

# **QUEENSFERRY PARISH CHURCH**

## **MIDWEEK SERVICES**

**NOVEMBER 2021**

### **Week 1 – All Hallows’/All Saints/All Souls**

**Leader:** Lord God, darkness is not dark for you,  
for you the night is as bright for the day.  
Darkness and light are the same for you.

This year All Saints and All Souls days have passed by the time we meet, but we are still in the season of All Saints. Hallowe’en is the night before All Saints’ Day. Hallow is an old English word meaning holy as in “Hallowed be thy name.” So Hallowe’en is a holy day before All Saints’ Day. Its significance has been lost as it has been taken over by witches and ghosts and pumpkins and “trick or treat.”

All Saints’ Day is when we remember the saints who have gone before us in faith – not the ones who got Saint in front of their names, because they have their own named day, but rather all those who are part of the company of the faithful. All Souls’ Day is the day after when Christians remember relatives and others known to them who have died.

#### **OPENING RESPONSES**

Seeking your wisdom

**WE SEEK YOUR FACE**

Seeking your integrity

**WE SEEK YOUR FACE**

Seeking your forgiveness

**WE SEEK YOUR FACE**

Seeking your strength

**WE SEEK YOUR FACE**

Seeking your beauty

**WE SEEK YOUR FACE**

Reading:           1 John 3 verses 1 – 3  
                          Matthew 5 verses 1 – 12

Reflection on the theme of All Saints

**FOR THOSE WHO LIT OUR LIVES WITH JOY,  
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TOUCHED US WITH TENDERNESS,  
FOR THOSE WHOSE LOSS FILLS US WITH LONGING,  
WE GIVE THANKS IN GLAD REMEMBRANCE.**

Invitation to people, if they wish, to light a candle at home

Short celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer

**CLOSING RESPONSES**

Summoned to holiness, roused to justice

**WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE IN LOVE**

Granted forgiveness, blessed with mercy

**WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE IN HOPE**

Beckoned by saints, encouraged by angels

**WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE IN JOY**

Blessing