

And finally, a huge thankyou for the amazing generosity in the collection of £317.50 for WaterAid which will be topped up to £350. £150 of this will be 'gift-aided'.

This collection will pay for two clean water stations serving families and also two compostable toilets.

## St Cross Newsletter November 2020

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Our Curate, Símon wrítes....

As I write , infection rates have been continuing to rise and various parts of the country are under different levels of restrictions. It is clear that we are now firmly in a second wave of the pandemic.

Perhaps because we now have to deal with this second wave as the darkness of winter also sets in and as we are still weary from the first wave, it seems more difficult than the first wave for us to cope with. As Psalm 42 says "all your waves and breakers have swept over me'.

I think as Christians we must not "beat ourselves up" for feeling down with the continued shadow of the pandemic over us and all that means in terms of the restrictions and the near house arrest that some people find themselves in.

The psalmist confirms that we are entitled to lament, that is to show passionately our grief and sorrow. Although we can legitimately be down about this ongoing predicament, we must, however, have hope: the hope we find in the Lord Jesus Christ!

The 8th November will be Remembrance Sunday. From this we can not only take as an example the courage and stoicism of previous generations, but we can take comfort that, after those long difficult conflicts, peace did eventually return.

November also sees The Kingdom Season, which marks the end of the Christian year culminating this year on 22nd November when we

celebrate the festival of "Christ the King": a reminder not only that the kingdom of God is a future event which we look forward to as a time when all will be well, but also that in this present time, that the power of our king within us (Jesus) is more powerful than the virus which is in the world.

We have hope that by trusting in our Heavenly King we can have the strength to endure this difficult time and look forward to a future point when we will not need to fear the virus anymore.

Psalm 42 concludes 'Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why are you so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.'

with all God's blessing, Simon



Occasional Offices There have been no occasional offices in St Cross during October

Readings for Services - Sundays and Wednesdays		
MP = Morning Prayer SE = Said Eucharist (in church 10am) CE = Celtic Evening Prayer (in church 6.30pm)	Morning	Evening
Sunday 1 November ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY	MP/SE Matthew 5.1-12 SE plus Revelation 7.9-end 1 John 3.1-3	<b>CE</b> Hebrews 11.32-12.2 Psalm 148
Wednesday 4 November	MP Luke 14.25-33 Philippians 2.12-18	
Sunday 8 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	MP/SE Matthew 25.1-13 SE plus Amos 5.18-24 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end	
Wednesday 11 November Martin, Bishop of Tours	MP 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25. 34-40	
Sunday 15 November 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent	MP/SE Matthew 25. 14-30 SE plus Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11	
Wednesday 18 November Elizabeth of Hungary	MP Proverbs 31.10-end Matthew 25. 31-end	
Sunday 22 November CHRIST THE KING	MP/SE Matthew 25.31-end SE plus Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1.15-end	
Wednesday 25 November	MP Revelation 15.1-4 Luke 21.12-19	
Sunday 29 November ADVENT SUNDAY (Year B)	MP/SE Mark 13.24-end SE plus Isaiah 64.1-9 1 Corinthians 1.3-9	EVENING PRAYER

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