

## Rector's Letter - Rev'd Jeremy Trew - November 2023

Dear All

November is very much a month of remembering in the Christian calendar. We begin with the remembrance of All Saints and All Souls where we recall those who have gone before us, both the saints of old and those we have known and loved in our own lives. We mark Remembrance Sunday so that we may not forget the sacrifices made by so many in wars past and present. And, at the end of the month we mark "Christ the King", reminding us of this particular role of Jesus as the revealer of God's Kingdom here on earth.



All of these remembrances bring with them a challenge: A challenge that we remember honestly and that we try in our own way to honour the legacy left to us. The Bible calls all God's people "Saints". This is not a title for an elect few only, but a recognition that each who choose to follow Jesus have a special role to play in God's ongoing work of creation. Likewise, Remembrance Sunday can cause us to reflect how as a nation we live with the legacy of wars fought and sacrifices made in the freedoms we enjoy today. Our stewardship of those freedoms for ourselves and future generations is our real act of honouring those who died. Likewise, when we reflect on the kingship of Jesus, we are challenged to consider what that kingship means: What does Jesus want us to understand when he talks about the Kingdom, and what kind of King is he? As we approach Christmas and begin once more to rehearse its stories we may begin to get a clue.

May our remembering not just allow us to dwell on the past, but also to reflect upon it, and in the light of that reflection to understand our task in the present all the more.

Yours

Jeremy

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