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| ***Please remember in your prayers***  *Pray for those who are not well at this time and pray for the souls of the recently departed, may they rest in peace.* | *MCSY01657_0000[1]* |

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| *Stewardship Pledge Forms* *If you have not already done so – please complete a pledge form and post it in the gold box. Thank you* |

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| *All Souls Evening Service* *This year we are holding an All Souls Celtic Service on the evening of All Souls Day (****2nd November****) at 7pm.*  *If you would like anyone remembered by name at this service, please add their names to the form at the back of church.* |

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| *Can you use a Defibrillator?* *We are fortunate in having a defibrillator located on the church site - in the centre of Bilbrook.*  *However, it will be of little value if no one can use it if we have an emergency.*  *Training has been arranged at Bilbrook Village Hall in Joeys Lane at 10am – 12noon on* ***Saturday 4th November****.*  *Please come along if you can - the more people who know how to use it the better.* |

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| *Remembrance* ***Friday 10th November***  *2pm Prayer Session*  ***Saturday 11th November***  *2 minutes silence at 11am, during Place of Welcome*  ***Sunday 12th November*** *(Remembrance Sunday)*  *10am Sung Eucharist followed by the laying of wreaths on the village green* |

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| *Searchlight Theatre Company* *Searchlight Theatre Company are presenting*  ***‘There are no ordinary people’*** *at Trinity Church at 7.15pm on Thursday* ***16th November****. Tickets available from Helen Share (*[*07766 106615*](tel:07766%20106615)*)*  *Ticket, if bought in October, are £10 each* |

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| *Holy Cross Christmas Fair …* ***only 5 weeks to go***  Image result for christmas tree*Our Christmas Fair is on* ***Saturday 2nd December*** *from 12noon ‘til 3pm.*  *Please sign the form at the back of church if you are able to help.* |

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| *The Well Food Bank* *There is a box by the church door if you would like to donate non-perishable foodstuffs or toiletries for those in need.* |

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| ***Sunday 29th October***  ***Last Sunday after Trinity***  ***10.45am Sung Eucharist***  *(Celebrant: Revd Richard Reeve)*  ***Coffee/Tea will be served at the back of church after the 10.45am Eucharist.***  ***Please stay and join us.*** |

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| ***Hymns for Sung Eucharist*** | | |
| *Introit:* | ***560*** | Will you come and follow me |
| *Gradual:* | ***322*** | Love is His word, love is His way |
| *Offertory:* | ***4*** | A New Commandment |
| *Communion:* | ***185*** | Great is the Lord |
|  | ***61*** | Bless the Lord, my soul |
| *Recessional:* | ***143*** | Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go |

***This Week***

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| *Mon* | *30* |  |
| *Tues* | *31* | *2pm Craft Group*  ***7pm Eucharist*** |
| *Wed* | *1* | *10.30am P&M Panel Meeting*  *6.45pm Friendship Club* |
| *Thur* | *2* | ***9.30am Eucharist***  *10am Coffee Pop-In*  ***7pm Celtic Service for All Souls Day*** |
| *Fri* | *3* | ***12noon Eucharist*** |
| *Sat* | *4* | *10am Place of Welcome*  *10am – 12noon Defibrillator Training at*  *Village Hall* |
| *Sun* | *5* | ***All Saints Sunday***  ***8am Eucharist***  ***10.45am Celebration Eucharist*** |

***Last Sunday after Trinity***

**COLLECT**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures

to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST READING Leviticus 19.1–2, 15–18**  
**A reading from the book of Leviticus.**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ‘Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.’

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 2.1–8**  
**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.**  
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL Matthew 22.34–46**  
**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him,  
‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’”? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

**POST COMMUNION**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

***Sunday 29th October***

***Welcomers****: Ruth, Jean*

***Reader****: Mike*

***Prayers****: Carole*

***Offertory****: Rita, Grace, Jean*

***Assist****: Janet, Mark*

***Pebble Pool:*** *Andrea*

***Sunday 5th November 8am***

***Sides, Offertory, Assist:*** *Malcolm*

***Reader:*** *Carole*

***Sunday 5th November 10.45am***

***Celebration for All Saints Day***

***Welcomers****: Jean M, Gill*

***Reader****: Andrea*

***Prayers****: Mark*

***Offertory****: Sheila, June, Gill*

***Assist****: Rebecca, Mike*