God, righteous Judge of all, who sent Jesus among us to seek and to save those who are lost: grant that we may eagerly seek the Saviour, and joyfully welcome him into our homes and lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: MATTHEW 21:12-14 ROBERT BLAND JAMES SWANSON

Jesus went straight to the Temple and threw out everyone who had set up shop, buying and selling. He kicked over the tables of loan sharks and the stalls of dove merchants. He quoted this text:

'My house was designated a house of prayer;
You have made it a hangout for thieves.'

Now there was room for the blind and crippled to get in. They came to Jesus and he healed them. When the religious leaders saw the outrageous things he was doing, and heard all the children running and shouting through the Temple, "Hosanna to David's Son!" they were up in arms and took him to task. "Do you hear what these children are saying?" Jesus said, "Yes, I hear them. And haven't you read in God's Word, 'From the mouths of children and babies I'll furnish a place of praise?'"

PSALM 119.137-144

137. Righteous are you, Lord God:

and just are your judgements;

**138. The commands that you have commanded:
are exceedingly righteous and true.**

139. Zeal and indignation have choked my mouth:
because my enemies have forgotten your words.

**140. Your word has been tried in the fire:
and therefore your servant loves it.**

141. I am small and of no account:
but I have not forgotten your precepts.

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THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

FRIDAY	4th	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	6th	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist & Children's Church

ROSTERED DUTIES 6/11	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Roslyn	Howard & Roland
MUSIC	Robert	Wendy
READERS	Roslyn & Margaret	Rachel & Roland
INTERCESSOR	Linda M	Tony
MORNING TEA	Dianne	
WELCOMERS	Bob & Glenda	Tony
AUDIOVISUAL	TBC	TBC
FLOWERS Kerry	CHURCH CLEANING	Barbara

COVID: MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING, HAND SANITISING AND MINIMISE ANY PERSONAL CONTACT.

Priest-in-Charge

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**142. Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness:
and your law is the truth.**

143. Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me:
but your commandments are my delight.

**144. The righteousness of your commands is everlasting:
O give me understanding, and I shall live.**

SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 1.1-4, 1.11-12 ANN WINFIELD DONOVAN SPARKS
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 19.1-10 **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, *'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.'* So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, *'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.'* Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, *'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.'* Then Jesus said to him, *'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'*

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

In Memory

October 31st–November 6th

Ester Grace Phillipps (1973)
John Joseph Clive Salter (2011)
Kathleen Rose Fletcher (1962)

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

◇ Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

In The Diocese:

◇ The Parish of Samford: Robert Paget

◇ Anglicare SQ Community Aged & Disability, South Coast

Locally:

We pray for...

- ◇ **Our Peace, Justice, Reconciliation, Outreach and Creation Care Group.** May it be a seed of loving service and a reminder of our call to serve you both in the sanctuary of our church and in the world you loved so much.
- ◇ **Rev Dr Linda Hamill, Interim Minister, Bulimba Uniting Church** as she leads our friends, prepares for Christmas and Advent and helps prepare them for the next permanent minister.
- ◇ **Those approaching the end of life and those who care for them.** We give thanks for the gentle hands of palliative care nurses, hospice staff and friends and families who help ease the transition to new life in Christ.

Pray for those in need: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Gloria, Kerry, Joseph, Douglas, Nancy, Peter, Graham and Pat, Helena, Daniel, Michael, Ruth, Williamson Family, Rev Helen Phillips.

CAKE STALL—Last week's cake stall raised \$905.00. The Christmas Cake Stall is on 27th November.

A Prayer for a Holy All Hallows Eve.

Lord of Light, we thank you for life. We thank you for those who have lived with us and now because of your goodness live in a new way in a new place. This is a season of remembrance, but because of the victory of Jesus over death, it is not a season for fear or despair.

We have hope, because of Jesus' resurrection that we too will live forever. That fact of faith allows us to rest here and now and enjoy our moments with you here while we have them here. After all, we have forever to enjoy the rest! Remove fear of death in our lives and lead us to trust you for every moment. **Amen**

Out of the mouths of Babes...

Last week I shared 6 of 12 thoughts from the article [12 Reasons to Welcome Kids in Church + Tips for Actually Doing It - Sacraparental](#)

I was particularly taken with the questions it raises for us about we might build on the great foundations we already have here at St John's and how we might be a bit clearer about our expectations of the 9am service. While all might not agree, I hope the questions stimulated some thoughts and hopefully conversation. Here's the other 6 reasons...



Reason 7. KIDS HAVE LOTS TO OFFER

When you welcome kids, they are able to contribute their time and skills

Reason 8. IT MAKES US STRONGER

When we welcome kids in church, we strengthen relationships across generations

Reason 9. IT CAN IMPROVE PREACHING

When we include children in church, our preachers are prompted to do a better job for everyone

Reason 10. ADULTS DON'T MISS OUT

When kids are part of the church service, adults don't have to miss out to lead or attend kids' programmes

REASON 11. WHEN WE INCLUDE PEOPLE FROM VERY YOUNG, THEY DON'T HAVE A JOLTING TRANSITION IN ADOLESCENCE

When you're all in together, there's no big, wide door out of the church at age 12, 14, or whenever the kids' programmes run out and young people are expected to (but often don't) join the adult congregation.

REASON 12. WHEN WE WELCOME KIDS IN CHURCH, WE DEMONSTRATE HOW WELCOME EVERYONE IS

The all-age approach communicates a special kind of welcome. When parents know that kids are meant to be there, that church is a kid-space as well as an adult-space, everyone relaxes a bit.

What do you think? I look forward to sharing a little more about this and asking a few of the questions this week.

I'd love a chat about this but straight after church is not a great time. Let's make a date for a cuppa or a meal A good thing for any reason really!!

Andrew

Advent and Christmas Preparation

It seems too soon, but its time to start preparing for our Advent and Christmas events. How about putting these dates in your diary now.

Sunday 27th November "Light up Bulimba" Christmas Carols and Lights.

Starts 6.30 at Bulimba Uniting Church and onto St John's at 7.20 until 8pm

Friday 2nd December CHRISTMAS UP LATE (See below)

Sunday 18th December Regis Christmas Service

With Bulimba Churches Together time TBC

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

Family Christmas Service 6pm,

Midnight Christmas Service 11.30 pm

Sunday 25th December

7.30 Traditional Christmas Eucharist

9.00am Family Christmas Eucharist



We will need to start putting up the lights but the church needs a wash first. Anyone with a pressure cleaner and a few hours?

Volunteers needed!

CHRISTMAS UP LATE Friday 2nd December 5-8pm

This event is organised by the Oxford Street Business Association, who have booked the Maheno Room for Christmas photos with Saint Nicholas (Ok... Santa).



We want to capitalize on the heavy foot traffic past our door with some fundraising of our own... the Christmas Raffle, a biscuit and craft stall, a sausage sizzle, Christmas organ music... any other thoughts?

Audio Visual Operators.



Our new AV system seems to be de-bugged and up and running. It's great and easy to use from the planning and presiding side of things but will work best with a **rostered clicker** each service. It's easy but needs concentration. Could you assist as part of a team? If we get enough volunteers, it should only be once a month or so. **Sign up sheet indicating your preferred service and availability at the back of the church or by emailing Sarah at the parish office.**