

Autumn 2026

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Any lections can be used but the [Exciting Holiness](#) website is a great starting point. This season covers the end of Ordinary Time and all of Kingdomtide. It weaves together a variety of lives, ancient and contemporary, into a deeper sense of the [Communion of Saints](#). In each week of the season, we should aim to show a fundamental tension raised by the theme of the Sunday. We want to explore that it is messy business pursuing a faithful life. Where we spend a Sunday with a named person from the church's calendar, it is worth resisting the soft-focus version of that saint. Instead, we can lean into the ways in which their saintliness was expressed in their lifetime and how it resonates today.

Sunday 4th October

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Francis of Assisi

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**CHRIS OTTERSHAW HAS BEEN INVITED AS PREACHER TODAY*

Francis of Assisi was born into wealth in 12th-century Italy but chose to give everything away in order to follow Christ, forming a community marked by poverty, prayer, and service. He holds together prayer, poverty, community, and creation as one pattern of discipleship rather than separate concerns, revealing how easily these can become fragmented in practice. There is a clear tension between joy and renunciation: his delight in the natural world is grounded in letting go, opening into questions about consumption, environmental responsibility, and what it means to live faithfully rather than comfortably.

10am St Barnabas	Communion [slot 29] *
11.15 St Wulstans	Communion [slot 30] *

Wed 7th October 10am Communion: St Barnabas RM
Sat 10th October 12pm (tbc) Wedding: St Wulstans RM

Sunday 11th October

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Edith Cavell

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Edith Cavell was born in 1865 into a clergy family at Swardeston and, after training as a nurse, worked in Belgium where during the First World War she cared for the wounded on both sides and helped soldiers escape, for which she was arrested and executed in 1915. Care, courage, conscience, and sacrifice are held together as one pattern of faithfulness rather than separate virtues, revealing how easily these can be divided under pressure. There is a clear tension between duty and cost: her commitment to saving lives crossed national boundaries and carried the ultimate risk, opening into questions about moral courage, responsibility, and what it means to act rightly when it is not safe or comfortable.

10am St Barnabas	Communion [slot 31]
11.15 St Wulstans	SES or Communion [slot 32]

Weds 14th October 10am Communion: St Barnabas [slot 33]

Sunday 18th October

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Luke the Evangelist

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Luke the Evangelist was a physician and companion of Paul, traditionally understood as the writer of the Gospel and Acts, setting down an ordered account of Jesus and the early Church. Attention, evidence, and faith are held together in his work rather than set against each other. There is a clear tension between his medical background and his telling of healings and miracles, opening into questions about how we live with both what we can explain and what we cannot. Services should include an offering of healing ministry.

10am St Barnabas *SES or Communion [slot 34]*

11.15 St Wulstans *Communion [slot 35]*

Weds 21st October *10am Midweek Fellowship: St Barnabas*

Friday 23rd October *2.20pm Year 7 Service: St Barnabas RM*

Sunday 25th October

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Teresa of Avila

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Teresa of Ávila was a 16th-century nun, writer, and reformer who renewed the Carmelite life through a return to prayer, simplicity, and community, despite opposition and personal struggle. Careful attention to inner prayer and the practical work of reform are held together in her life rather than set apart. There is a clear tension between deep mystical experience and the demands of ordinary community life, raising the question of how prayer and everyday living actually fit together.

10am St Barnabas *Communion [slot 36]*

11.15 St Wulstans *Communion [slot 37]*

Weds 28th October *10am Communion: St Barnabas [slot 38]*

Sunday 1st November

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All Saints / All Souls

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[Click this link for All Souls suggested lections](#)

Important pastoral occasions in our churches. All Saints and All Souls hold together the fullness of the Church across time: the known and the unnamed, the celebrated and the remembered, the living and the dead. Memory, hope, grief, and thanksgiving are held together rather than kept apart, as we honour lives shaped by faith while also naming their incompleteness. There is a clear tension between holiness and imperfection, raising the question of how ordinary, unfinished lives belong within the life of God.

10am St Barnabas *Communion [slot 39]*

11.15 St Wulstans *Communion [slot 40]*

Wed 4th November

10am Communion: St Barnabas SN

Sunday 8th November

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Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday holds together the act of remembering and the reality of what is remembered: war in all its brutality, loss, and damage. Honour, grief, and truth are held together without softening the fact that what we recall is something deeply foul. There is a clear tension between remembrance and its object, asking what it means to remember well without excusing, sanitising, or forgetting what war truly is. Unfirmed organisations help us on Sunday and Bishop Perowne leads us on Monday.

9.45 St Barnabas	<i>Remembrance Day Parade Service SN</i>
10.45 St Wulstans	<i>Remembrance Day Parade Service RM</i>

Mon 9th November *7pm Festival of Remembrance: St Barnabas SN*

Weds 11th November *10am Communion: St Barnabas SN*

Sunday 15th November

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Talents Sunday Matthew 25.14–30

This Sunday takes the Parable of the Talents at face value. It will be a lively, slightly chaotic morning, as people share the kinds of things they can actually do — practical, everyday, sometimes surprising — and see them recognised as part of the life of the church. What is given and what is used are brought into the open with a sense of enjoyment, as the Communion of Saints is recognised not just in the past, but in the life we are already living together.

10am St Barnabas	<i>Talents Sunday Communion SN</i>
11.15 St Wulstans	<i>Talents Sunday Communion SN</i>

Weds 18th November *10am Midweek Fellowship: St Barnabas*

Sunday 22nd November

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Christ the King

Christ the King gathers the whole season into one place: the lives we have traced are not simply examples to admire, but lives held within the rule of Christ. Faithfulness, failure, courage, and cost are all brought under one lordship, rather than left as separate stories. We are not a collection of good people across the ages, but a people who belong to a king, and whose lives take their shape from his.

10.30 Christ Church	<i>Patronal Communion SN</i>
11.15 St Wulstans	<i>Communion RM</i>

Weds 25th November *10am Communion: St Barnabas SN*