# Sunday 1st November 2026
# All Saints' Day

**St Andrew's church, Billingborough**

**South Lafford and Billingborough Group of Parishes**

## Collect

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.**

## Revelation 7.9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude
that no one could count, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages, standing before
the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white,
with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out
in a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the
throne, and to the Lamb!'
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and
around the elders and the four living creatures, and
they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshipped God, 12 singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who
are these, robed in white, and where have they
come from?' 14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one
that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they
who have come out of the great ordeal; they have
washed their robes and made them white in the
blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will
shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be
their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of
life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

## Psalm 34.1-10

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
**2 My soul shall glory in the Lord;**
**let the humble hear and be glad.**
3 O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
**4 I sought the Lord and he answered me**
**and delivered me from all my fears.**
5 Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
**6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me**
**and saved me from all my troubles.**
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who
fear him
and delivers them.
**8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;**
**blessed is the one who trusts in him.**
9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
**10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger,**
**but those who seek the Lord**
**lack nothing that is good.**

## 1 John 3.1-3

**3** 1 See what love the Father has given us, that we
should be called children of God; and that is what we
are. The reason the world does not know us is that it
did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children
now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.
What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we
will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all
who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as
he is pure.

## Matthew 5.1-12

**5** When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came
to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them,
saying:
3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.
4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted.
5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the
earth.
6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive
mercy.
8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be
called children of God.
10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.
11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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