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ST ANDREW'S SERVICE TIMES	
Each Sunday	
08.00am	Said Eucharist (Traditional)
10.30am	Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)
02.30pm	Russian Language Service
Each Thursday	
10.00am	Said Holy Communion (1st Thursday there will also be prayers for healing)



Each week refreshments are served in the Church Hall after the 10.30am service. All are welcome.

WEBSITES
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<p>Items for the next magazine should be sent to the Editor by Sunday 30th December 2018. Email graniannie@hotmail.com</p>

We're coming to the end of the Church's year and the cooler weather has settled in, even here in Cyprus. The clocks have changed and November is now upon us. For those of us from the Northern Hemisphere winter approaches and our thoughts (and those of the shopkeepers) turn towards Christmas.

But before that, during November, we have a period of Remembrance., which is then followed by a period of Reflection in Advent as we wait and reflect on the meaning of the coming season of Christmas.

Traditionally in the Church, **All Saintstide** (or All Hallowstide as it would have been called in times past) is a three-day season, or *triduum*, matching the more well-known Easter Triduum of the evening of Maundy Thursday to Easter Day.

All Saintstide comprises **All Saints' Eve** (Halloween), **All Saints' Day** (All Hallows') and **All Souls' Day**, which last from October 31 to November 2 annually.

In addition to this ancient tradition, in modern times, following the carnage of the First World War and subsequent conflicts,

Remembrance Sunday, the Sunday closest to the 11th November, has been added to this season of remembrance.

So **All Saintstide** is a time to remember the dead, including martyrs, saints, and all faithful departed Christians.



Here in St Andrew's it has been the tradition over the last number of years to remember all those whom we have loved and lost at a special service of remembrance on **All Souls' Day, 2nd November**. This year's service took place on **Friday 2nd November**. At the service we gave thanks for the deceased, recently as well as in the past.

All Saints' Day this year was observed on the Sunday nearest the 1st November which this year was **Sunday 4th November**. **Fr Edward Jervis** was the celebrant and preacher at the 10:30am service on that day.

Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of hostilities in the First World War. This will be marked by an **Act of Remembrance** in St Andrew's at the 10:30am Holy Communion Service, and will be followed by a **Service of Remembrance** at the **British Cemetery** in Kyrenia starting at 12:30pm.



On the 18th November the Rev'd Mike will be away and so we will be delighted to welcome back at the 10:30am service the **Rev'd Justin Arnott**, Curate at St Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia which is the Mother Church of our part of the Diocese.

Sunday 2nd December could be called "New Year's Day" in the Church's calendar since it marks the start of **Advent**, which is itself the first season of the Church's year. From that day the colour on the church altar, lectern and the priests' stole changes to purple, the same colour as in Lent, which indicates that Advent is a

time of reflection, penitence and preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ which we celebrate at Christmas. Each Sunday a candle will be lit on the Advent wreath which comprises three purple, one rose and one white candle. The purple candles match the purple of the altar hangings and the white candle is lit on Christmas Eve at the first Eucharist of Christmas (Midnight Mass). The rose-coloured candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as *Gaudete Sunday* from the Latin word meaning "to rejoice": it is also from the first line of the traditional entrance prayer (called the Introit) for the Service of the third Sunday of Advent. It represents a pause from the penitential spirit of Advent.



On **Sunday 23rd December** we will have a change to the usual Sunday service pattern in St. Andrew's. On that day there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8:00am but the **10:30am** service will be **cancelled**. At **4:30pm** we will hold our **Carols by Candlelight** service, sometimes known as **Nine Lessons and Carols**. This popular service is surely the time when for most of us in the church Christmas could be said to begin, so please do come along, bring your friends and neighbours and sing all those popular Christmas carols which we know and love, and listen to



the well-known story of the birth of Jesus from the Scriptures.

On **Christmas Eve**, Monday 24th December, we will celebrate the **First Communion of Christmas (Midnight Mass)** at **11:30pm** followed by the **Festal Eucharist for Christmas Day** at **10:30am**. We will be honoured to have **Bishop Michael** celebrate and preach at both of these services.

All in all a busy time for us liturgically but we can rejoice that, in spite of all the difficulties we have been through in the past year and the continued uncertainty which we are experiencing as regards the appointment of a new Chaplain, worship not only continues but thrives in St Andrew's. In my former parish church of St Peter in Drogheda, Ireland, a small history book was published which contained the following words from a previous incumbent of that parish:

“Long may our well-loved Church remain as the centre of the spiritual life of the Parish – long may our people meet together in fellowship and common faith - long may the prayers and praises of our faithful people ascend to the Throne of Grace - long may they join with the blessed company of all faithful people in proclaiming the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.”



To which all of us in St Andrew's can surely say **Amen**.

The Rev'd Mike Graham



Those Russian Bookmarks – what do they mean?

You may have noticed a pile of bookmarks on the table on the right as you come into Church. They have been left there by the Russian Church which meets in St Andrew's at 2.30pm on a Sunday afternoon. You may have been curious: "What might this all mean?"

Well, let's start with the obvious list beneath the picture of Jesus Christ.

The translation goes like this:

I am the Light, and you do not love Me.

I am the Way, and you do not follow Me;

I am the Truth, and you do not believe Me;

I am the Life, and you do not seek Me;

I am the Teacher, and you do not listen to Me;

I am the Lord, and you will not submit to Me;

I am your God, and you do not pray to Me;

IF YOU ARE UNHAPPY THEN DON'T BLAME ME

And on the other side?

WITHOUT LOVE ALL – IS NOTHING

Obligation without love makes a person irritable.

Responsibility without love makes a person ungracious.

Justice without love makes a person cruel.

Truth without love makes a person critical.

Upbringing without love makes a person two-faced.

Intellect without love makes a person cunning.

Cordiality without love makes a person hypocritical.

Competence without love makes a person
unapproachable.

Power without love makes a person an abuser.

Honour without love makes a person arrogant.

Wealth without love makes a person avaricious.

Belief without love makes a person a fanatic.

Grateful thanks to Lee McHugh for this translation.



Please remember to inform the Wardens if you know of someone who is unwell or in hospital. We often hear people say, 'I thought you knew'. It is better that we hear several times than not at all.



Friends of St Andrew's

A letter from Pat Etherington

Hi Everyone,

We had a lovely start to October with the Harvest Thanksgiving on the 7th for which we had a very full church. Our guest preacher for this service was the Rev'd Steve Ward, a Methodist Minister and former Army Chaplain, who drew on Psalm 126 about all the blessings we receive from God.

We again had lots of visitors and one of them was a lady called Joanne from Liverpool. (Sorry I don't know the rest of her name). She was an accomplished organist so Izzy had a rest from operating the organ sequencer and Joanne led our worship. The church was beautifully decorated as usual and all the Harvest gifts were split between the Women's Refuge in Nicosia and Tulips Cancer Charity.

This year we offered everyone a buffet lunch in the church grounds instead of our usual "Bring and Share" at the Hermitage and everything went beautifully. We even had a couple of ladies who were passing by who came and asked if they could join us and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. From what they said afterwards I think we made their day!

We did manage to have another Coffee Morning for the Ras Morbat Clinic as I mentioned in last month's letter and thanks to everyone's unstinting generosity we raised about £570.00.

We had another very full house on 21st October when Bishop Michael celebrated the Eucharist and also the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. We had 3 candidates for Confirmation, Kimberley Sharawakanda, who was first baptised,



Sharon Gechure and Lynda Hillard. After their Confirmation they were very warmly welcomed by all present. Afterwards a “finger food” buffet was served in the hall.

There are lots of lovely photographs on the Church website for you to view of course. <http://www.standrewskyrenia.org>

We celebrated All Souls Day on Friday 2nd November with a service in the afternoon for everyone who had lost a loved one remembering them by lighting a candle as they were named. It was very moving and tea and cakes were served afterwards.

Last Sunday Fr Edward Jervis was the preacher and Rev'd Michael celebrated the Eucharist. We were again joined by quite

a large group of American girls who had been with us for several weeks. It was Earl Moffitt's first service since he returned to us and in no time at all he had the girls rehearsed and singing in the choir and very good it sounded too! During the service we had a Baptism, a lovely baby girl who was named Elsie. We were again a very full house both in the Church and afterwards in the hall, when we can talk to visitors and get to know people.

We've had some rain this week and everything has had a growth spurt, weeds as well I'm sorry to say. The days are still quite hot but the evenings are much cooler and wraps are being worn or at least carried "in case".

I think that is all my news for now.

Regards from Cyprus.

Pat E.

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Candles for lost loved ones

The Kurban Bayram Collection

The Kurban Bayram collection made by St. Andrew's finally closed on 31st October. A total of **£500** was raised and sincere thanks go to all who donated so generously.



Sandy Oram and the Rev'd Mike visited the Special School in Karakum and were graciously received by the Principal, **Ms Layla Usta**. Layla was humbled and delighted with the offer of funding and, when asked if there was any specific project to which the funds could contribute, showed us a partition wall in the Hall of the school which was in a dangerous condition. There was a real fear that glass in the partition could be broken due to rotten woodwork and that this could potentially cause serious injury. She had recently received a quotation for the work from a local builder who had himself generously offered to do the work for half-price, but following the recent economic problems in the TRNC the balance was unavailable. The St. Andrew's collection will allow this work to be completed and make the area safe for the young people.

More information and photographs will be made available as the work progresses.





This latest edition can be found on the Diocese website: <https://cypgulf.org>

Advent Calendar by Rowan Williams

He will come like last leaf's fall.
One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould, the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet and
penny-masks its eye to yield the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.

Calendar of Services and Duties - November 2018

Date	Service Time	Sidespersons	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
4 November All Saints' Day	10.30am	Stuart and Lyn Hillard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Revelation 7: 9-17 Psalm:34: 1-10 1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12	Izzy Lee McHugh Sarah Middleton Clergy	Chris Penny	Christine Dobbs
11 November 3 before Advent Remembranc e Sunday	10.30am	Frank and Joan Gillin	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Jonah 3: 1-5,10 Psalm:62: 5-12 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 1: 14-20	Sandy Oram Jacqueline McIntyre James Gibbs Clergy	Anne Lloyd	Bob Taylor
18 November 2 before Advent	10.30am	Jacqueline McIntyre and Jewel Pearce	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Daniel 12: 1-3 Psalm:16 Hebrews 10: 11-25 Mark 13: 1-8	Alan Peek Linda Smith Diana Peek Clergy	Anne Keevil	John Hodgson
25 November Sunday next before Advent Christ the King	10.30am	Precious and Sharon Gechure	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Psalm:93 Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37	Mavis Steele Shane Barnes Richard Dobbs Clergy	Sandy Oram	Pat Etherington

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If you are going to be away and are unable to swap your duty please advise **Janet Graham**, email: (preferred) jgraham@serenos.net, mob: **+90 (533) 838 6143**.

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2 December Advent 1	10.30am	Jewel Pearce and Anne Lloyd	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm:25: 1-9 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36	Izzy Carolyn Hayes Gordon Hayes Clergy	Sandy Oram	Pat Etherington
9 December Advent 2	10.30am	Frank and Joan Gillin	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Malachi 3: 1-4 Psalm:Benedictus Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6	Pat Etherington Anne Keevil Stuart Hillard Clergy	Linda Smith	Precious
16 December Advent 3	10.30am	Ananda Warrender and Linda Lister	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Psalm: 146: 4-10 Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7-18	Jacqueline McIntyre Alan Peek Janet Jervis Clergy	Mavis Steele	John Hodgson
23 December Advent 4 (no 10:30 service - Carols by Candlelight at 16:30)	10.30am	Frank and Joan Gillin	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	CAROL SERVICE	CAROL SERVICE	CAROL SERVICE	CAROL SERVICE
24 December Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Stuart and Lyn Hillard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	2 Samuel 7: 1-5,8-11,16 Psalm:89: 2, 19-27 Acts 13: 16-26 Luke 1: 67-79	Alan Carling Lyn Hillard Stuart Hillard Clergy	Edward Jervis	Sue Carling
25 December Christmas Day	10.30am	Sharon Gechure and Precious	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Psalm:98 Hebrews 1: 1-12 John 1: 1-14	Shane Barnes Anne Keevil Gillian Hodgson Clergy	Sandy Oram	John Hodgson
30 December Christmas 1 (5th Sunday)	10.30am	Jewel Pearce and Linda Lister	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Psalm:148 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-52	Linda Smith Jacqueline McIntyre Alan Peek Clergy	Sue Carling	Mavis Steele

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Westminster Abbey to host service to celebrate Christians in the Middle East



Embrace the Middle East is delighted to have been involved in preparations for this special service, an initiative of the Dean and Canons of Westminster Abbey, and we are thrilled to extend an invitation to all Embrace supporters.

A service to celebrate the contribution of Christians in the Middle East

Date: Tuesday 4 December 2018 **Time:** 5pm - 6pm

The service will celebrate the contribution of the Christian communities of the Middle East; acknowledging their suffering, celebrating their endurance and sense of hope and marking their faithful witness and service to communities throughout the region.

The Most Rev Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, will be preaching. Patriarchs and church leaders from across the region will be present, alongside people from their communities living in the UK. We would love you to be there and to join with many Embrace supporters and help fill the Abbey on this special occasion. Tickets and further information can be obtained from:

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/abbey-events/special-services/2018/december/christians-middle-east/>

St Andrew's forthcoming events

An informal discussion group is continuing. This is a group who get together to discuss amongst ourselves our faith (or lack thereof!). All those questions you wanted to ask, but were afraid to do so! Always remember that there is no such thing as a stupid question, only a stupid answer. And goodness knows the Church has been guilty of quite a few of those during the millennia!

So do come along on Friday at 2:00pm to Uncle Sam's Restaurant on the Bellapais Road (opposite the mosque and Starling's supermarket)



*Only a few days to
1st December*

Looking ahead to our Advent season, our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 1st December.

Contributions for stalls will be much appreciated. Tombola and raffle prizes, produce, cakes, gifts, bric-a-brac, books, etc, and of course we need a Santa. Please contact a member of the Council (*see pg 2*) if you can help.



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place on Sunday 23rd December. We will have a Eucharist service at 8am, but there will be no 10.30am service and our Carol service will be at 4.30pm. After the service we will serve mulled wine and mince pies. We will need volunteers to help with cooking and to decorate the church for this Christmas festival.

“FRIENDS OF THE DIOCESE” DIARY DATES

EVENT	DATES
“Friends” Exeter Day	23rd Nov
Diocesan Synod in Larnaca	2nd - 6th Feb
“Friends” Spring Gathering at Launde Abbey	20th 22nd May
“Friends” ACM at All Hallows by the Tower, London	5th Aug

CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	REHOBOTH CHURCH	18.30 - 20.30
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	KYRENIA CHAMBER CHOIR	18.30 - 19.30
THURSDAY	REHOBOTH CHURCH	18.30 - 20.30
FRIDAY	FAMILY WORSHIP	18.30 - 20.30
SATURDAY	AA	13.00 - 14.00
	JONATHAN	18.30 - 20.30
SUNDAY	RUSSIAN GROUP (Church)	14.30 - 17.00
	(Alex)	
	PHILIP	18.30 -20.30

HALL LETTINGS

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Special commemorative stamps are particularly desirable, as they receive many regular 1st & 2nd class stamps. If you have suitable stamps, please trim them and bring them to church. Post them in the box just inside the entrance door. They will be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

USED CARDS

Can you help our ladies who enjoy recycling greetings cards to raise funds for St Andrew's by donating your used cards to them. If you are visiting the TRNC and have room in your suitcase do bring them to the church.



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We are now a UK registered charity and we would ask those of you who believe in and support our ministry to change the way you give, and channel it through our charity. Regular giving no matter how small by standing order does facilitate forward planning and budgeting.

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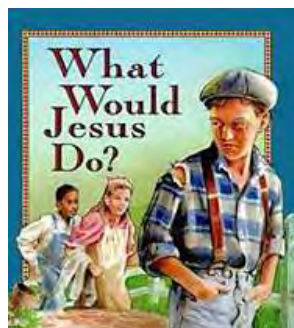
WHAT WOULD JESUS DO IN 2018?

I've been sitting on this post for over six months trying to decide whether to post it. It's out of my comfort zone and makes me feel nervous, and I've deleted it and rewritten it many times. But sometimes it's important to be open about what you stand for and I have some things I want to say about my faith and the world right now.

I've posted about what I believe before, and what it means to me to be a Christian, a follower of Jesus, but I want to be really honest with you about my personal journey and where I am at today.

I was a Christian teenager in the 90's, which means I grew up during the WWJD movement. The acronym stood for "What Would Jesus Do?" and the idea behind it was to encourage Christians to ask themselves this throughout the day, and model every action on Jesus himself.

Interestingly enough, as a Christian teenager, I actually missed the entire point, and failed a lot at the very heart of who Jesus is. I am a rule lover, I always have been, so I did pretty great at "morality" and doing my best not to do anything "wrong". What I completely messed up at, was showing grace, love and forgiveness, and I ended up being a self righteous judgmental jerk. Does this sound at all familiar to anyone?



Lately I'm seeing Christianity being blamed for a lot of things, and similarly a lot of people claiming their hateful thoughts and actions are Christian. And I am becoming concerned. In fact I'm a little horrified.

Jesus preached forgiveness of sins, and love that covers all. He was a perfect model for being kind and compassionate. He spent his time with members of society who were rejected and considered undesirable or worthless. He showed them love and encouraged them to follow him and leave their old lives behind. He was infinitely inclusive and full of patience. He forgave and he was merciful. He was non-violent and lacked any hate. He did not force anyone to follow him - he gave them the option. He did not tow the line - he challenged the status quo. He was hated by the leaders of the day for his radical

teachings. And he sacrificed, giving his very life as atonement for anyone who will take it.

And as a Christian, THIS is what I should be trying to emulate in my own life.

So here I am in 2018 and I am asking myself that question again, and again and again: What would Jesus do?

And this time, I know the answer begins and ends with the love of Jesus. I have already made the mistake of misunderstanding what it means to be a Christian and I never want to go back.

I am doubling down on reading Jesus' words. I am doubling down on praying for God to show me what more I can do. For strength to do better than yesterday. I am doubling down on holding myself accountable to the example of Jesus every day. I will give more. I will love more. And if I stumble, I will get back up and try again tomorrow. This is where I stand.

Whoever you are reading this, you are welcome here. I promise you kindness and friendship. When I say I am a Christian I am not describing a culturally conservative personally identity. I am telling you that I am an imperfect person fully aware of my short comings and trying to follow Jesus' loving example every day.

And on the flip side I am hoping that when you see someone using the name of Jesus or Christianity as their excuse for thinking or doing something terrible, that you will remember this post.

*Contributed by
Gloria Tattersall*



Diocesan Prayer Requests

During this month please add the following
Diocesan needs to your prayers.



Remembrance The Departed - Pray in grateful remembrance for the departed, not least for those who died in war and conflict.

Mission to Seafarers, Dubai. Pray for Rev'd Dr Paul Burt who leads the work of the Mission. Pray for strength to meet the needs of hundreds of seafarers in dozens of ports in the UAE and beyond.

Ordinands Pray for all who are in formation for ordained ministry and for those who love and support them.

Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus Praise God for former service personnel in training for Anglican ordination or licensed lay ministry, and for all Christian people serving within HM Forces and the MOD. Pray that the resident team of BFC Chaplains will work effectively together and collaborate with military and civilian colleagues to the glory of God.

Licensed Clergy Pray for ordained clergy, both stipendiary and self-supporting, with licensed responsibility.

St Nicholas, Fujairah Praise God for his goodness and for the many blessings He bestows upon us in our everyday lives. Pray for help in fostering deeper relationships with other congregations to form partnerships for social outreach to minister to the people of Fujairah despite race and creed.

The Bishop Pray for Bishop Michael and give thanks for the life of our diocese in all its rich particularity.

St Paul's Kuwait Give glory to God Almighty for St Paul's Church as they recently commemorated 70 years of Christian witness in Kuwait. Humbly rejoice in the freedom to worship granted to Christians by the Amir of the State of Kuwait and the Kuwait Oil Company for maintaining the Church and the Rectory.

Those being confirmed or recently confirmed. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be with all who walk the path of the Christian faith.

St Barnabus, Limassol Praise God for continuities and new beginnings, for their parish priest, Fr Andrew Mayes, who also serves as the Diocesan Spirituality Adviser.

The Archdeacons in Cyprus and the Gulf Pray for their ministry, for their parishes, and for justice and peace for all who live in them.



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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

*Before the paling of the stars,
Before the winter morn,
Before the earliest cockcrow
Jesus Christ was born:
Born in a stable,
Cradled in a manger,
In the world His Hands had made
Born a Stranger.*

*Priest and King lay fast asleep
In Jerusalem,
Young and old lay fast asleep
In crowded Bethlehem:
Saint and Angel, Ox and Ass,
Kept a watch together,
Before the Christmas daybreak
In the winter weather.*

*Jesus on His Mother's breast
In the stable cold,
Spotless Lamb of God was He,
Shepherd of the Fold:
Let us kneel with Mary Maid,
With Joseph bent and hoary,
With Saint and Angel, Ox and Ass,
To hail the King of Glory.*

Christina Georgina Rossetti 26 August 1859

All Saintstide/Hallowtide

The History

The Christian attitude towards the death of martyrs is first exemplified in the New Testament, which records that after the beheading of St. John the Baptist, his disciples respectfully buried him. Stephen was likewise "given a Christian burial by his fellow-Christians after he had been stoned to death by a mob." The theologian Herman Heuser writes that in the early Church, the feast days of the martyrs were local observances, with churches being built on those sites where their blood was shed. Frances Stewart Mossier explains that this changed during the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire, saying that: *This arrangement worked very well at first, but soon there were more martyrs than there were days in the year, and so one day was set apart in honour of them all, and called All Saints' Day. This took place about the year AD 610 and the day on which the festival first occurred was 1st May, and it was not until two hundred years after that it was changed to 1 Nov, the day we now observe. The Christians of those times were in the habit of spending the night before All Saints' Day in thinking over the good and helpful lives of those in whose honour the day was kept and in praying that they might be like them. Services were held in the churches, and candles and incense burned before the pictures and statues of the saints. It was to them one of the holiest, most significant days of all the year.*

Following the establishment of All Hallows' Day and its vigil, All Hallows' Eve in the 8th century, Odilo of Cluny popularised the day to pray for All Souls, forming the third day of the triduum of All Hallowtide. The octave of All Hallowtide, lasting eight days was established by Pope Sixtus

IV in 1430 for the whole Western Church. The octave, however was eliminated in the 1955 reforms of the Catholic Church, although it continues to be observed by many Anglicans. In the United Kingdom, the Church of England, mother church of the Anglican Communion, extended All Saints-tide to include Remembrance Sunday in the 20th century.



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