

Activities Sheet 1st November

Yesterday many people in this country will have celebrated Halloween which has always struck me as not particularly wholesome or nice, a celebration of bad and evil things – almost a complete contrast to the celebration of All Saints day when we celebrate the lives of Christians who have achieved great and wonderful things for the glory of God. The first of our activities looks at that contrast. You will need a pen or pencil and possibly a blank piece of paper for these. Take a look at the Beatitudes in our reading from Matthew's Gospel. Think of opposites to the words below which are taken from that reading.

Example. **Poor/Rich**

Compassionate(merciful)/..... Peacemaking/.....

Sad (those who mourn)/..... Humble (meek)/.....

hungry and thirsty/..... Pure (in heart).....

Fearful (persecuted)/.....

1. Famous Saints Wordsearch

Find the following :- Mary the Blessed Virgin,
St. Bernadette, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Joan of Arc,
St. Micheal the Archangel, St. Patrick, St. Paul,
St. Peter, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Valentine

G L Z T Y Q R D R N F A W M W E R R K M Y F W O
O P B A O H N B S A B X V C O V K N R C Y K P K
E F L W Q V X G Z X Q O X R O D U M M U F O D R
C B E V L U J L X W N N S A U S S L Q K T K S R
Q H G M S K B Z U Q E F U F W S T R N J O C L V
B U N L X S L F R E Z S S O K X P X B G A T X T
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G M H R M M C V R O Q A J A B A T C U S Q C B Z
O N C Z X L E X Y Z I P B O S S E U B W K J J D
B U R C F I Y L P V H M J J F Y R Z M B S Z R S
Z L A D F C Z V V P Y P Y T P X B M X N W L I Z
S W E O N K Y E O U T Z I S N Q L B P F W D E V
U E H S F W Y W C F Y P X P O Y L T S T K J C P
W M T F E X R K V S T T H O M A S A Q U I N A S
F R L O R E X E D G N Y C B Q U S E X K O I J C
R L A B N I G R I V D E S S E L B E H T Y R A M
T K E B Y V G V N L I Z J L D V L U A P T S X P
X R H H V N P G Q I X S T V A L E N T I N E H A
G U C H Q O Y N D I H Q T Q M N S W S P G E O E
K O I W O D I S T P A T R I C K T I W Y V A B I
D D M B E I S I S S A F O S I C N A R F T S J Z
F B T B J G A I P S N X Q T F E L Y X Z M Y N X
E H S E H J B J I M T Z S T B E R N A D E T T E
Z D F V O C L P A L P H Y S D F U C O Q Z U X N

2. With Remembrance Sunday approaching next Sunday try your hand at writing a prayer for peace or write a prayer about anything else that is close to your heart at the moment.

3. Draw an imaginary pumpkin for Halloween but decorate it with Christian images. This pumpkin poem might give you some ideas:-

*I am a Jack O'Lantern - my lights will shine so bright.
For I'm a Christian Pumpkin – my symbols tell what's right.
My nose is like the cross on which our Saviour died
To set us free from sin we need no longer hide.
My mouth is like a fish the whole wide world to show
That Christians live in this house and love Lord Jesus so!
The story starts at Christmas – my eyes are like the star
That shone on baby Jesus and wise men saw from far.
My colour, it is orange, just like the big bright sun
That rose on Easter day along with God's own son.
And so, on Halloween, let's put our pumpkins out
And tell the trick or treaters what God's love is all about!*