

Dear friends,

I have recorded a YouTube video for All Saints Sunday called “For all the saints”. If you’d like to watch it just click here; https://youtu.be/Xd_dA7Zj2MY
Alternatively, if you’d prefer to read it you can do so on my Blog by clicking here; <https://revmartinjacques.blogspot.com/2020/10/for-all-saints.html>



“All Souls”- Aladar Korosfoi Kriesch

Tomorrow we hold our annual “**All Souls**” remembrance service where we remember all our dear departed ones. Traditionally, All Souls is on the 2nd November but in latter years has usually been celebrated on the same day as All Saints. This solemn service will take place in **St. Peter’s church at 3pm** and will be just like past years except of course the congregation is not allowed to sing so the choir will sing “Be still my soul” and “O love that wilt not let me go” and all participants encouraged to light a candle in remembrance of their loved ones as all their names are read out.

Gift day update!

On Wednesday I announced that we had received around £3,500 but I received this message from our Treasurer yesterday. “The total now stands at £4,742 before gift aid. The total income from the gift day could well be approaching £6,000 with gift aid” Thank you all who gives in any way, not just financially, to our churches!

Words to conjure with. There are many verses from the Bible whose profundity and spiritual comfort hit you straight between the eyes. I had to read from 1 Timothy 4 during morning prayer at Otterton and this phrase leapt out from the page.

“For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the saviour of all people, especially of those who believe”

Run those expansive and inclusive words around your mind and allow them to settle in your soul.

Musical interlude!

Leave the grey, drizzle and gloom of an English autumn day behind and escape to a Caribbean beach with a catchy upbeat song with a positive message and then dance around the room – go on! don't worry – no one's looking! I saw the mighty Aswad at an open-air concert in Brixton on the same bill as Elvis Costello in what must have been the late seventies. One of those bands you can forget ever existed until for some reason they pop into your consciousness for some reason. **Shine!** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llw3BtSPHtI>

The Prayer for today is a prayer for the dying taken from the Anglican group called “The Guild of all souls” who describe their mission as “praying and caring for the sick, dying, departed and bereaved”

**O Lord Jesus Christ, in your last agony you committed your spirit into the hands of your heavenly Father;
have mercy on all sick and dying people;**

**may death be to them the gate of everlasting life;
and give to them the assurance of your presence, even in the dark hour
of their passing,
for you are the resurrection and the life;
and to you be the glory for ever and ever.**

Love and peace,
Martin

Please note my new email address is vicar@rmcommunity.co.uk