## Sunday 1st November

## Informal Communion
## The Beatitudes

## Collect for All Saints Day

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Message from Julie

*Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 5:1-12*

The Sermon on the Mount is the longest recorded teaching of Jesus. It is not so much a series of rules, but rather a portrait of life in the Kingdom of God: it begins with the Beatitudes. That word comes from the Latin 'beatus', meaning 'blessed', 'fortunate' or 'happy'. Jesus had already said, from when he first began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." (Matthew 4:17) So he is giving us a vision of God's kingdom and also the qualities of discipleship which will bring about that transformation.

Tom Wright in "Matthew for Everyone" translates "blessed" as "Wonderful news." In this world that would mean success, wealth, material things, victory in war. What Jesus sets out is a radical reversal. Perhaps it is easiest to understand the characteristics by juxtaposing them with their opposites:

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| Poor in spirit | vs | Proud, arrogant, self-centred |
| Mournful | vs | Loveless, indifferent |
| Meek | vs | Abusive, cocky, overconfident |
| Hungry/thirsty for | vs | Self-satisfied, sneaky, ruthless |
| Merciful | vs | Unkind, unforgiving, hard |
| Pure in heart | vs | Impure, manipulative |
| Peacemakers | vs | Warmongers, troublemakers, argumentative |
| Persecuted for righteousnes | vs | Fence sitters, cowards, compromisers |

*Which of these is most challenging to you?*

The really good news is that we don't have to work this transformation by ourselves. It is through the saving grace of Jesus Christ that the Kingdom of God has come near.

Julie will be at the front after the service for those wishing private prayer. Prayers offered will include those named in this News Sheet.

*We are here as God's family to draw closer to God,*
*to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.*

| NOVEMBER | | |
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| Sun 1st | 10:30 | All Saints Day Informal Communion |
| Wed 4th | 10:30<br>7:00 | Little Stars – doors open at 10<br>Evening Prayers on Zoom |
| Thurs 5th | 9:30 | Bible Study on Zoom |
| Sun 8th | 10:30 | **Remembrance Sunday**<br>*Our collection will be in aid of the Royal British Legion* |
| Wed 11th | 10:30 | Little Stars, doors open at 10 |
| Thurs 12th | 9:30 | Bible Study on Zoom |
| Sat 14th<br>Sun 15th | 9:00<br>10:30 | **Shoebox Weekend**<br>*Our Sunday collection will be in aid of Blythswood to cover their transportation costs* |

For anyone wishing to set up a standing order for regular giving, the Bank details are:
Account: St Andrew's Woodside PCC
CAF Bank Ltd Sort Code 40-52-40 Account Number: 00007320

***Access St Andrew's Sunday Services on Zoom***
Enter the number 878 5926 2657
passcode 664663 or by linking to
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdad291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09 *The link will remain open after Sunday services so those on Zoom can chat!*

***Thursday Bible Studies may be accessed on Zoom too!***
Enter the number 589 233 412 passcode 090636 or link to
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/589233412?pwd=d1lLL0E2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQT09

***Azalea thanks us for food, toiletries, cash, gift aided donations, etc.***
They regularly collect our items, gratefully received.

***We drop off food to the Foodbank monthly***.
*Before you leave home for church Grabbatin'n'bringi'tin!*
They express gratitude for our deliveries, our financial & Gift Aided donations: next drop off October 25th. ***Needs are greater than ever!***

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