

Lark Valley and North Bury Team Ministry

# VIRAL BULLETIN

1 November 2020

All Saints' Day

**Welcome to the All Saints' Day edition of the Viral Bulletin.**

*Please forward this to anyone you know who might not be in our Google group.*

For links to information and worship during the coronavirus restrictions  
please visit: [www.northburychurches.org.uk](http://www.northburychurches.org.uk)

*St John the Evangelist, Bury St Edmunds*



*St John on Patmos(detail)*

*Graham Portlock*

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# All Saints' Tide

Many years ago I wrote a poem about the great three days - not the Easter Triduum, but these at the other side of the year:

All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

The poem's title was 'Incorporation', which indeed joins all together. The Church being the Body of Christ, members of past and present are identified together, incorporated.

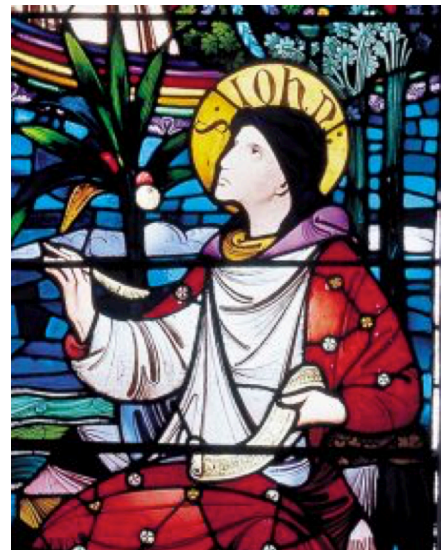
All Saints' tide is a confirming of the great events of Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost, which opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. We now celebrate the great company gone before us, the many thousands like varied lights that have shown the way, some with great brilliance and some fainter, or hidden. No wonder they have been compared with the stars in the sky.

Because of lingering folklore connections with ancient pagan belief (from the Celtic New Year, Samhain, and the night preceding) Hallowe'en often has connotations more to do with fear of ghostly spirits than with holiness. Sainsbury's is overflowing with hideous masks and pumpkins. But the word 'Hallowe'en' means 'Eve of All Holy Ones', or 'All Saints' Eve', - like Christmas Eve. Great days always had their preparation the day before.

'Saints' in New Testament writings are any who have come to believe in Jesus; they are the sanctified. Soon some became especially venerated for giving their lives as martyrs. The practice arose of celebrating the Eucharist sometimes on martyrs' tombs, especially on the anniversary of death. A more powerful statement linking with the death and resurrection of Christ it's hard to imagine.

When the Barons, with the Archbishop, came to Bury St. Edmunds in November 1214, to the shrine of the martyred king Edmund, the oath they then took (to force King John's acceptance of people's rights) was most powerfully binding as well as strengthening of resolve.

The holiness of saints is always recognised, officially (as by Catholic criteria) or unofficially, by popular acclaim. Many people have known someone they would call a saint, often in humble obscurity. Many known saints have been thought difficult to live with. Histories of saints often hold reverent exaggeration, to the point of implausibility, but what cannot be denied is the strengthening of faith in ordinary people. Often blessing is felt after some pilgrimage to a shrine, while Christians frequently relate to some particular saint.



In church we regularly observe saints' days in the calendar, not only the Book of Common Prayer red-letter days (mostly of the 12 apostles), but also the large number commemorated through the year in the Church of England's official book 'Exciting Holiness'. Though our Church does not now canonise, there are many entries of holy ones of recent centuries.

All Souls' Day, which used to be a quiet time of remembering, perhaps with a solemn Requiem, has now become much more publicly important. All our departed loved ones can be given recognition, and our transient mortal state acknowledged. Death comes to all, whatever their beliefs. There are reverent rituals regarding the dead all over the world, whether to keep the departed close or send them to a far-away holy realm. We all keep at least memories and keepsakes, besides having to accept the parting.

But for Christians the incorporation remains. As the writer to the Letter to the Hebrews put it (beginning Ch. 12) ...

'Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith'.

We are joined with those before us into the Body of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

*Marianne Atkinson*

## Lark Valley and North Bury Churches

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 1st November *All Saints' Day*

9.00am Parish Communion (CW)  
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)  
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00am Eucharist (CW)  
10.00am worship@fornham  
11.00am Parish Eucharist (CW)  
3.00pm All Souls' Service

All Saints', Bury St Edmunds  
St George's, Bury St Edmunds  
Timworth  
West Stow  
Fornham All Saints  
St John's, Bury St Edmunds  
All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

#### Tuesday 3rd November

10.00am Eucharist

Fornham St Martin

#### Wednesday 4th November *please note change of time for St John's Eucharist*

9.30am Eucharist (CW) *All Souls (transferred)*  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

St John's, Bury St Edmunds  
St George's, Bury St Edmunds

#### Thursday 5th November

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

#### Friday 6th November

7.30am Eucharist (CW)

St John's, Bury St Edmunds

#### Sunday 8th November *Remembrance Sunday*

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Culford  
9.00am Parish Communion (BCP) All Saints', Bury St Edmunds  
9.15am Eucharist (CW) *10.15am at war memorial* Fornham St Martin  
9.30am Parish Communion (CW) St George's, Bury St Edmunds  
10.00am Eucharist and Act of Remembrance (CW) Lackford  
10.00am Remembrance Service *10.55am at war memorial* Fornham All Saints  
*10.55am Act of Remembrance at war memorial* Flempton, Culford, Fornham All Saints  
11.00am Parish Eucharist (CW) *gathering at 10.55am* St John's, Bury St Edmunds

### CHURCH ZOOM GATHERING

Everyone is welcome to join our Church Zoom gathering at 11am on Sundays.

To do so, please email Claire for the link at [clairerose1953@gmail.com](mailto:clairerose1953@gmail.com)

### OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St John the Evangelist, Bury St Edmunds 11am-3pm daily *please note change of time*  
St Mary, West Stow 8.45-10.45am on Wednesdays and 9.15-11.15am on 1st and 3rd Sundays.  
For access at other times please contact Ian Hobley (01284 728745) or Paul Luke (01284 729654)  
Fornham All Saints open every Sunday  
St Andrew, Timworth contact Alison Pettitt (01284 728379)  
St Lawrence, Lackford contact Harry Lidster (01284 728876)  
Fornham St Martin contact Beryl Dykes (01284 704109) or David Yates (01284 705157)  
St George, Bury St Edmunds contact the Revd Val Gagen (01284 361963)  
All Saints, Bury St Edmunds open for worship only  
St Mary, Culford & St Catherine, Flempton contact numbers are in the porch





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**Diocese of St Edmundsbury  
and Ipswich**

**from Bishop Martin**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## **Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) Report on the Anglican Church**

This Report was published on October 6th, and I know many of you will have read it, if not, I urge all of you to do so. It can be found [HERE](#). Reading it is painful, but nothing to the pain suffered by those who are victims and survivors of abuse perpetrated by clergy and lay church officials which has been ignored, covered up, and not addressed. I welcome the Report and the mirror it holds up to the Church of England.

The House of Bishops have met and unanimously endorsed a motion fully accepting the IICSA report, unreservedly apologising to victims and survivors for the harm done by the Church and committing itself to urgently implementing the recommendations. The House specifically engaged with the two most significant themes from the Report: proper redress for victims and survivors and establishing a new structure for safeguarding decision-making that is independent of bishops and church bodies including the Archbishops' Council. The House endorsed rapid action on redress, to build on the interim arrangements recently set up by the Archbishops' Council. It also unanimously agreed with the proposal that the Church should move towards an independent safeguarding structure, with a new trustee body responsible for safeguarding to take over responsibility from the Archbishops' Council.

The Report states, "The culture of the Church of England facilitated it becoming a place where abusers could hide" and that culture change "will need continuous reinforcement of the abhorrent nature of child sexual abuse and the importance of safeguarding in all of the Church's settings". That there continue to be significant numbers of cases of abuse, and of church leaders perpetrating abuse or failing to respond to victims and survivors properly, means we have a very long way to go to become the safe church our Gospel demands. This is about

changing ingrained culture and attitudes, and the Report engages with these issues thoroughly. I am determined that we root these attitudes out of this Diocese and ensure that no parish or benefice and no individual fails to comply with the requirements of training and safeguarding practice.

I am completely committed to ensuring we properly respond to and care for victims and survivors. For too long their voices have been marginalised or ignored. The steps we are taking are designed to ensure this never happens again and that the needs of victims and survivors are central to all our processes.

We have been taking steps in the Diocese to respond vigorously to the recommendations, under the leadership of the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, Karen Galloway, and our Safeguarding Panel, chaired by former Chief Constable Simon Ash.

The IICSA Report also addressed the Church in Wales and there were eight main recommendations. The first two are addressed to the Church of England, that the post of diocesan safeguarding adviser be strengthened and its independence be ensured, and be called “diocesan safeguarding officer”, and that the Clergy Discipline Measure should be amended in relation to safeguarding complaints. I would heartily support the first, and the second is underway. There are two recommendations to the Church in Wales, about the structure and policies of safeguarding and about record keeping. The last four are addressed to both Churches, that there be a formal information-sharing protocol between the two Churches, that there be information sharing protocols between Churches and statutory bodies, that there be funding and support for victims and survivors, and that there be, or continue to be, independent auditing of safeguarding practice. There are further points raised under a consideration of the seal of the confessional and the recruitment, training and continuing professional development of clergy, and cathedrals, amongst other areas.

I strongly urge you to read and consider the whole of this Report, and most especially I ask your prayers for all victims and survivors of abuse as the Church works quickly to produce just practices of support and redress and a thoroughgoing change in culture.

With every blessing,

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*To: The Lark Valley and North Bury Team*  
*From: Miriam Webb*

You are all amazingly generous. From the accompanying photograph you will see just what your generosity at the time of my ordination to the priesthood has purchased. It is a lovely home communion set. Due to our unfriendly neighbourhood virus I cannot get out into the community and use it yet, but like all good boy scouts, 'I'm prepared'; thanks to all of you. It will always be a special reminder of both you and the occasion.

*Miriam*



# Praying Together - November 2020

*We pray for our churches and the communities we serve.  
Please use this leaflet in your prayers.*

**Lark Valley and North Bury Team Ministry**

## For the wider community and church – November

- 1 S** Springfield Road area
- 2 M** West Suffolk Council
- 3 T** Bury St Edmunds Town Council
- 4 W** Suffolk County Council
- 5 T** Parish Councils
- 6 F** Our acting Rural Dean, Duncan Green
- 7 S** Deanery Synod
  
- 8 S** Our Churchwardens and PCC members
- 9 M** All who contribute to and read our magazines and news sheets
- 10 T** For those who maintain and use our website
- 11 W** St Catherine of Alexandria, Flempton
- 12 T** *Growing in God* worship, work & witness in Flempton
- 13 F** All who live in Flempton
- 14 S** All who receive communion at home
  
- 15 S** Bury Christian Youth
- 16 M** Our *Messy Church & Small Church* work with children & families
- 17 T** Mustow Street, Cotton Lane & Eastgate Street area
- 18 W** Northgate Street area; Suffolk Deaf Association
- 19 T** Crosspenny Court & Redwood Gardens sheltered accommodation
- 20 F** Mental health services
- 21 S** All who live in Fornham St Martin cum Fornham St Genevieve
  
- 22 S** Fornham St Martin church
- 23 M** *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at Fornham St MartinM
- 24 T** Fornham House Care Home
- 25 W** Pubs, cafés & restaurants
- 26 T** Water, energy & telecommunications providers
- 27 F** Havebury Housing
- 28 S** Our organists, choirs and other musicians
  
- 29 S** Our home groups, learning groups & clubs for adults & children
- 30 M** For all affected by domestic violence, child & vulnerable adult abuse



Loving God,  
you are always with us,  
and give us all we need to be your church in Suffolk.  
Help us, we pray, to give as we have received:  
abundantly, generously, and joyfully,  
that our worship and our service  
may bear witness to your Kingdom of unfailing love.  
In the name of your Son who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Growing in God



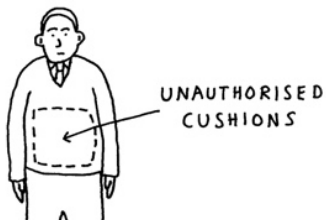
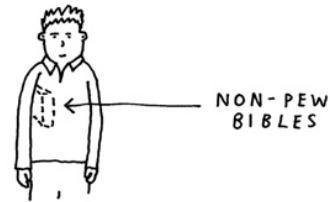
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## SECURITY

YOU WILL NEED TO GO THROUGH SECURITY PROCEDURES WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR THE SERVICE



OUR OFFICERS ARE CHECKING FOR THE FOLLOWING:



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**DO YOU HAVE any photos of your church and people which you can submit (with permission) as an email attachment?**

Items for the VIRAL BULLETIN are very welcome and can include photographs and illustrations. Please send them to Adrian Mann: [adrian.mann@btinternet.com](mailto:adrian.mann@btinternet.com)