



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

You are invited to join the online  
**ALL SOULS' MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
filmed in the Church of St Michael & All Angels', Tidenham Chase  
From Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 on the  
Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube Channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

Please do join us online, if you are able, when those who have died during the last three years will be remembered by name before God.



*You may like to have a candle beside you which you may light as the names of the dearly departed are read out. In Church, we will light a candle for each of those named. Even if you cannot join in online, please do use the service and prayers in this booklet as it will allow you to follow the service in your home, privately.*

*May God comfort you and fill you with his hope and peace.*

## ***The Gathering of the People***

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Minister: We meet in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

*The Revd David Treharne, Vicar of Tidenham and Priest in Charge of St Briavels with Hewelsfield and Brockweir, and Reader Fiona Gardiner welcome you to the service.*

*This All Souls service is an annual service where we remember before God those whom we love but no longer see; those who have died perhaps recently or perhaps some years ago but remain firmly in our hearts. As St Paul says, 'Love never ends.' We remember loved ones by name within the context of the Christian hope of resurrection that comes through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.*

*Facing grief and loss is hard at the best of times, but these Covid days have brought additional distress to many individuals and families, especially not having the funeral service one would have wanted.*

*Many of you will also have wanted and needed to attend an annual memorial service such as the All Souls service we hold at Tidenham Chase. Sadly, this has not been possible this year due to Covid 19. However, we have endeavoured to provide a written and online All Souls service which we hope will in some way bring comfort and peace, light and hope into the pain and distress of bereavement.*

*May God's love and peace be yours.*

Minister: We gather to remember loved ones. When we remember we can become even more conscious of our grief and loss. However, faith can be a great strength in the face of death. Faith in Jesus who defeated death can sustain us, comfort and console us and even help us to rebuild our lives.

Many things can happen when we face grief and loss; we can lose hope or we might turn away from God. So let us now try and turn to him together, for he is present with us now. Let us lay our hearts before him and confess our hurts, our regrets, our hopes and our fears, our guilt and our brokenness, and our lack of faith in Jesus.

*(pause)*

Minister: Lord, you bring light to us when we are in darkness.  
Lord have mercy upon us.

**People: Lord have mercy upon us**

Minister: You console us when we are sad. Christ have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ have mercy upon us.**

Minister: You forgive our sins and bring us peace. Lord have mercy upon us.

**People: Lord have mercy upon us.**

Minister: May Almighty God have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen**

## ***Prayer for the Day***

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Minister: Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## ***Ministry of the Word***

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Minister: We now hear a reading from Holy Scripture which speak about the hope Christians have in death.

*2 Corinthians Chapter 4, verses 5-10 & Chapter 4, verse 16 through to Chapter 5, verse 1.*

*"We do not lose heart."*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## ***Lighting of the Candles***

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Minister: We are now going to remember our departed loved ones by name and by action. Names will be read with music in the background and we will light candles here for your loved ones. At this point you may wish to light your own candle at home. The candles we light here will be lit from the Easter candle which symbolises the ongoing and eternal light and life that flows from the risen Jesus.

*(Lighting of the candles...)*

Let us remember that Jesus is the light of the world and can lighten our darkness. Let us remember the light and life that our loved ones have brought to our lives; and let us remember that in Jesus the light of life will shine for ever and never go out.

## ***The Prayers***

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Minister: Let us now put our prayers before God, confident that he will listen to them.

*(The prayers will include periods of silence)*

Gracious God, surround us and all who are mourning  
right now with your continuing compassion. *(pause)*  
Do not let grief overwhelm your children,  
or turn them against you.  
When grief seems never-ending,  
take them one step at a time along your road of  
death and resurrection  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

O Lord our God,  
Source of all goodness and love,  
accept the fervent prayers of your people; *(pause)*  
in the multitude of your mercies look with  
compassion upon all who turn to you for help;  
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,  
and to you we give glory,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

Heavenly Father, you are our refuge and strength.  
Help and comfort us today:  
increase our faith,  
dispel our fears,  
revive our hope.  
May the Holy Spirit lift us from the darkness of our  
grief to the light of your presence;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Minister: Believing that in life and in death we are in the hands of God, let us pray with confidence to our heavenly Father as Jesus taught us:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Minister: Jesus said "I am the resurrection and I am the life; those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ, bring us, with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation.

**People: Amen.**

## ***The Dismissal***

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Minister: May God give to you and to all those whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you all and remain with you always.

**People: Amen**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel*

**Luke 2.29-32**

***Thank you for joining this Service.  
We hope and pray that you have found it helpful.  
If you would like to speak to someone about your loss then please do  
feel free to contact a member of the team.***

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