



St John the Evangelist

Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh
A community of welcome in the Borders

3rd November 2024

All Saints' Sunday

10.00 EUCHARIST

*Celebrant: **Revd. Andi Hofbauer***

Hymn 197

For all the saints (verses 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8)

PREPARATION

(page 1, blue service book)

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: grant that we may attain, with all your saints, the whole measure of the fullness of Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(page 4, blue service book)

Reading:

Isaiah 25:6 – 9

(p. 679, pew Bible)

Psalms 24

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God.

Hymn 377

Immortal, invisible

Gospel:

John 11:32 – 44

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Peace

Hymn 381 Jerusalem the golden

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

(page 7, blue service book)

At Communion: *there is hand gel on the way to the altar rail for those who wish to handle the chalice themselves. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine).*

Prayer after We use prayer (b) on page 30:

Communion **“Father of all, we give you thanks ...**

Hymn 231 Who are these like stars appearing?

Blessing and Dismissal

We pray especially today for
Grace Lancaster and Linda Grant

Dear Friends and people of God,

Today we celebrate All Saints Sunday, a celebration of the all the saints of God set aside in the church’s calendar. And what we celebrate when we celebrate ‘all the saints’ is not superhuman faith and miraculous powers, the gifts of a select few. What we celebrate is God’s ability to use flawed people to do divine things.

We celebrate all on whom God has acted in baptism, sealing them, as Ephesians says, with the mark of the promised Holy Spirit. We celebrate the fact that God creates faith in God’s people, and that those people, through ordinary acts of love, bring the Kingdom of Heaven closer to Earth. We celebrate that together with Christians throughout time and space, through the ages which have been and the ages which are yet to come, that together, we are the Body of Christ.

In Christ, my friends, there are no strangers, in Christ there is no 'us' and 'them'. In Christ there are no outcasts, no 'others' whom we can ignore, reject or despise. In Christ we are kin. In Christ we are sisters and brothers. Connected to so many. Connected to so much faith. Connected to so many stories. Connected to so much divine love.

So, my friends, today we remember all the deeply faithful and deeply flawed saints of God's church through whom the glory of God has been revealed, is being revealed, and will be revealed as long as this earth remains.

And let us remember: saintly acts are always just really simple acts of love – our calling, too, people of God, as saints in training, ransomed, healed, beloved, called from glory into glory, that is what we celebrate: that God creates faith in God's people, in us, and that those people, we, through ordinary acts of love, bring the Kingdom of Heaven closer to Earth.

With all my love and prayers: Andi

Priest-in-Charge

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at the end of the downstairs corridor.

Our welcomers have the key to the front door.

Coming up:

All Souls Evensong this evening at 6.30pm at Holy Trinity, Melrose, including a devotional performance of Fauré's Requiem.

Advent Study Group starts on Thursday 28th November after midweek communion (for four weekly sessions).

The sessions will focus on the four songs of the Christmas story: Zechariah's song (the Benedictus), Mary's song (Magnificat), the song of the angels (Gloria in Excelsis) and Simeon's song (Nunc Dimittis).

Advent Carol Service at Holy Trinity, Melrose on Sunday 1st December.

AGM after Eucharist on Sunday 15th December.

Christmas Carol Service at St. John's in conjunction with Jedburgh Rotary on Sunday 22nd December at 3.00pm.

