

All Souls Night



*St Cuthbert's Church, Allendale
St Mark's Church, Ninebanks
Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield*

Gathering

Welcome to this service of prayer, quiet and reflection, in which we thank God for the lives of those whom we have loved and pray for all who mourn.

Reader In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We meet today to remember those whom we love who have died, to give God our thanks for their lives, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in Him, through whom we offer our praises to the Father.

Let us pray

Grant us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone, but for those also whom we love yet who are hidden from us by the shadow of death; that as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is

alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen**

Praying

Reader Help us, Lord, to receive and understand your Gospel, so that we may find light in this darkness, faith in our doubts, and comfort for one another in your saving words.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

All **Amen**

Reader Let us pray for ourselves, and for all who mourn this night: comfort us in our sorrow.

All **Fill the emptiness in our hearts with the presence of your love, increase our faith and strengthen our hope.**

Reader Let us pray also for ourselves in our pilgrimage through life; strengthen us and keep us faithful in your service.

All **Fill our hearts with the hope for heaven.**

Reader Jesus, Bread from heaven, you satisfy the hungry with good things; grant us a share with all the faithful departed in the banquet of your kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer,

All **And let our cry come unto you.**

Reader Jesus, the Light of the World, you gave the man born blind the gift of sight and opened the eyes of his faith, bring those in darkness to your eternal light and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer,

All **And let our cry come unto you.**

Reader Jesus, Son of the Living God, you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life; raise at the last to full and eternal life with you.

All Lord, hear our prayer,
And let our cry come unto you.

Reader Jesus, Crucified Saviour, in your dying you entrusted each to the other, Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple; sustain and comfort all who mourn

All Lord, hear our prayer,
And let our cry come unto you.

Reader Jesus, our Way and Truth and Life, you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith; reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.

All Lord, hear our prayer,
And let our cry come unto you.

Reader May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.

All **Amen**

Reader Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love all those whom we have placed in your hands. Remembering

The list of names of those whom we have been asked to remember tonight is read. After this, if you wish to, please light your candle at home in someone's memory. There is no hurry....

After all those who wish to have lit candles:

Reader Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth, but have also promised us a share in life eternal. According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace of Christ share with your saints in the joy of heaven where there is neither sorrow nor pain, but life everlasting.

All **Amen**

Reader Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done; on earth as it is in Heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever, Amen.**

Departing

Reader May God give to us his comfort and his peace,
His light and his joy, in this world and the next;
And the blessing of God almighty;
The father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with us and with all those whom we love and
remember, this night and forever more.

All **Amen**

Reader Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**