Anglican Church of San Fulgencio, Spanish Episcopal Church

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 2 November 2025 * All Saints' & All Souls' Sunday



WELCOME: Welcome to this week's newsletter. This Sunday, we join two feasts together – *All Saints' Day* (1 November) and *All Souls' Day* (2 November).

ALL SAINTS' DAY – also known as *All Hallows' Day* or *Hallowmas*, honours all the saints, both known and unknown, who have attained the glory of heaven. In Western Christianity it is celebrated on 1 November, and in Eastern Christianity it is kept on the first Sunday after Pentecost (May or June). The date of 1 November is linked to the day a chapel to all martyrs was dedicated in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, in the 8th Century.

In Ireland and Scotland, 1 November was the beginning of a pagan festival marking their New Year. The festivities began on the night of 31 October (All Hallows' Eve), with bonfires and other rituals, which gave rise to many of the customs and beliefs now associated with the secular celebration of Hallowe'en.

ALL SOULS' DAY – also known as *The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed*, follows the celebration of All Saints.' The day commemorates our departed loves ones: all those who have died in the faith of Christ or in faith known to God alone.

The tradition of All Souls' Day can be traced back to a monastery in France in the late 10th Century. The then abbot, Saint Odilo of Cluny, established a custom of remembering all departed souls on 2 November, the day after celebrating all the saints in heaven. The custom included placing a list of the names of those to be remembered close to the altar when the Eucharist (Holy Communion) was celebrated. The observance quickly spread and became adopted by the Church.

SHOE BOX APPEAL: Please ensure that your box of **non-perishable items** fits into one of the following categories: **Girl** or **Boy** – **3-5yrs** / **6-8yrs** / **9-12yrs** / **13-15yrs**. Please mark the outside of the box with either **Girl** or **Boy** + **Age**. The last date for handing in the boxes at church is <u>23 November</u>. This allows the charity to assemble boxes for any shortfall, making sure every child gets a box. Many thanks in advance.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember with love those whose year's mind falls this week: 2 - 8 November: 8 November Kenneth Hawkins

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Please pray for *The Church of the Province of West Africa.*

NEWSLETTER NOTICES: Please send all notices to Rev Richard – rev.rdm@gmail.com

Services

This Sunday

ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' SUNDAY Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Sunday 2 November



A Great Cloud of Witnesses

This Week

Wednesday 5 November

12 noon Worship on Wed ☆+zoom

Next Sunday

3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9 November

10.55 am Act of Remembrance

Plaza de la Constitución

Next Week

Wednesday 12 November

12 noon Worship on Wed zoom only

Future Services

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Sunday 16 November

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Sunday 23 November

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 30 November

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 7 December

We are an English-speaking Anglican congregation under the care of Bishop Carlos López-Lozano, of the Spanish Episcopal Church, Iglesia Española Reformada Episcopal (IERE). We follow the liturgy of the Church of England.



We gather for worship in the side chapel of the Roman Catholic church in San Fulgencio and on Zoom Plaza de la Constitución 26, San Fulgencio, 03177, Alicante www.sanfulgencioanglicanchurch.com facebook.com/sanfulgencioanglicanchurch