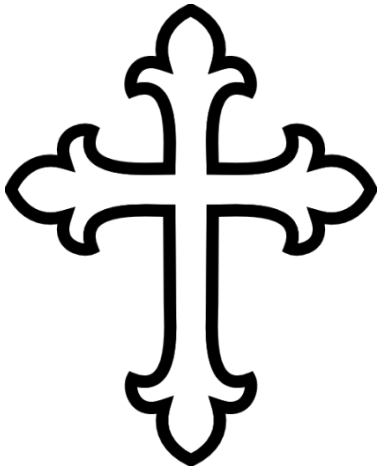
All Souls Day Remembrance Service

1st November 2026



Welcome to this time of reflection and remembrance. We pray that the opportunity to remember and give thanks for your loved ones, in the company of others, will be a blessing to you.

The church will remain open after the service if you would like to stay for a little longer.

If you would like to talk or pray with someone, either now or over the coming days, please speak to Patrick, Janet or one of the ASK team.

Music is played before the service starts
Laudate Dominum – Mozart
(Vikingur Olafsson – piano)

Welcome and Introduction

We meet together today to remember with thanksgiving those of our loved ones who have died. We come to this place of worship to receive comfort and reassurance from our heavenly Father and to renew our trust in his promises.

Reading: *You've just walked on ahead*

Hymn 715: *The King of love my Shepherd is*

Be with us, Spirit of God;
Nothing can separate us from your love.
Breathe on us, breath of God;
Fill us with your saving power.
Speak in us, wisdom of God;
Bring strength, healing and peace.

Silence is kept

The Lord is here;
His Spirit is with us.

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life ... Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Music is played
Wind Beneath My Wings – Silbar & Henley
(David Jaggs – guitar)

Reading: *In our hearts*

Opening prayer

Heavenly Father, you have not made us for darkness and death, but for life with you for ever. Without you we have nothing to hope for; with you we have nothing to fear.
Speak to us now your words of eternal life; lift us from anxiety or guilt; bring us to the light and peace of your presence,
and set the glory of your love before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers of penitence
Let us call to mind our human frailty, as we confess our sins in penitence and faith:

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading: *Somewhere in the darkness*

Music is played
All I Want is Nothing More – Kodaline
(ZanB – cello)

Bible Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4:14-18*

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Candles may be lit in memory of loved ones as music is played
O Magnum Mysterium – Lauridsen
(Nordic Chamber Choir)

'Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'
John 14:27

Hymn 724: *The Lord's my Shepherd*

Prayers

Father in heaven, we give you thanks for those we remember today.
We praise you as we recollect their lives and cherish their memory.
We bless you that in bearing your image they have brought light to our lives;
for we have seen in their friendship, reflections of your compassion;
in their integrity, demonstrations of your goodness; and in their faithfulness and their love for us, glimpses of your eternal love.
Grant to each of us, beloved and bereft, the grace to follow their good examples, so that we with them may come to your everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who died and rose again and opened the gate of glory,
to whom be praise for all eternity. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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 704: *The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*

Reading: *May I go now?*

Anthem: *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest"*

Blessing

May God give you
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Music is played
I Will Always Love You – Dolly Parton
(Maximizer – piano)

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