

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



Readings

New Testament Ephesians 1 verses 11 – 23

Gospel Luke 6 verses 20 -31

Heavenly Father, thank you for all the saints who followed Jesus down through the ages. Help us to follow their good examples and to remember what a blessing it is to be in the same family of faith. We ask this in Jesus' name – Amen

Luke 6:20-31

Blessings and Woes

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Love for Enemies

²⁷ 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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Put on a royal costume and sit in the arm chair or put special 'robes' on a chair with a crown etc. What does this look like to you? That's right it could be for a King or Queen. Pretend I'm the ruler. And what does a ruler do? A ruler makes rules. Only, I think I need some help with the rules. So let me ask you...

- If you were ruler, what would your number one rule be, and why? Today we're reading in the Bible about something Jesus, our King, said was important to do. Many people call this "The Golden Rule." Jesus taught that loving one another, even people we don't get along with is really important. And one way we do that is to treat others how we want to be treated. So if we want others to welcome us when we're new to their school, then we do that for others. Or if we want others to be kind to us, we are kind to others. We'll learn more about that today.

Dear God, we want to treat others with love as Jesus taught us to do. Help us to do that well. In Jesus' name, Amen.

In our reading Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, teaching us to store up our treasures in Heaven and not on Earth. Younger children won't understand all the blessings and woes but they can understand that Jesus taught us the right way to act and interact with others and to store up our treasures in Heaven. Through this lesson they will learn that the BEatitudes teach us to BE kind, humble, loving, and gentle.

Draw or print a heart shape and decorate with bright colours to show how you could let light into the people that you don't get on well with by being kind, humble, loving and gentle.

Today we are celebrating All Saints. Saints are people who have lived a life of outstanding goodness and they are already with God in Heaven. Saints are people through whom God's light shines in what they do.

Make a list of how you are living your life as a saint.

Do you know any Saint's names? Many of us have a name of a Saint but what do we know about a saint with the same name? Try looking some of them up either in books or on the internet. Some of the stories are very interesting.



Jesus teaching His disciples

March 1st St David

David loved music and enjoyed singing in the church. Even when he was a small boy people knew that he wanted to serve God in a special way. One of his teachers – Paulinus – taught David to read the Bible. When David was older he travelled to Wales teaching the people about God and building monasteries. A cathedral is named after him – St David's. The leek probably grew in the vegetable gardens.

March 17th St Patrick

Patrick was 16 when he was carried off to Ireland and sold as a slave. After 7 years he managed to escape from Ireland. Then he began to think how he could best return. It was in a dream that he heard a voice telling him to go to Ireland and tell the people about God. First he had to train as a priest in France and Italy. The people of Ireland enjoyed listening to Patrick telling them about God so they became Christians. He used the shamrock leaf to explain the Trinity of God the father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

April 3rd St Richard

Richard was a farmers' son. When he decided to become a priest he had to study for 2 years. When Richard returned to Chichester he lived at Tarring in the parish priest's house visiting the people of his diocese on foot. He grew figs in his spare time. Richard was a very good Bishop, kind but strict, helping all sorts of people. He has a special prayer; Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me; for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly. Amen

April 23rd St George

George is the patron saint of England. The story goes that each evening the dragon came for its supper of 2 sheep. When the sheep ran out the King's daughter was chosen to be given to the dragon but George got there in time to kill the dragon. The King was so grateful he built a big church and he and his people became Christians. It was because of George's faith in God that he was able to kill the dragon and he had shown that faith to the king and his people.

May 19th St Dunstan

Dunstan founded our church in Mayfield. He built a wooden church in 960. Dunstan had a forge. The story goes that Dunstan pinched the devil's nose with red hot tongs for sometime. In escaping the devil leapt from Mayfield putting his foot down in Mark Cross where you can see the name Deils Foot Cottages and landed in Tunbridge Wells where he dipped his burning nose in the spring at the Pantiles. The tongs are kept at the Convent – St Leonards Mayfield School.

June 29th St Peter and St Paul

Paul was first known as Saul. He hated Jesus but then he had a vision – a light struck him from his horse and the voice of Jesus called him. Saul was very sorry, he believed in Jesus and became one of the Apostles. He went on journeys to tell people about Jesus. God changed his name to Paul. He wrote lots of letters to people. These letters are called Epistles. St Peter shares the same day as St Paul. He is said to hold the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

October 4th St Francis of Assisi

Francis cared for people in poverty as Jesus had done. He enjoyed being on his own and he became well known for the way he spoke to the animals about God. Just before he died in 1223 he made the first Christmas nativity scene from wooden figures to help people learn about the Christmas story. He lived in Assisi in Italy. Make Me a Channel of Your Peace is a hymn from the prayer of St Francis.

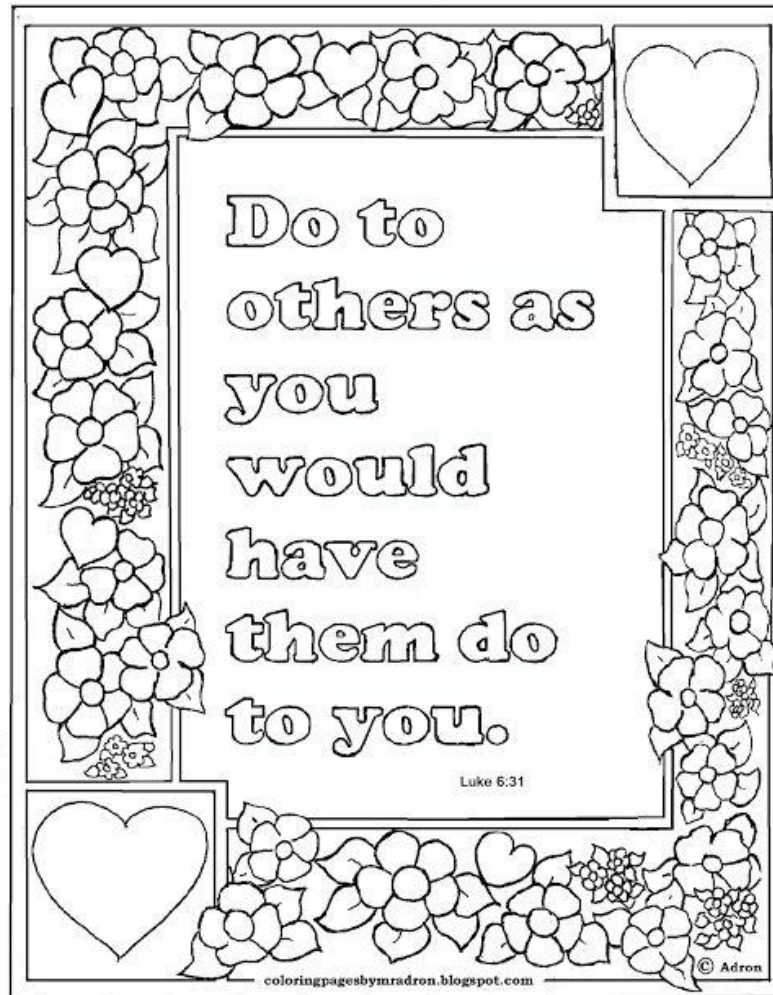
November 30th St Andrew

Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee. When John the Baptist was preaching Andrew followed him and then when Jesus came Andrew followed Him and along with others he became one of Jesus' closest friends and was one of the twelve disciples.

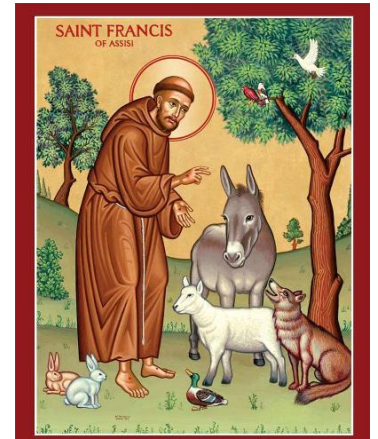
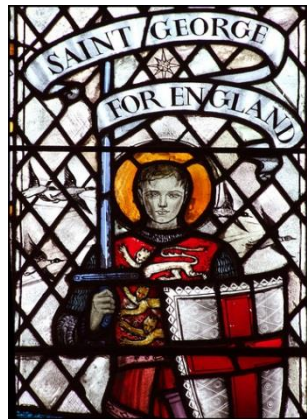
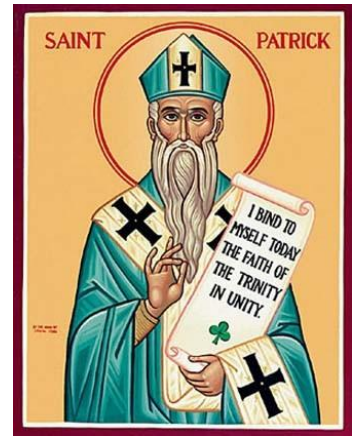
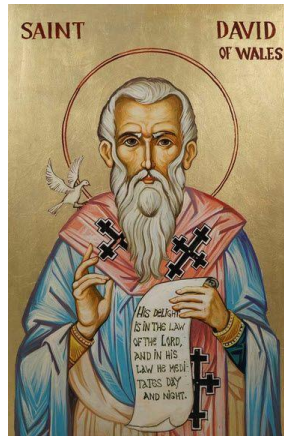
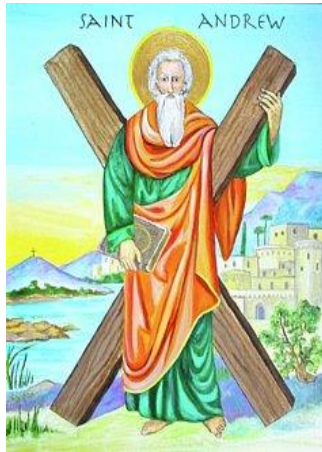
December 6th St Nicholas

Nicholas had a reputation for caring for children and giving them presents. He is better known as Santa Claus. He was also Bishop of Myra in turkey.

Colour this picture, cut it out and make a frame for it and hang it in your bedroom.



Cut out the pictures below and stick in the squares on the next page matching the clues to the well-known saints. Hang your finished chart up when it is finished.



Which Saint?

Cut out and stick the picture of the Saint that matches the clue

I am the patron saint of England and killed a dragon My day is April 23rd	I was caring and gave presents. My day is December 6th	We celebrate our special day on June 29th
I went to Ireland to tell the people about the Holy Trinity using shamrock My day is March 17th	I used to visit people in the Chichester Diocese on foot and I have a special prayer. My day is April 3rd	I founded our church in Mayfield and I pinched the devil's nose with hot tongs. My day is May 19th
I taught people in Wales about God and my feast day is on March 1st	I was the first one to follow Jesus I am the patron saint of Scotland My day is November 30th	I loved animals, created the first Nativity scene and lived in Assisi. My day is October 4th

As a family can you find a Saint's name for each letter of the alphabet?

Why not have a race to see who can complete the list first?

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