

St Michael's Church ● Sunday 2nd November 2025 at 10am In Commemoration of the Faithful Departed: a service of prayers and readings

Welcome

Opening Hymn 721 Love divine

Please stand

 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

- 2. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.

 Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above; pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 3. Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; Changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Lighting of Easter Candle

Please remain standing

Priest: In the name of Christ, who died and was raised by the glory of the Father, we welcome you: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

We meet this morning to remember those who have gone before us, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our praises to the Father.

I have set the Lord always before me: All: He is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.

Show us your mercy, O Lord: All: And grant us your salvation.

For with you is the well of life: All: And in your light shall we see light.

Confession and Absolution

Please sit or kneel

Priest: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

A moment of silence.

The Collect of All Souls' Day

Hymn 800 The Lord's my shepherd

Please stand

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in you alone. And I will trust in you alone, for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.

 He guides my ways in righteousness, and he anoints my head with oil, and my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on his pure delights.

Chorus

And though I walk the darkest path,
 I will not fear the evil one,
 For you are with me, and your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.

Chorus

Reading: Lamentations 3. 13-26

Please sit

Priest: This is the word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Choir Anthem *God so loved the world (Stainer)*

Reading: 1 John 4. 7-18

Priest: This is the word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Homily The Rev'd June Knight

Hymn 752 O love that wilt not let me go

- 1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
- 2. O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

- 3. O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.
- 4. O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

Lighting of candles, during which the choir will sing In Paradisium (Fauré)

The Congregation is invited to come forward to light a candle in grateful memory of a loved one.

Commemoration Please sit All: the eternal Son of the Father.

Priest: You Christ are the King of glory,

You overcame the sting of death

You are seated at God's right hand in glory

Come then, Lord,

All: and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

All: we believe that you will come and be our judge.

All: and help your people, bought with the price of your own

blood; and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

The names of those we remember are read aloud.

Prayer of Commendation

Hymn 358 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Please stand

Please stand

- come bow before him now with reverence and fear: in him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One, is here.
- 1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here; 2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned: how awesome is the sight – our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
 - 3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place: he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Short Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel

Please stand

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. Amen.

Hymn 652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand:

Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

- 2. Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through: strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside: death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs and praises I will ever give to thee.

Closing Prayer

Closing Motet Peace I leave with you (Beach)

Please sit

The Dismissal and Blessing

Priest:

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. All: Amen.

Refreshments will be served in the Windhill Churches Centre.

If you are interested in our Bereavement Journey Course, and would value a preliminary conversation, please contact the Parish Office.

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