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LETTER FROM THE CURATE

Dear friends,

In the UK we just experienced the transformation of nature in preparation for winter. The beautiful colours of the leaves as they fall and cover our gardens and fields and provide us with the rich variety of God's creative force. I was amazed at the number of different fruits and berries which appeared at harvest displays in the churches.

We have been thankful for God's abundance, but we now turn to the theme of remembrance in November. Services for All Souls and All Saints at the start of the month.

Then of course there will be services in all our communities to commemorate 100 years since the end of the first world war. My grandfather had been in the first world war where he had been temporarily blinded by a gas attack. He was always reluctant to talk about his experiences in combat, but I am aware that they had been life changing.

In our own communities, as we read on our memorials and cenotaphs of those who lost their lives in the Great War as well as the second world war. These are people who gave their own lives for us.

War changes people's lives and thankfully there are now more resources for our armed forces to support them and recognise the impact of stress and their ability to cope with life after conflict.

We need to remember and give thanks for those who serve currently in the armed forces who are protecting our freedom and supporting peace initiatives among so many other tasks and responsibilities.

We will continue to pray for peace for ourselves and for other places in the world such as Syria where peace is far from their lands.

Towards the advent and Christmas seasons we will pray for peace on earth and be praying for those in our communities who may be lonely or in need .

As Christians we are a people who have hope and we can be reassured by the prayer of blessing in Paul's letter to the Romans 15:13 -

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy spirit”.

Kathy



WORSHIP in November 2018

Wednesday 1st November

Mission Area Eucharist

19.00 St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch

Sunday 4th November

All Saints' Day

Cilcain

11.00 Morning Worship

Gwernaffield

11.00 Morning Worship

18.00 Holy Communion (Healing Service)

Llanferres

11.15 Holy Communion

Nannerch

09.30 Holy Communion

Rhydymwyn

09.30 Morning Worship

Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Sunday

Cilcain

10.50 Holy Communion

Gwernaffield

10.45 Morning Worship

18.00 Evening Prayer

Llanferres

10.15 Morning Worship

Nannerch

10.45 Family Service

Rhydymwyn

09.30 Holy Communion

11.00 at the Institute

Sunday 18th November

Second Sunday before Advent

Cilcain

11.00 Morning Worship

Gwernaffield

11.00 Holy Communion

16.00 MESSY CHURCH in the Church Hall

18.00 Evening Prayer

Llanferres

09.30 Holy Communion

Nannerch

09.30 Morning Worship

Rhydymwyn

09.30 Morning Worship

Sunday 25th November Christ the King

Cilcain	11.00 Holy Communion
Gwernaffield	09.30 Family Praise (in Church Hall)
	18.00 Evening Worship
Llanferres	09.30 Morning Worship
Nannerch	09.30 Family Holy Communion
Rhydymwyn	16.00 Family Holy Communion

Mid week services

Tuesdays 9.30 at Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield

Wednesdays 10.30 at St Mary the Virgin, Cilcain

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FROM THE REGISTERS

The late Enid Davies of Y Waen, Gwernaffield,
on 9th October with the service in Holy Trinity,
Gwernaffield followed by burial in the cemetery.

*'Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual
shine upon them'*

'IN LOVING MEMORY'

This year's service for those who are bereaved.....

FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 7.00 PM
ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
CILCAIN

The service will include music and readings,
together with the opportunity to have
the names of loved ones read, and to light a candle.

At each of the five churches in the group there will be a folder with
slips to complete if you would like a name, or names, read out.

Slips can be left in the folder or returned to the
Rector at

The New Rectory, Rectory Lane, Llanferres, Mold, CH7 5SR

ALL ARE WELCOME WHETHER YOUR BEREAVEMENT HAS
BEEN SOME TIME AGO OR MORE RECENT OR WHETHER
THE FUNERAL WAS AT ONE OF THE GROUP CHURCHES
OR ELSEWHERE

MICHAEL FARADAY

Michael Faraday was born on 22nd September 1791 and died on 25th August 1867. He does not appear in our Church Directory but he was a devout Christian all his life and I believe through his work as a scientist was chosen by God to bring certain discoveries into the world, without which our modern world could not operate.

He was born into a poor family living in south London and received very little formal education. He left school at 14 and was apprenticed to a bookbinder. This enabled him to read a wide variety of books, and those on science influenced him most. He attended lectures given by Sir Humphrey Davy on popular science. At the end of his apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman bookbinder, but kept up his interest in science; Davy was investigating nitrogen trichloride, a very unstable chemical, and was temporarily blinded by an explosion in his laboratory, so he was looking for an able-bodied assistant. Faraday became this, and was employed by the Royal Institution, a recently founded body for which Davy was a lecturer. Thus in 1813, by the age of 21, he was employed by this prestigious body with which he would be associated for the rest of his life; many of his experimental materials, such as Faraday's Cage, are displayed at its premises in Albemarle Street, London.

Sir Humphrey Davy was a brilliant scientist, mainly working in chemistry, but he used to say that his best discovery was Michael Faraday.

Faraday was involved with chemistry, but most of his studies and discoveries were in the field of electromagnetism, leading directly to the electric motor. He excelled at experimentation, building models to demonstrate his ideas, which were developed into practical applications. Unusually for a prominent scientist he was not a mathematician, his ability probably going only as far as simple algebra and it was left to later scientists such as Maxwell to produce equations for his electromagnetic principles. However, he had great ability in terms of abstract thinking. His main theory was *lines of force* which is that all material in reality is constructed

of bundles of energy built on each other and inter-reacting to form matter. Later theoretical physicists drew upon his work in this direction, and Einstein kept his portrait on his study wall: the modern expression of the hypothesis is *string theory*.

Bringing us back to the everyday, the microwave oven is a classical Faraday's cage in which the metal casing is not affected by electromagnetic radiation- it is built on his principles.

Faraday's family were *Glassites*, a Scottish sect who held particular views about Christianity. The extension of their church into England and the United States was by *Sandemanians*, and this is the Church Faraday belonged to throughout his life. He was a member of their church in London and became an elder, then a deacon. They believed strongly in justification by faith alone, a Protestant belief held by Martin Luther, but went further in saying that both state laws and moral laws should be put aside for individual ideals formed in the light of Christ.*

They had ministers at different levels up to bishops, but they were appointed without regard to their education or ability, nor did they receive any training - inspiration was left to the Holy Spirit. Members of the Church were not allowed to worship or even pray with anyone outside their sect.

These rather odd beliefs, which probably led to the Church's eventual demise, seemed not to affect Faraday's life, but another, highly laudable one did, that they should neither accumulate wealth nor seek worldly prestige. After he was established as a scientist and had made significant discoveries, he was offered a knighthood and Presidency of the Royal Society. He declined both on religious grounds but accepted other prestigious roles from Oxford University, and learned societies in the United States, the Netherlands, France and Sweden, perhaps because these links enabled him to meet other leading scientists. Prince Albert proposed that he be given a grace and favour house at 37 Hampton Court Road, which he lived in from 1858 to his death in 1867. He was buried in the dissenters section of Highgate Cemetery, having declined a place in Westminster Abbey, though he has a memorial tablet there.

Michael Faraday can be said to have laid the foundations for technical progress in the modern world. Although he was a devout and practising Christian, he belonged to the wrong Church, from our point of view. Nevertheless, God used him to bring technology into a world lit by gaslight and transported by horses. The Church to which he belonged was not favoured by God, since it came to an end, but his personal work made him a genius of his age and instigator of much modern technology and scientific theory. The Holy Spirit led him in the right direction.

John Foxlee

*This is a form of *antinomianism*, an ancient belief, considered heretical by many, in which even the Ten Commandments are rejected. It is thought that the Nicolaitans, mentioned in a derogatory sense in Revelation 2: 6, 15 held such beliefs.

John Foxlee

QUO VADIS

One of the readings for November 11th is Hebrews 9: 24-28, in which it says Jesus was crucified once and for all time. This brings to mind the story of Quo Vadis, in which Peter, being in fear for his life in Rome, was leaving the city when he met Jesus going the other way. 'Quo Vadis - Where are you going?' he said. Jesus replied,

'Romam eo iterum crucifigi - I'm going to Rome to be crucified again.'

This is almost certainly mythical if only because Jesus and Peter are not believed to have conversed in Latin, but it conveys a truth; we are Jesus' body in the world now and must suffer if necessary as he did.

In the story Peter saw this truth and returned to Rome to be crucified, at his own request, upside down because he thought himself not worthy to be crucified in the same way as Jesus. Peter's remains are in a crypt below the high altar in St Peter's Basilica.



Messy Church 16th October

The theme for this Messy Church was the Battle of Jericho (Joshua 6: 1-27). With the autumn weather on the way, we have moved from outside activities to inside the hall, but the theme provided for a good deal of action.

The children made trumpets using rolled-up paper under the supervision of Revd Kathy, built a wall using cardboard boxes and before worship marched around it blowing their trumpets, whereupon it fell down with a bit of encouragement!

There were other creative activities involving marshmallows, angels and the good old stand-bys of Lego and colouring pages.

Wendy led the worship with the story and a song and Amanda prepared the meal around baked beans in tomato sauce. There were about a dozen children who all seemed to enjoy themselves and being with each other.

John Foxlee

Joshua Fights the Battle of Jericho



The tale of the Salt and Light



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



HE ONE EXPLAINED TO HIS
FRIENDS THAT THEY WERE A
BIT LIKE SALT!

IN JESUS' DAY, SALT WAS
VERY PRECIOUS. IT HELPED
PRESERVE FOOD....

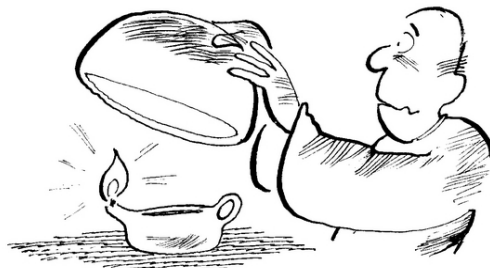
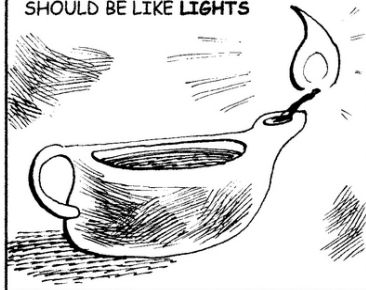


....AND SALT GAVE FLAVOUR.
IT WAS VERY USEFUL INDEED



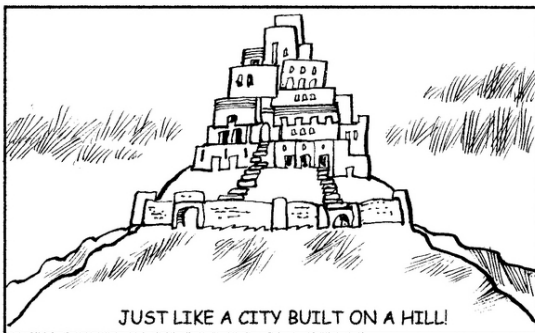
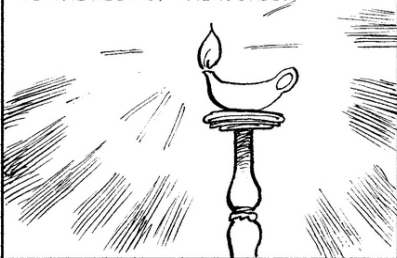
SALT HELPED MAKE LIFE
BETTER - WE TOO SHOULD HELP
MAKE LIFE BETTER IF WE
CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS!

JESUS ALSO SAID HIS FOLLOWERS
SHOULD BE LIKE LIGHTS



'NOBODY LIGHTS A LAMP - THEN PUTS
IT UNDER A BOWL', SAID JESUS

THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS
CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE
TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.



JUST LIKE A CITY BUILT ON A HILL!

PRAYER DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2018

ON THESE DAYS IN THE MONTH LET US GIVE
THANKS AND PRAY FOR

- 1 **All Saints Day**
- 2 **All Souls Day** In Loving Memory service at St Mary's Cilcain
- 3 St Winifred, Abbess, 7th century
- 4 North Wales International Choral Festival at Venue Cymru yesterday and today
- 5 Bonfire Night, the safety of those attending firework displays
- 6 St Illtud, Abbot, 5th century
- 7 Richard Davies, Bishop & Translator, 1581
- 8 The Saints of Wales
- 9 Those in our Bro Famau who have been affected by war
- 10 World Science Day for Peace and Development
- 11 **Remembrance Sunday**
- 12 St Tysilio, Abbot, 6th century
- 13 Charles Simson, Priest & Teacher, 1836
- 14 St Dyfrig, Bishop, 8th century
- 15 Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of North America

- 16 St Margaret of Scotland, Queen, c.1045
- 17 Llandudno Christmas Fayre 15th - 18th
- 18 Prisoners' Sunday and Week
- 19 Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess, 1231
- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 21 St Paulinus, Abbot, 5th century
- 22 St Cecilia, Martyr, 230
- 23 St Clement, Bishop & Martyr, c100
- 24 International Celebrate your Unique Talent Day
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence
against Women
- 26 Those locally who rely on food banks
- 27 Diocesan Standing Committee meeting at Buckley,
Gwernaffield Mothers' Union meeting this evening
- 28 Those not looking forward to Christmas because they
are lonely
- 29 Vigil and Day of Intercession for the Mission of the
Church
- 30 St Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland

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WORDSEARCH

For Britain, the First World War began on 4th August 1914 and ended on 11th November 1918. At the start, the British Government asked for 100,000 volunteers to join the Army. 750,000 applied in the very first month. An estimated 250,000 British boys lied about their age in order to join up. The youngest caught was just 12 - he was sent home. Average life expectancy in the trenches was just six weeks. In all, 65 million men from 30 countries fought in the First World War. More than nine million fighting men were killed during the conflict, a third of them through disease. At least 750,000 of these were British. The Victoria Cross, the highest military award, was awarded 628 times in the First World War.

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AROUND OUR CHURCHES

RHYDYMWYN

Bonfire on November 3rd.

The bonfire will be built on the Saturday morning and as usual we will serve refreshments in the porch of the church to the builders of the bonfire. Any help would be appreciated. Just come along at 10.00am.

Flintshire Foodbank.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Foodbank at the Harvest Service, individuals, Rhydymwyn Service Station and also Rhydymwyn WI. The box is still at the back of the church for any further donations which are always needed.

Kids Club.

Held every Friday evening during term time at Rhydymwyn Football Club from 6pm. Ages 5-11. Anyone interested please phone 01352 741226.

Church Opening.

Thank you to everyone who helps with the rota for keeping the church open in the day. It is generally open between 10am and 4pm but during the winter months this might be slightly less as it must be closed outside of daylight hours. During January, the church will be closed during the week for maintenance work. Hopefully this should not take any longer than 3-4 weeks. Normal Sunday services will continue during that month.

NANNERCH

Mothers' Union

Nannerch/ Rhydymwyn Mothers' Union were surprised at our October meeting to be involved in Art Therapy. Members were given an outline of a tree and asked to colour it and the leaves, as we wished. We then discussed with our partner what our tree represented about our feelings.

Rachel Roberts, Art Therapist at St Kentigan's spoke to us about the use of art making to communicate thoughts and feelings. It can

be therapeutic and help us to get in touch with our feelings. It is suitable for a wide range of issues. These include emotional, learning or physical disabilities, life limiting conditions and physical illness.

Rachel is professionally trained to Masters' Level and is registered with the Health and Care Professions Council.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 20th November, our speaker will be talking about Palliative Care. It is an open meeting.

Ysgol Nannerch Harvest Celebration Friday 28th September

All the children of Ysgol Nannerch were involved in Croeso Pawb on Friday afternoon. The craft activities had the theme of Harvest and Caring for Our World. We finished the afternoon in church with a short celebratory service and the children presented their Harvest gifts. These gifts were later taken to the Food Bank and were very gratefully received by the volunteers. Tinned potatoes and vegetables are particularly welcome, preferably cans with a ring pull.

Joint Eucharist on Sunday 30th September

We celebrated our Patronal Festival of St Michael the Archangel and our Harvest with other parishioners of the Bro Famau Group of churches. This service was conducted by Reverend Daniel and his curate, Kathy Stewart. It was well attended and it was a pleasure to share our worship with friends.

Armistice Weekend

Saturday 10th November- 'Nannerch Remembers' An evening of celebration with songs, poems, artefacts and a World War 1 themed supper. Tickets available from Cath Yeardley.

Sunday 11th November- Remembrance Day service at 11am followed by wreath laying at the Memorial.

Thank you

Dorothy Williams, our organist, would like to thank Reverend Daniel and all her friends, for their support over recent times, after the loss of Iori.

GWERNAFFIELD

Food Bank

Donations are very welcome and can be brought to the back of the church.

Mothers' Union

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th November - our Speaker will be John Foxlee who will give a talk on Helping the Poor and Disadvantaged. New members are always welcome - we meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Church Hall. Please telephone Mrs Gaynor Morgan (Secretary) on 01352 741515 for more information.

Church Notelets

We have two set of church notelets available to purchase, each with six cards, at a cost of £3.00 per pack. These make great Christmas presents and all proceeds will help raise funds for our church.

Church Tidy-Up

There will be the usual churchyard tidy-up on Saturday 10th November from 9.30 am onwards in readiness for the Remembrance Day Service on the 11th November. Any help you are able to give would be much appreciated (please bring your own tools) - light refreshments will be provided

Fundraising Events

We are now planning events for 2019 - if you have any ideas, please let us know!

New Bible Study Group

Ellie and Chris Jenkins are holding a house group, reading the book 'If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat' by John Ortberg. Meeting for 8-10 weeks, on Thursday nights starting Thursday 18th October 8.00-9.15pm. We have 8 spare seats in our lounge, so it's first come first served! We have a few copies of the book, let us know if you'd like one. Please email ellie.jenkins@messham.org if you'd like more information, or wish to join us. Every blessing, Ellie and Chris

Harvest Supper

Our Harvest Supper was a good evening with a lovely friendly atmosphere. More than sixty people were present. Our Hotpot proved

again to be very popular, and of course, we were delighted to welcome once again our local singer - Angela Parker - who entertained us royally with a very varied programme. Our thanks to all those who helped, supported and donated towards the evening, especially our ladies in the kitchen - they worked like Trojans - what a team. £273 .00 was raised for Church Funds. Many thanks.

CILCAIN

Coffee Morning in the Daniel Owen Centre

The coffee morning in the Daniel Owen Centre, raised £165.00 which was an excellent result considering the very inclement weather on that day. The town centre was practically deserted & even the Market Stall holders were closing up by lunchtime. A very big thank you to everyone who helped & supported us on this occasion.

Church Yard Tidy Up

What a difference this has made as you enter through the Lych Gate on the way up to Church. This area looks absolutely wonderful now that the Grave Stones have been cleaned & are all visible. A very, very big thank you to you all, you did a brilliant job.

East Fife Male Voice Choir

On Friday 19th October, St. Mary's Cilcain had the privilege of welcoming the East Fife Male Voice Choir under the direction of Marilyn Boulton.

This was a charity concert in aid of the British Heart Foundation, with a donation to church and had been arranged by Marg and Jim Sinclair. Marg's brother-in-law sings in the choir and Jim is recovering well from a heart attack he had whilst on holiday in Scotland in the summer.

All who came to listen were thrilled by the very wide variety of songs from a wonderful programme. Marilyn guided us through opera, Scottish ballads and a Welsh song whilst soloists treated us to songs from New Zealand and Africa.

After a well-earned interval with tea/coffee and biscuits, the thirty three gentlemen continued with songs from WW1 and musicals before the finale of Morte Christie.

However, the highlight of the night was the solo by the organist Robin Bell playing the “Entrance of the Queen of Sheba”. He was thrilled with the organ and so was the audience.

We thank the choir and all their partners who came with them as well as Marg and Jim. They will always be welcome in “The land of Song” should they be able to return.

“In Loving Memory”

The ‘In Loving Memory Service’ takes place at Cilcain on Friday the 2nd of November, All Souls’ Day at 7.00 pm. There will be forms to fill in available at the back of the Church. Sometime before, hand them in if you would like your loved one’s name read out during the service.

Breakfast Church

Breakfast Church on the first Wednesday of the Month continues to be very popular with lots of Friendship & chat whilst enjoying toast, marmalade & tea/coffee. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

LLANFERRES

Remembrance Sunday

We will be having our Remembrance Service on Sunday November 11th at the time of 10.15.

It will be a short reflective service followed by a procession to the Memorial Stone in time for the commemoration at 11 am.

Thank You

To everyone who worked so very hard in the preparation beforehand and work on the evening (and the following day) for the Harvest Supper. The food was delicious, the hall looked splendid and, most importantly, we had a great attendance and everyone enjoyed each other’s company. There are far, far too many people to thank individually but special mention goes to Noel and Gay for the onerous task of transporting all the crockery and cutlery from Gwernaffield, and for obtaining permission for us to use the kitch-

en.

The church has never charged an attendance fee. We have always felt that the evening is a gift from the church to the community. However we did have some generous donations and a splendid raffle, and the money raised totalled £180.

Apologies

For confusing people by posting an incorrect Communion Service time in September. All services are at 9.30 am **except** the first Sunday (which is a Communion at 11.15 am), and Fifth Sundays (which is a joint Bro Famau service in one of the five churches of the group at 10.30). And of course there is a different time specifically for Remembrance Sunday.

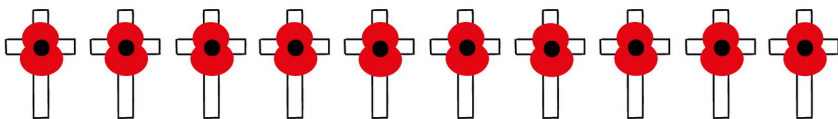
Open the Book

Kathy and Wendy have restarted 'Open the Book' at Ysgol Bro Famau. 'Open the Book' is a structured way of presenting dramatised Biblical stories in a fun and accessible way. 'Grown ups' make idiots of themselves by dressing up in Biblical costume and are acted off the stage by the children who also take part. Any volunteers are always welcomed to join in the fun, please contact Wendy or Kathy for more information.

Bins

Despite all of our requests, the bins are still not being used in the way they are clearly labelled to be used. A bonus from this is that the church flowers have been fed all year from flower food left on plastic wrappings in the recycling bins! More seriously, there was broken glass left in one of the dustbins recently.

Please can people who take the time to visit and care for their loved ones' graves show the same care and respect to the people who have to empty the bins



SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS PREVIEWED

Please use these introductions to prepare for worship. If you are a reader at home who is unable to come to church, you might like to use these pages, with your Bible, to join the congregation on a Sunday in the reading of the same passages

Sunday 4th November - All Saints' Day

Wisdom 3: 1-9 Throughout Old Testament times, the Jewish religion had nothing to say about life after death. But not long before Jesus came, the theologians had begun to think there ought to be rewards and punishments hereafter. This writer expresses confidence in the blessings stored up for the just.

Revelation 21: 1-6a At the end of time, as John sees it, God will be seen and known by everyone in a new world where pain and sorrow have come to an end.

John 11: 32-44 We hear just the end of the well-known story of the resurrection of Lazarus, whom Jesus restored to his sisters Martha and Mary. For John, this work of Jesus is a supreme sign of his power.

Sunday 11th November - Remembrance Sunday

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 The message today of this reading and the gospel is the call to repent. In the story of Jonah, God called him to warn the people of Nineveh of imminent punishment for their sin, and when they repented, they were forgiven.

Hebrews 9: 24-28 By entering heaven, says the writer, Jesus has opened the way for us to follow. Like the Jewish High Priest who once a year entered the Temple sanctuary, Christ has once for all offered himself to bring salvation for all.

Mark 1: 14-20 According to Mark, Jesus' public ministry began by echoing John the Baptist, calling everyone to repent and recognise the coming of the kingdom. Some men immediately answered his call to be disciples.

Sunday 18th November - Second Sunday before Advent

Daniel 12: 1-3 The book of Daniel is a late writing. This reading and the gospel illustrate the faith of Jews and Christians that in God's time human history will reach an end. That time will not come without distress, but God and his angels will deliver the faithful.

Hebrews 10: 11-14 [15-18] 19-25 We have been hearing over several weeks this extended teaching about Christ's work being similar to, but far greater than, a Jewish High Priest. This treatise ends with a call to be constant in our faith, because God's end of time is always near.

Mark 13: 1-8 Jesus wars against a false understanding of the signs of the times; we are not to be greatly distressed by the distress which must happen while God is working his purpose out.

Sunday 25th November - Sunday before Advent

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Our church year comes to an end with this vision of heaven, picturing God upon a throne. He sends to earth one who is both like himself and like us, to be sovereign over the world for ever.

Revelation 1: 4b-8 John's witness to Jesus is of the one whose rule extends over all earthly things and includes us within his royal kingdom.

John 18: 33-37 The scene now is a total contrast to the splendour of our earlier readings. Jesus is on trial before Pilate. When challenged about his kingship, Jesus answers that he came to us to reveal it, but his kingdom is not a worldly one.

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