

Children Of Light

Paul Murray reflects on Ephesians 5: 8-11

Halloween is behind us again - thank goodness! It's not an easy time for believers in Jesus Christ. The same questions each year. Shall I answer the door, or not? Should I give out some sweets or maybe give them a "Jesus loves you" sticker.

Our reaction may depend on our mood that day. Whatever way we handle it, Christians are often on the back foot at Halloween. Let us never forget that in John 1:5 we see that **the light** [of Jesus] **shines in the darkness but the darkness has not overcome it.**

Ephesians 5:8 tells us to **have nothing to do with fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.** Let's give a firm "No" to any involvement with the dominion of darkness. As the hymn says, "No Turning Back".

1 Thessalonians 5:5 reminds us that if we trust in the Lord Jesus then **we are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness.** So, our path ahead is clear. As the Apostle Paul wrote: **I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.** (Philippians 3:14)

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Zoom meeting ID: 508 367 3910

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The Parish Church
of Water Orton

Sunday 2nd November

Welcome to
Saint Peter & Saint Paul's
Our Vision: To prepare a community
to meet the Christ
Our Mission: To worship God,
grow believers and make believers



2nd November – All Saints' Day

Today's Readings:

Ephesians 1: 11-23

Luke 19: 1-10

This Week's Collect Prayer

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age;
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 9th November we will have our usual 9.00 am Communion Service followed by a parade to the Memorial for a service of remembrance at 10.50 am.

(There will be no 11.00 am service).

Christian Institute Talk

Tuesday 11th November 7.30-8.45 pm in church. This is a chance to listen to speakers from the Christian Institute, who will be talking about topics such as assisted suicide, gambling and conversion therapy from a Biblical point of view.

Advent Concert

Sunday 30th November at 3.00 pm in church, featuring the Coleshill Youth Band and the Church Choir. Tickets are available from Trixie at a cost of £7.00 each.

Paul is on leave until the 5th of November. Please contact Judith or Kim in his absence.

Shoe boxes

Once again, we have agreed that the church will be a drop off point for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Drop off week is the 10th-16th of November. A list of opening times and a sign-up sheet is at the back of church. Please consider giving up an hour or two of your time to welcome people as they drop their boxes off.



Please pray...

For the residents of Plank Lane

For all who are struggling to make ends meet.

For peace & unity...

Loving creator, in a world divided by conflict and fear, we ask for your peace to flow like a river through nations and hearts. Soften hardened spirits, guide leaders toward wisdom and help us see one another as neighbours, not enemies. May unity overcome division and compassion replace hostility.



"When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory." Ephesians 1: 13b-14

This week...

Tuesday

- 9.00-11.30 am Open café in the Robert Lloyd Room
- 9.30-11.30 am The church is open for the Food Bank
- 10.00 am Morning Prayer-Common Worship on Zoom & in church

Wednesday

- 10.00 am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom
- 7.30 pm Music Group meet in church
- 9.00 pm Compline on Zoom

Thursday

- 8.40-9.40 am Contemporary Prayer Meeting on Zoom only
- 7.30 pm Choir meet in church

Friday

- 12 for 12.30 pm Meet and Eat at the Link
- 2.00 pm Memory Café meet in the Robert Lloyd Room

Saturday

- 10.00 am The church is open for the Food Bank & for private prayer

Next Sunday 9th November Remembrance

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.50 am Remembrance Service at the Memorial

There will be no 11.00 am service

Future Events

Monday 10th-Sunday 16th November-Shoebox collection week (please see sign-up sheet at the back of church).

Tuesday 11th November at 7.30 pm-Christian Institute Talk (see opposite page for more details).

Saturday 22nd November at 5.30 pm-Thrive Social at the Vicarage