

Remembrance Day

This Friday, we will once again mark Remembrance Day. Once again, we will pause and reflect on the tragedy of war—wars fought long ago, and wars that continue to claim lives and livelihoods in our own time. We will recall the sacrifices of those who lost their lives in uniformed service, and we will commit ourselves to honouring their memory by striving for peace. We will gather on Remembrance Day to lift up these hopes and prayers, together, and to be reminded of two great promises of our faith—that those who have given their lives now dwell in the peace of Christ, and that one day the whole world will know that peace which passes all understanding.

This week I have found myself spending quite a bit of time meditating on our memorial window. It is rich with symbolism. The Christ on the cross is not depicted as suffering, but as triumphant. The trials of this life, the sacrifices of our own lives, are transformed by Jesus' sacrifice. His triumph becomes our own, and offers us the assurance that the fallen, and all those we love but see no longer, are with him in glory.

I also spent quite a bit of time pondering the quote at the bottom of the window, "We build not temples unto martyrs as unto gods, but memorials unto dead men whose spirits with God are still living." It is from Book XXII, Chapter 10 of *City of God*, by the great theologian Augustine of Hippo. In this chapter, he is contrasting the Christian practice of honouring martyrs with the worship of multiple gods, as in other religions of the day. Augustine emphasizes, repeatedly, the equality Christians have with our martyrs, who may have done great things through God's power, but who ultimately worship the same God we do. They gave their lives not so that they could be revered, but that the truth of God's love in Jesus Christ would be known in this world. It seems a fitting tribute in a memorial church. It is an acknowledgment, with deep gratitude, of the sacrifices of the fallen, in the context of the hope and faith we share with them as brothers and sisters in Christ—a faith that connects us across the ages, as we all continue to pray and to work for peace and justice in our world.

Now it's our turn to carry the torch, to proclaim God's love for all people even when doing so is costly, and to become agents of peace in our community and in

the world. And as we do, let us seek not our own recognition, but the welfare of all.

How will you mark this Remembrance Day? If you're able, I hope you'll make the time to join us for worship at 10:30 on Friday, to observe this day in community. But wherever you find yourself, I hope you'll be able to take some time for yourself: to remember, to reflect, and to pray. May the Holy Spirit work within our hearts and minds, and may God's peace dwell in our hearts and be manifest in our lives.

With love,
Mother Terry+

Dear Abbey,

What was that chant at last Sunday's service? I don't think I've ever heard it before. Where does it come from?

Sincerely,
A life-long Anglican

Dear Anglican,

Last Sunday we observed All Saints Day, which is one of the major feasts of the church year. As such, it's a very special occasion. I always think it's nice to mark special days with extra touches in the liturgy. Sometimes we use different prayers, sometimes we have special music, and sometimes we even break out the thurible and have incense!

One of my favourite "special occasion" Eucharistic prayers is Prayer 6, in the Book of Alternative Services. There's no reason we couldn't use it every week, but you might have noticed that it is quite long. It actually contains a whole set of intercessions within the Eucharistic Prayer. It also has the line, which chokes me up every single time, "Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." (It even got to me just now when I typed it.)

It's a beautiful prayer, and I absolutely love it! But to be honest, I don't think I'd love it every week. Instead, I love it at All Saints Day, Christmas, and Maundy Thursday, and perhaps a couple of other occasions throughout the year. It's like pepper—a little goes a long way!

But part of what I think makes this prayer feel so special is that we have the option of using a Mozarabic chant tone. What we now call the Mozarabic Rite

originated in the Iberian Peninsula in the 6th century, but it continued to evolve over time. Its name is derived from the period of Moorish rule, when Christians who adopted some elements of Arabic culture came to be called Mozarabs (“would-be Arabs”). Not all of the chant from the Mozarabic tradition has been preserved, and even what we have has been reconstructed, or at least altered to some extent to conform to modern notation and language. But it is certainly authentic enough to offer us a connection to Christians in a different time and place.

Other elements of worship that derive from the Mozarabic Rite include the Thanksgiving over the Water at Holy Baptism, and the use of the Trisagion in place of the Gloria in excelsis. We’ll sing the Trisagion in Advent, so stay tuned! And if you liked Prayer 6, make sure to come to midnight mass this year!

Joyfully,
Abbey

Do you have a question about church, liturgy, Anglicanism, etc.? Is there something you’ve always wanted to ask but thought you should already know? Send those questions to Mother Terry at terry.dirbas@sjs.net. All questions will remain anonymous.

A.C.W. Christmas Open House



Come and see how the bales to the North are made and have a tour of the warehouse.

Alberta Rudolf, Anglican Church Women Board Secretary, ODNW

SJS Prayer List

If you request that someone’s name be added to the prayer list, please keep in touch with us. At the end of each month, all names will be removed, so you will need to add the names again at the end of each month. Please also let us know if you want someone removed from the list. Email the office (church@sjs.net) anytime! Thank you.

**Book Club Gathering (on Zoom)
Tuesday, November 29 at 7 p.m.
Zoom Link: [Book Club Zoom](#)**

This month's book selection is [The Book of Longings](#) by Sue Monk Kidd. It's a novel set in the first century with great reviews by parishioners and critics.

"An extraordinary novel . . . a triumph of insight and storytelling." —Associated Press

"A true masterpiece." —Glennon Doyle, author of *Untamed*

"An extraordinary story set in the first century about a woman who finds her voice and her destiny, from the celebrated number one *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Secret Life of Bees* and *The Invention of Wings*"

If you need assistance with getting the book, please contact the parish office. We'd be happy to help!

Greeting volunteers needed at the 10am service

We could use several more greeters! Please contact the office (church@sjs.net) for more details if you are interested in greeting on Sunday mornings.

SJS Garden Club Needs New Volunteers

It is time for the Garden Club to renew their efforts at St Johns. We hope we have some new volunteers who could join us from time to time. Or every week! Weather permitting, we meet on **Monday mornings**, but the day/time can be adjusted to accommodate other schedules. We do watering, light pruning (no saws or ladders), weeding, dividing, planting, etc. We enjoy wonderful chit chats in the safety of the

outdoors. You can bring your own gloves and tools if you want to, or you can borrow ours. If you have old tools in your garage that you don't use any more, please let us know. **We are accepting donations of old garden tools.**

WNM items for Homeless Needed

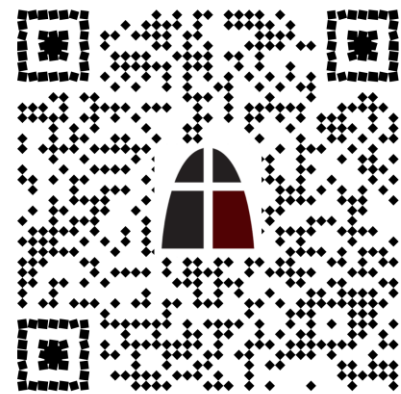
We are very low on proteins for the packets: Boost and Ensure, and especially tuna cans. If anyone has a line of dental care items (small tubes of toothpaste, toothbrushes - perhaps our family dentists would be interested in donating to the cause?) that would be helpful.

One of the regulars is looking for women's size 8 waterproof shoes or boots (not rain boots). If one of us has such a pair around the house it would be welcomed.

Other items that would be welcomed: Winter clothing, raingear, boots, sleeping bags, socks, pudding cups, granola bars (soft with no fruit/nuts), & juice boxes.

Financial Support - Stewardship

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help support the worship and ministry of St. John's Shaughnessy, please do! You can use this QR code (point your phone's camera at it) and it will take you to the



donation page of our website. If you have recently made a contribution online or by cheque, thank you so very much! If you currently give by Pre-Authorized Donation, thank you! Our church has been affected by COVID-19 in many ways and financial giving is certainly one.

If you would like to give via monthly Pre-Authorized Donations (easy to change and easy to cancel), please contact Cynthia in the office

(church@sjs.net or 604-731-4966). If you would like to give to the church using a credit card, please use the DONATE button on our website (Canada Helps on top of page one, and Paypal on the bottom of page one). Cheques may be mailed or dropped through the church mail slot.

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Please contact the parish office if you would like to be added to our mailing list, so that we may let you know about upcoming events.

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