



# Pages from the Past

**November 16** is the day when the church remembers Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, one of the most venerated female saints in England, who died on this date in 680. St. Hilda's holy life, authority, and influence played a large role in the unification of the Church and the spread of Christianity in the second half of seventh-century England.



On **November 17** the church remembers Hugh of Lincoln, a French noble, Benedictine and Bishop of Lincoln in 1200. At the time of the Reformation, he was the best-known English saint after Thomas Becket.

**November 20, 1850** Frances Jane Crosby became blind when she was just six months old. When she was in her forties she began writing over 8,000 devotional verses. We know them as hymns - *Blessed assurance, Jesus keep me near the cross, Rescue the perishing* - and many more.

**November 23, 1947** A professor at Jerusalem's Hebrew University received word of the existence of the Dead Sea Scrolls. These ancient documents, dating between 200 BC and 70 AD, were discovered by Bedouin shepherds near Qumram.



**November 22, 1963** marks the death of C. S. Lewis, author of *The Chronicles of Narnia, The Screwtape Letters, Mere Christianity* and other Christian classics.

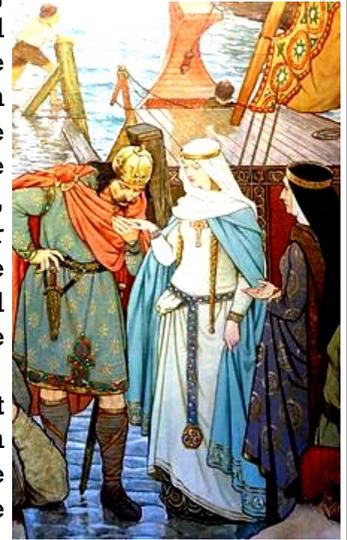
**November 29, 1970** In Nagpur, India, six churches - Anglicans, United Church of Northern India, Baptists, Methodists, Church of the Brethren and Disciples of Christ - merged to form the Church of India.



## *Margaret, Queen of Scotland (1045-1093)*

Margaret was the grand-daughter of Edmund Ironside, King of the English, but was probably born in exile in Hungary, and brought to England in 1057. After the Norman Conquest in 1066, she sought refuge in Scotland, where she married the King, Malcolm III. She and her husband rebuilt the monastery of Iona and founded the Benedictine Abbey at Dunfermline.

But Margaret was not concerned only with theology. She encouraged the founding of schools, hospitals, and orphanages. She was less successful in preventing feuding among Highland Clans, and when her husband was killed in battle in 1093, she herself died a few days later, of grief, it is said. The church remembers Saint Margaret on November 16.



*Malcolm greeting Margaret at her arrival in Scotland; detail of a mural by Victorian artist William Hole*



### *Your prayers are asked for*

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## NOVEMBER 20 - INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

*Some good things have happened for children in the past 30 years:*

There is a more than 50% reduction in the deaths of children under 5;  
There are just half as many undernourished children as in 1990;  
2.6 billion more people have access to clean drinking water.

*BUT here are a few facts about the present status of children:*

151 million children under the age of 5 experience chronic malnutrition;  
535 million children live in countries affected by conflict or disaster;  
262 million children and youth don't go to school;  
Indigenous children in Canada still live with squalid housing, poor health care and bad water.



*Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me".*

*Mark 9: 37*

## ST ANDREW - EVANGELIST, MARTYR AND THE FIRST DISCIPLE OF JESUS

It is interesting that the last saint to be named in the church year is St. Andrew, remembered on November 30, patron saint of Scotland, Greece, Russia, Italy's Amalfi and Barbados. He was Jesus' first disciple.

He is the patron saint of singers, spinsters, maidens, fishmongers, fishermen, women wanting to be mothers, gout and sore throats. St. Andrew is also the patron saint of the Order of the Thistle, one of the highest ranks of chivalry in the world, second only to the Order of the Garter.

Andrew was a fisherman before he and his younger brother Simon Peter became two of the twelve disciples of Jesus. In the Gospel of Matthew, it is said that Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and saw Andrew and Simon Peter fishing. It is then he asked the

two brothers to become disciples and "fishers of men."

Very little is known about Andrew's life as a follower of Jesus, but it is believed that he was one of the closer disciples. It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes, according to John 6:8. When Philip wanted to speak to Jesus about Greeks seeking him, he spoke to Andrew first. Andrew was also present at the last supper.

According to Christian tradition, Andrew preached the Good News around the shores of

the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras on November 30, 60AD, by order of the Roman governor. He was tied to an X-shaped cross, which is represented by the white cross on the Scottish flag. However, St. Andrew



### *How to sound Scottish on St. Andrew's Day*

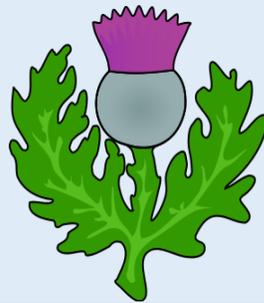
**"Ma heid's mince"** - My head's mixed up

**"It wis hoachin'"** - It was busy

**"Haud yer wheesht!"** - Hold your tongue

**"Dinnae fash yersel"** - Don't worry yourself

**"Ah dinnae ken"** - I don't know



**"Gie it laldy"** - Give it your all  
- go for it!

**"Git awa' an bile yer heid"** -  
Get away and boil your head

**"Lang May Yer Lum Reek"** -  
Long may your chimney smoke  
(meaning May you live for a long time)

was not Scottish. He was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, which is now Israel. His remains were originally preserved at Patras. Some believe St. Regulus, who was a monk at Patras, had a dream telling him to take the bones "to the ends of the earth." He was to build a shrine for them

wherever he was shipwrecked. He landed on the coast of Fife, Scotland where a shrine was erected, which became a popular pilgrimage destination.



### **Scripture readings**

**November 17** Isaiah 65: 17 to 25, Isaiah 12, 2 Thessalonians 3: 6 to 13, Luke 21: 5 to 19.

**November 24** Jeremiah 23: 1 to 6, Luke 1: 68 to 79, Colossians 1: 11 to 20, Luke 23: 33 to 43

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