



Connections

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They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence.
Revelation 7: 15

WHAT IS A SAINT?

The Sunday School teacher asked the class to write something about saints. Thinking of the stained-glass windows at Christ Church, young Jimmy wrote, "A saint is somebody who lets the Son shine through."



Jimmy had it right. His spelling might not have been perfect, but we all know people who "let the Son shine through" even though we don't think of them as saints.

A favorite children's hymn in England is "I sing a song of the saints of God". Its last verse goes like this:

*They lived not only in ages past;
There are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus' will.*

*You can meet them at school or in lanes or at sea
Or in church or on trains or in shops or at tea.
For the saints of God are just folks like me
And I mean to be one too!*



HALLOWEEN'S CHRISTIAN MEANING

Everybody knows the secular holiday of Halloween. But not everybody knows it derives from All Saints' Day on Nov. 1, which is followed by All Souls' day on Nov. 2.

The root word of Halloween - "hallow" - means "holy." The suffix "een" is an abbreviation of "evening." It refers to the Eve of All Hallows, the night before the Christian holy day that honors saintly people of the past. All Saints is a celebration of the communion of saints, those people we believe are in heaven, through good works and God's grace.

More than a thousand years ago in Ireland and Britain, a common Christian custom was to come together on the eve of the feast of All Hallows Day to ask for God's blessing and protection from evil in the world. Often, they would dress in costumes of saints or evil spirits and act out the battle between good and evil around bonfires. That's the source of the modern observance of Halloween.

The Christian concept of the importance of the individual soul underlies All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, which are observed worldwide primarily in the Catholic and Anglican traditions.

Scripture readings

November 3 Daniel 7: 1 to 3 and 15 to 18, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1: 11 to 23, Luke 6: 20 to 31

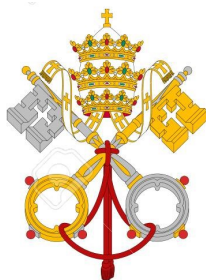
November 10 Wisdom of Solomon 6: 1 to 11, Psalm 40, 1 Corinthians 15: 15 to the end, John 5: 25 to 29





Snapshots from the past

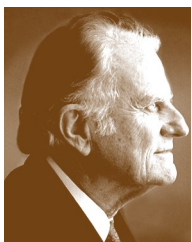
November 1, 1512 Italian Renaissance artist Michelangelo unveiled his 5,808 square foot masterpiece depicting the story of the Bible on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican. He had been commissioned by the pope to do this work. Recent restoration to enhance the vibrant colours has made his achievement even more glorious.



November 2, 1917 British Foreign Secretary issued the Balfour Declaration calling for "the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people." This document planted a seed that led to the founding of the modern state of Israel in 1948.



November 7, 1918 marked the birth of Baptist evangelist Billy Graham. Converted to Christ at 16, he went on to work with Youth for Christ and in 1950 founded the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, conducting crusades around the world. More than two million people came forward to accept Christ during his meetings.



Billy Graham

OUR NEIGHBOURS CELEBRATE

Many Muslims in Canada celebrate the Prophet Muhammad's birth and life or mourn his death on *Eid Milad ul-Nabi*, November 10. The date occurs during the Islamic month of *Rabi' al-awwal*. Many Muslims mark *Eid Milad ul-Nabi* by fasting during the day or saying special prayers. People believe that it is important to tell the story of Muhammad's life to children, so children often play an important part in the celebrations.



One of the most sacred days in 2019 for Sikhs is November 12, when Guru Nanak's birthday is remembered. Guru Nanak was the founder of Sikhism and the first of the ten Sikh Gurus. His birth is celebrated worldwide as Guru Nanak Gurburab on the full-moon day in the month of Kartik.



All around the world, the Sikh community celebrates the festival by holding processions, reciting hymns, and reading their holy book.

Kartik Purnima is one of the most auspicious festivals in Hinduism and falls on the 15th day of the Kartik month. (November 12 in 2019). Celebrated by Hindus all over the world, the deity of primary importance on this day is Lord Vishnu, or Krishna. A dip in the Ganges River is one expression of devotion, and paper boats with lit candles are floated down rivers by women.



Please pray for Anne S, Annet K, Barb N, Cathy N, Corinne L, Deb A, Florence S, Jeanette M, Jenille L, Joan N, Vicky M.

Christ Church Bazaar

Saturday, November 2

9:30 to 1

Granny's Attic

Food and Fancies

*Don't forget to bring your
goodies and treasures for sale.*

Diocesan Synod

November 8 and 9

*Our clergy will attend with
our lay representative,*

Maureen Corby.

Pray for this gathering.

Christ Church presents

An Evening of Music

featuring The Marion Singers

Saturday, November 23 at 7:30pm

Admission \$25

*Doors open at 7:00pm. Parking is available
in the southeast corner of the Metro parking lot.*

For tickets or more information contact

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Bible Study

*We're on week three of our
five-week take-home Bible
Study. If you have missed a
week or haven't started yet,
just ask Fr Roy and he will
get them to you.*

Ham and turkey time

*Once again Christ Church
has arranged for you to buy
your Christmas ham or
turkey. Orders must be in by
November 24. See Joan
Lewis for details.*

Hope, peace and joy

The friends that gather at Christ Church would love for you to join us at Christmas.

“O come, let us adore Him”

 <p>Longest Night Blue Christmas</p> <p><i>Tenderly quiet, when Christmas brings memories of happier times.</i></p> <p>Saturday December 21 7pm</p>	<p>Traditional Lessons and Carols</p>  <p><i>The story of Christmas in words and music.</i></p> <p>Sunday December 22 10am</p>
 <p>Family Worship and Pageant</p> <p><i>The children share the story and the magic of the season.</i></p> <p>Tuesday December 24 7pm</p>	<p>Joy to the World. The Lord is come!</p> <p><i>The celebration of our Lord's birth with Holy Communion, candlelight and music.</i></p>  <p>Tuesday December 24 10pm</p>
 <p>Christmas morning</p> <p><i>Waken to joy and peace with a reflective time of Communion and prayer.</i></p> <p>Wednesday December 25 10am</p>	<p>New Year's Eve</p>  <p><i>Prepare for 2020 with your Christian friends. Evensong, candles and warm fellowship.</i></p> <p>Tuesday December 31 5pm</p>

Please join us any Sunday

Quiet Communion at 8:30am
Holy Communion with
children's program and choir at 10am

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