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Greetings from All Saints', Rome to all the saints as we celebrate the festival of ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS - 1st and 2nd of November

Collect for All Saints'

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect into one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son. Give us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.



2011 - THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

As the year of the bible draws to its close 2012 will be a year of celebration for the Book of Common Prayer. However, the Year of the Bible will not be forgotten at All Saints' in 2012.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Advent Away Day 4th December

We are to have the opportunity over twelve months as a church to read through the Bible together in the version you prefer. On **4th December** after the parish lunch there will be an **All Saints' Away Day** launching **'READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR'**

The purpose is to enable us to better understand the big picture of the bible narrative, knowing that others in the church will be reading it alongside of us. We will discover the Bible's rich truths in its writings; the **history, poetry, prophecy and song** as well as the **Gospel witness accounts** of lives redeemed and life-changing truths which we can apply right into the centre of our lives.

DO JOIN US!

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE PEWS

Tea but no Sympathy from the Dictator to the Archbishop in Zimbabwe

Archbishop Rowan Williams took his life and reputation in his hands in Zimbabwe recently. He was verbally harassed and barred from attending church services in Mutare and Penhalonga by the henchmen of the discredited former bishop, Nolbert Kununga who has occupied the Anglican Cathedral in Harare, preventing those who are not supporters of the regime from worshipping there. The Archbishop later took tea with president Robert Mugabe and told him he came in solidarity with desperately suffering and persecuted Anglicans. He presented a dossier of abuses and demanded Mugabe stop the madness and violence. More at www.archbishopofcanterbury.org



STEPPING OUT Ibstock Place School from Kingston upon Thames taking a well-earned break on the church steps after singing so beautifully at our Harvest Festival. ([more over](#))

WHEN WE SURVEY ... please help **All Saints'** refresh its **church profile**, renew its **commitment to mission** and meet the **needs of members**. **All Saints'** is gathering the views and ideas of **members and visitors** to help with its ongoing and future **planning**, to discover the various **gifts, experiences, interests and breadth of background** of the church community and begin the **update of the electoral role**. **PLEASE** give ten minutes to fill it this confidential survey **ONLINE** or on **PAPER**. **THANK YOU!**

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SYNOD: Ecclesiastical council attended by bishops & delegated clergy of all nations, (from the Greek *sunodus*, *SYN*, together, *HODUS*, way). **September** brought little respite from the heat during the day, though the swallows were preparing to fly south and smelly shield bugs were an absolute plague. Meanwhile about 40 delegates representing the **Anglican Archdeaconry of Italy and Malta**, under the watchful eye and support of **Bishop Geoffrey** and **Archdeacon Jonathan**, converged on **Palazzola** (above) overlooking Lake Albano. Three long days of intense discussion ensued, on a variety of issues including protection of the vulnerable and clergy assessment plus report from the representatives. As I observed I was struck by how geographically huge is the archdeaconry, from the Veneto across to Milan, down through Florence, Rome deep south to Sicily and Malta, and how diverse. Some worship in groups of 14, others 100 or more. All, though, are fiercely loyal and protective of their churches and its members, determined to keep the gospel proclaimed in the Anglican tradition in their part of Italy. It was a privilege to be allowed to share with them. (Ed)

WHEN THE SAINTS for your diary
Sunday 30th October; Patronal Festival; **10.30** Eucharist
Sunday 6th November; **AWAY DAY:** **10.30** Eucharist;
1pm Parish lunch
Sunday 13th November; **10.30 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** and **dedication of plaque** for the 48th Highlanders of Canada also **Wednesday 16th November;** **13.15 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** for the Ladies' Luncheon Club.
Sunday 4th December; **Parish lunch** and **Advent Away Day**, launch of **READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR** initiative.
For more details of these and other services see web site or weekly notices.

PARISH LUNCHESES

Communal meals embody the idea of sharing - enjoying what others provide, emphasising the mutual blessings that fellowship, generosity, conversation and eating together bring. We share resources and our trust in God. Our grateful thanks to **Valerie** and the helpers each month - and the wonderful mouthwatering food brought by those who attend. A recent



innovation is marking birthdays during the month with a card and a small gift. The next parish lunches are on **Sunday 6th November** and **Sunday 4th December** following the 10.30 service. All are warmly invited to stay and join us - bring a contribution to share. Offers of help to Val Spicer, **06 9963336 Food, forgiveness, fun - a family**

NEXT MONTH: Andrew Cochlin tells us how Christmas was celebrated last year at All Saints'.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY

At the beginning of October we celebrated an all-age Harvest festival (pics below) - accompanied by the sublime singing of the IPS choir (see p1). Festivals bring out the best in hymn writers so the traditional and much loved harvest hymns were sung heartily. The children sat at the front as good as gold throughout. Gifts brought to the altar during the service were later distributed to a Rome charity for the homeless. It was followed by a most sumptuous and joyful parish lunch.



All safely gathered in ... the **HARVEST FESTIVAL** last month

A Celebration in song for All Saints' Day

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God:
 born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*
 This is my story, this is my song, praising my
 Saviour all the day long. (2)

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 visions of rapture burst on my sight;
 angels descending, bring from above
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*
 This is my story, this is my song, praising my
 Saviour all the day long. (2)

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,
 I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
 watching and waiting, looking above,
 Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*
 This is my story, this is my song, praising my
 Saviour all the day long. (2)

Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny J. Crosby) 1820-1915