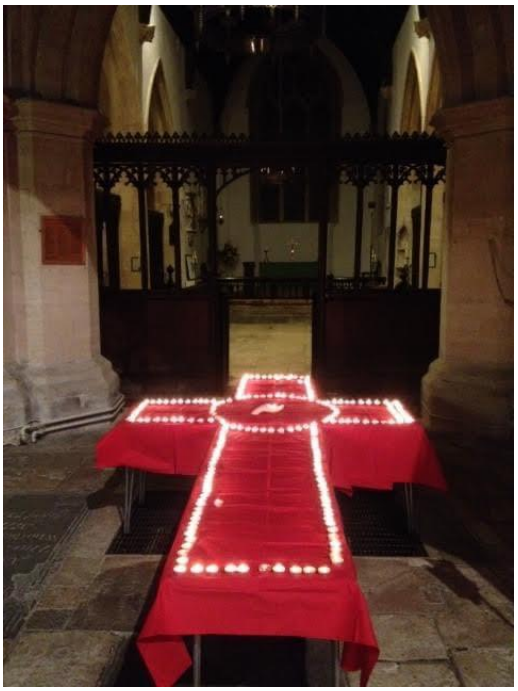
ALL SOULS DAY THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE



Welcome to this service for All Souls Tide.

During the service the names of those we are specially remembering will be read aloud.
If you wish us to pray aloud for someone please write their name clearly on the list at the entrance to the church at the beginning of the service.

If you have brought a single flower, please hold on to it to start with. If you need a flower, there are spare ones for your use at the back of church.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
And also with you.

HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of Life I'll walk
Till traveling days are done.

Horatius Bonar, 1846

Isaiah 61.3 *God's Promise to all who Mourn*

To all who mourn in Israel,
he will give beauty for ashes,
Joy instead of mourning,
Praise instead of despair.
For the Lord has planted them
Like strong and graceful oaks
For his own glory.

THE ARRANGING OF FLOWERS

You are invited to come forward and place your flower in an empty flower arrangement wherever it feels right for you to put it. If you have forgotten to bring a flower don't worry, there are spare flowers near the entrance door – just help yourself.



Music during the arranging: 'Jesus I Need You' (Hillsong)
Hope be my anthem
Lord when the world has fallen quiet
You stand beside me
Give me a song in the night

And Jesus I need You
Every moment I need You
Hear now this grace bought heart sing out
Your praise forever

Beauty for ashes
You find the weak and contrite heart
Shoulder its burdens
You carry it into the light

And Jesus I need You
Every moment I need You
Hear now this grace bought heart sing out
Your praise forever

And Jesus I need You
Every moment I need You
Hear now this grace bought heart sing out
Your praise forever

Remember love
Remember mercy
Christ before me
Christ behind me
Your loving kindness
Has never failed me
Christ before me
Christ behind me

REFLECTION: *Beauty for Ashes*

BLESSING FOR THE BROKEN-HEARTED

Let us agree
for now
that we will not say
the breaking
makes us stronger
or that it is better
to have this pain
than to have done
without this love.

Let us promise
we will not
tell ourselves
time will heal
the wound,
when every day
our waking
opens it anew.

Perhaps for now
it can be enough
to simply marvel
at the mystery
of how a heart
so broken
can go on beating,
as if it were made
for precisely this—

as if it knows
the only cure for love
is more of it,

as if it sees
the heart’s sole remedy
for breaking
is to love still,

as if it trusts
that its own
persistent pulse
is the rhythm
of a blessing
we cannot
begin to fathom
but will save us
nonetheless.

—Jan Richardson

THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES

You are invited to come forward and light a candle, the light of which reminds us of the new life through Easter resurrection.



Verses from Psalm 46 *God's Faithfulness & Protection*

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Please stay seated as we sing quietly

HYMN:

Be still and know that I am God. (3 times)

I am the Lord that healeth thee. (3 times)

In thee O lord I put my trust. (3 times)

Be still and know that I am God. (3 times)

HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane & the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

J Struther 1901-1953

POEM: Those we Love *author unknown*

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Stil loved, still missed, and very dear.
Wishing us hope in the midst of sorrow,
Offering comfort in the midst of pain,
Both today and tomorrow.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
The Book of Remembrance is brought forward and we remember by name all those who are dear to us.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us risen Lord,
Our resurrection and our life.

As we remember by name.....

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the Kingdom,
The power and the glory
For ever and ever,
Amen.

HYMN

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a child like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

THE BLESSING

To God's gracious mercy and protection
we commit you.
The Lord bless you and watch over you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look kindly upon you and give you his peace.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you
This night and ever more
Amen.

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you
And also with you

If you would like to, please do stay refreshments which are available now at the back of the church.

The Clergy and members of the pastoral visiting team are here to talk to if you would like.

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After the funeral, church support doesn't go away.

The Pastoral Visiting Team

We have a small team who visit people in their own home. They offer support and a listening ear and have had some training in pastoral care, though they are not fully trained bereavement counsellors.

Sometimes it's hard to talk to family as we don't want to burden them; it may actually be easier with someone you know less well over a friendly cup of tea.



Sometimes it is important to talk with a **trained bereavement counsellor.**

We can refer you to the trained, qualified and experienced counsellors of *Cherwell Counselling* who offer low cost support in Kidlington.

Remembering at Christmas

Each year we offer this service at All Souls Tide, but we know that Christmas is the main time of year when we really miss our loved ones.

'Presence and Absence'



is a simple service to remember those we love who aren't with us at Christmas. Around the Christmas tree we sing carols, give thanks, and remember with candles and messages on the tree.

5.30pm on Sunday 6th Dec.

You and your family and friends are very welcome. Do Come.

We hope you have felt welcomed today and found the service helpful.

St Mary's is open for you to use every day of the year in daylight hours – Please feel free to come in, sit quietly, light a candle, read, pray, think....

And if you would like to join us for worship our regular services are at:

Sunday 8 am - Said Communion – a quiet service in traditional language

Sunday 10 am - Sung Communion usually with choir (3rd Sunday our more creative monthly service, 'Open Space')

Wednesday 10am – Said Communion – a small friendly service

Choral evensong is 5.30pm the 3rd Sunday of the month

Please do check the web site if you are dropping in - just in case we are doing something different that week. (eg: every 8 weeks we gather at St John's instead of St Mary's)

A Prayer:

We give them back to thee, dear Lord,

who gavest them to us;
Yet as thou dost not lose them in giving,

so we have not lost them by their return.
Not as the world giveth, givest thou,

O Lover of Souls.
What thou gavest, thou takest not away,
For what is thine is ours also if we are thine.
And Life is eternal and Love is immortal,

and death is only an horizon,

and an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.
Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further;
Cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly;
Draw us closer to thyself so that we may know ourselves to be nearer to our loved ones who are with thee.
And while thou dost prepare a place for us, prepare us also for that happy place, that where thou art we may be also for evermore.

Prayer used by Fr Bede Jarrett, O.P.

Written by William Penn (1644 – 1718)

This page can be torn off and posted in the 'Communications Box' on the entry table.

Your name……

phone number……

Email address……..

Home address……

☐ I would like someone from the pastoral visiting group to visit me at home

☐ I would like to talk to a bereavement counsellor

☐ I would like to know more about the church

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