



Holy Trinity



St Andrew's



Kilmaveonaig



All Saints'

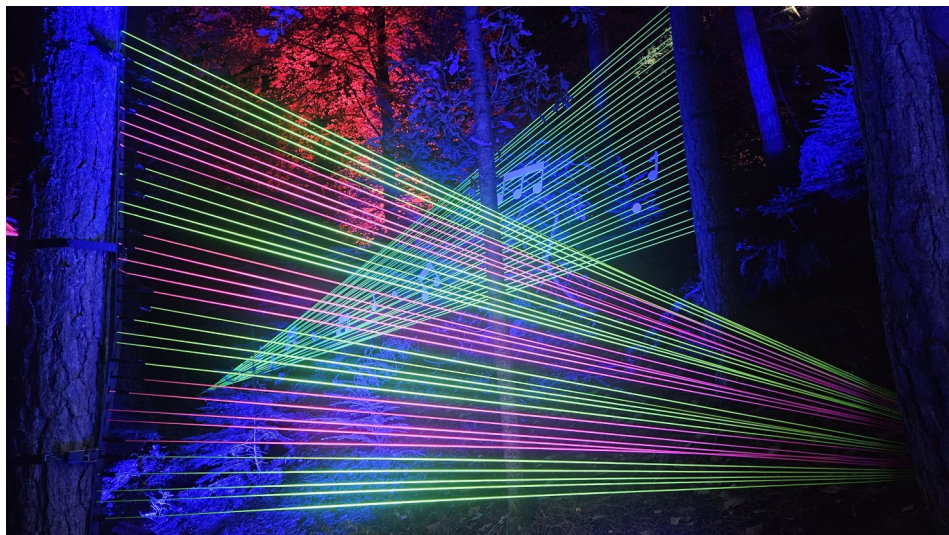
The Newsletter of Highland Perthshire Linked Charge

**HOLY TRINITY, Pitlochry
KILMAVEONAIG, Blair Atholl
ST ANDREW'S, Strathtay
& ALL SAINTS', Kinloch Rannoch
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**

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Autumn 2025

September, October & November



The Enchanted Forest 2025 2nd October - 2nd November

<https://www.enchantedforest.org.uk/>

Rector's Reflections Autumn 2025 - As the year turns



For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance... – Ecclesiastes 3:1-3

This reading from Ecclesiastes reminds us that God guides the events of our lives, and that there is a gift from God in every season, or time, that we live in. All things we live through are in the end temporary, and the transitions we constantly undergo are a reminder of the timelessness of God and the longing for the eternal that God has put in our hearts. The passage above has so much to offer us as we journey through the seasons of autumn and prepare for the darkness of winter.

Our newsletter spans all the aspects of autumn, the Season of Creation, of Harvest, the time of remembrance and the looking forward to the coming of the light of Christ into our world.

The time from summer's end to the beginning of Advent can often be busy and filled with so much, that we hardly have time to think.

Children are back at school, holidays are over, harvests are gathered both agricultural and personal, plans are made. Sometimes it feels like we are on a treadmill trying to achieve everything before 'the winter storms begin'

But this season has traditionally been a time for reflection and this year 2025 is surely a year when we need to reflect, as seemingly our world is struggling to cope with the effects of extreme weather events, with wars and rumours of wars, with violence, cruelty and greed. So many people live in dire poverty whilst the richest just hoard more wealth. Does it seem to you that the good news of the Gospel has been drowned by the frailty of humankind.

This is where our faith becomes really important, as at the turning of the year as the seasons change we recall that God, as a helpless baby, came into just such a violent and messy world, this symbolizes God's willingness to enter into the mess and chaos of human life to bring the promise of beauty and hope, just as the light and colours of autumn bring beauty and the promise of rest and refreshment to the earth to await the birth of new life in the spring. Let us use this autumn as a time for reflection and prayer for the world and all life.

Cake, Coffee & Conversation

Join us at Holy Trinity on 1st Thursday of the Month, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
4th September
2nd October
Funds towards Church re-ordering

Safeguarding Training

The Provincial Safeguarding Officer, Mr John Wyllie, has proposed holding a Diocesan **Safeguarding/ PVG Training Day on Wednesday 29 October 2025** at a venue in Perth (TBC).

The day will consist of two sessions; the morning session will cover general safeguarding and PVG issues with the afternoon session addressing further issues relevant to Clergy and PVG Co-ordinators only.

1st September to 4th October

Season of Creation 2025 theme



In the HPLC we are celebrating the Season of Creation using special Eucharist Prayers and with two special events.

EXPLORING THE BOOK OF CREATION
A Zoom Quiet Day in Creationtide
Saturday 13th SEPTEMBER 2025

11.00am – 3.30PM
In the Celtic Tradition, God Speaks through two books, the Bible and creation.

11.00 to 12.30 Morning Session: 'The Wildness of God'. Introduction and taking time to listen for the presence of God in all things, using poems by R. S. Thomas & Wendall Berry as examples of finding God and grace in the natural world.

1.30pm Afternoon Session: 'The Creatureliness of God' looking at selected passages in our book of Scripture and using a simple form of Lectio Divina for reflection

3.00pm Evening Prayer: Music and prayers with space to offer reflections, thoughts, writings, & prayers

To register interest & for zoom link contact: Revd Canon Liz Baker bethmaybaker@yahoo.co.uk

13th September a Zoom Quiet Day 'Exploring the Book of Creation

14th September – 3.30pm PEACE WITH CREATION

in the Serenity Garden at Holy Trinity a Service with
'Blessing of the Animals'



PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

CELEBRATE WITH US AT

A BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

AT 3.30PM ON 14TH SEPTEMBER

IN THE SERENITY GARDEN AT (HOLY TRINITY CHURCH)

**TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING ALL OF GOD'S CREATURES
SO BRING YOUR PETS OR A PICTURE OF AN ANIMAL YOU
LOVE, OR WISH TO REMEMBER, OR A PICTURE OF AN
ENDANGERED SPECIES IN THE WILD.**

**LOVE ALL GOD'S CREATION,
THE WHOLE AND EVERY GRAIN OF SAND OF IT.
LOVE EVERY LEAF, EVERY RAY OF GOD'S LIGHT.
LOVE THE ANIMALS, LOVE THE PLANTS,
LOVE EVERYTHING.**

**IF YOU LOVE EVERYTHING,
YOU WILL PERCEIVE THE DIVINE MYSTERY IN THINGS.
ONCE YOU PERCEIVE IT,
YOU WILL BEGIN TO COMPREHEND IT
BETTER EVERY DAY.**

**AND YOU WILL COME AT LAST
TO LOVE THE WHOLE WORLD
WITH AN ALL-EMBRACING LOVE**

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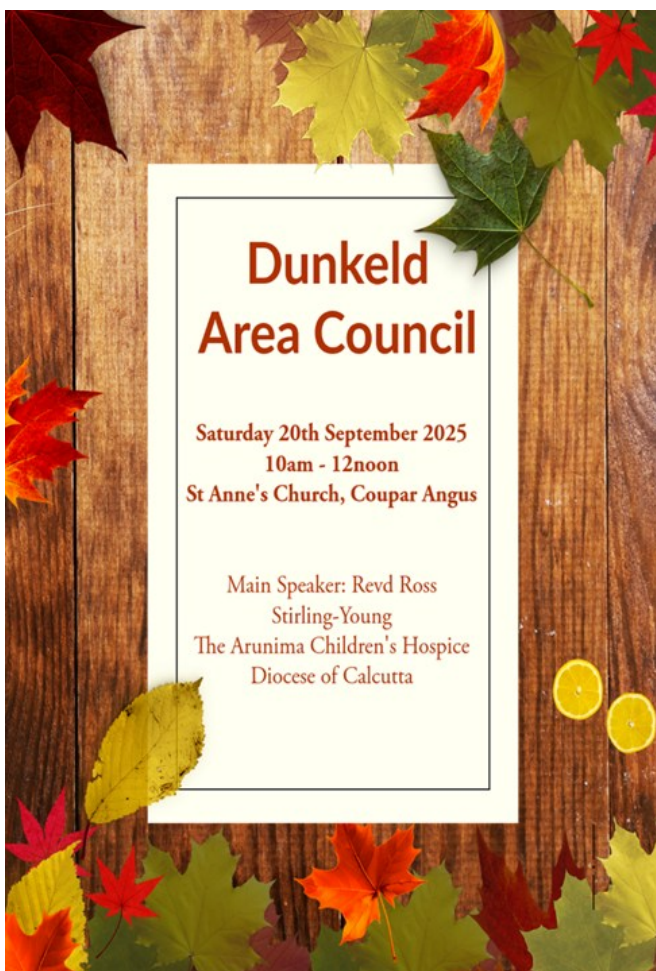
REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL ANIMAL & HUMANS SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE

HOLY TRINITY, SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PERTH ROAD, PITLOCHRY. SC007020

**DUNKELD AREA COUNCIL
DIOCESE OF ST ANDREWS, DUNKELD AND DUNBLANE
20TH SEPTEMBER 10.00AM TO 12.00NOON
AT ST ANNES, COUPAR ANGUS**

All welcome. Lift available.

The work of our Area Councils is important for the life and work of the Diocese, please consider if you might be able to be a Lay Rep for the Diocesan Standing Committee. Please ask Liz for further details. (Standing Committee Meetings are usually on Zoom)





DIOCESAN NET ZERO ROADSHOW

4th October 2025

Sowing seeds of hope



St Ninian's Cathedral Perth



netzerochurch.scot/events

Saturday 4th October 2025 from 10am to 3.30pm

Diocesan Net Zero Gathering in the Season of Creation.

<https://netzerochurch.scot/event/st-andrews-dunkeld-dunblane-net-zero-roadshow/>

To Register E mail: Dr Bethany Nelson bethnyn@scotland.anglican.org

Please contact Liz if you would like help registering



HOLY TRINITY AUTUMN FAIR

SUN 12th OCTOBER 2025

1.00PM- 4.00PM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
PERTH ROAD,
PITLOCHRY

Christmas Cards and Gifts,
Tombola, Children's Activities,
Cakes, Exhibition and
Refreshments.

For further details please contact
Liz on 01796 472005



Church Services in September, October , November & Harvest. & Remembrance

September

28th September 6.00pm Sung Evensong at Holy Trinity

5th October – Harvest Festival in all our churches:

Holy Trinity 9.30am Harvest Festival with Communion

St Andrews 11.15am Harvest Festival with Communion by Extension

Kilmaveonaig 11.15am Harvest Festival with Communion

All Saints 3.00pm Harvest Festival

October (while Liz is on Holiday)

19th October 10.30am at Kilmaveonaig Joint Charge Service

26th October 10.30am at St Andrews Joint Charge Service

November

2nd November 10.30am at All Saints, Joint Charge for the Feast of All Saints

3rd November 7.00pm at Holy Trinity All Souls Service

9th November 9.30am Remembrance Communion at Holy Trinity

9th November 11.15am Remembrance Communion at St Andrew's

23rd November 11.15am Joint Charge Service at Kilmaveonaig

30th November 11.15am Joint Charge Service for Advent Sunday & St Andrews Day at St Andrews

LAY LEADER TRAINING

During the autumn Lesley and Liz are holding training sessions for Lay Ministries and refresher sessions for Leading Intercessions. (Further dates to follow)

Lay Worship Leaders Training - Intercessions

9th September 7.00pm at 3 The Paddock, Grandtully.

17th September 10.30am at Holy Trinity (details and other times to follow)

Andrew Gordon's Fly-In

A fitting tribute to Andrew Gordon's life and work was held on Sunday 24th August at the airstrip on the Lude Estate when family, friends and colleagues came together to remember Andrew.

Andrew wouldn't have been one for a memorial service, but he would have been up for a party! So that is what he got. Lavinia and son, Duncan, organised a wonderful party to celebrate his life. There was music, laughter and song, food, wine, beer and a fly-past by many of Andrew's pilot friends. One highlight was a choreographed display of 'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines' by some of his former colleagues from the Army Air Corps, while all those present joined in a sing-along.

Music has always been a common bond in the Gordon family, so the concert after lunch included many of the family on keyboards, trumpet, drums and pipes, they were joined in the medley of music that Andrew loved by Joe Thompson, Sophie Alloway and family friend and former Rector of Kilmaveonaig, the Revd Roger Quick.



'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines'

Liz Baker & John Martin



A Gazelle

Serenity Garden 2025.

There is always so much to do in the Serenity Garden that it is often easy to lose track of what we have achieved.

This year in particular has been a busy one with the re-landscaping of the area at the rear of the Celtic cross. Previously this was an overgrown and weedy stretch of shady woodland; however with the benefit of funds that we have raised and a donation from the Distillery, we have been able to completely re-landscape the area. A wood chip path now leads around the area, passing by a new garden bed planted with predominantly white plants, some scented, some variegated, creating a peaceful and calm backdrop to the pathway; it then wends its way to a new stone 'memory cairn' where visitors are invited to add a small stone with the initials of or a message to a loved one. Already the cairn has grown in height and width with initialled stones and messages and poems inked to loved ones. The central bed at the back of the area, a new noticeboard has been erected in which we will be posting information about the Serenity Garden, the churchyard and general flora and fauna information. If anyone has something they would like to post up, please let us know. The area is



'Before'

far from finished – we are planning to install a little 'musical' area for youngsters more anon!

Serenity Garden Volunteers.



'After'



A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray,
in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen

*A concluding prayer of
Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si'"*

Liz Baker
August 2025

A New Organ for Holy Trinity



Recent worshippers at Holy Trinity will know that, in addition to our tracker-action pipe organ there is now a second organ in the church. This was the home practice instrument of Barbara Rombaut who some will know was for many years organist at St Bride's RC church in Pitlochry. Barbara has recently moved to Blairgowrie and as she was sadly not able to take the organ with her, was keen that it should remain in Pitlochry. She very generously offered to give it to Holy Trinity, a gift which our Vestry were pleased to accept.

The organ is a 2-manual and pedals electronic instrument and has been installed at the front of the nave in a space created by rearranging some pews. As a non-mechanical organ, the manuals have a lighter touch than our pipe organ. It also has a much wider range of stops, plus many other sophisticated facilities which we can employ as we become more familiar with them.

Together with our trusty pipe organ which will continue to be maintained and played, and our Clavinova keyboard, I hope our new organ will give Holy Trinity many years' enjoyment.

Paul Covell



Calling all Gardeners

Do you like taking cuttings? Do you find stray seedlings in your garden?

We are finding that plants which are put out for sale under the lych gate are moving rapidly.

If you are short of little pots we can supply them from the Serenity Garden.

Seedlings which pop up in your garden maybe desirable to someone else.

Jean Kirby

Barbecue at Carn Raineach

Do you remember that VERY HOT weekend in July? On Saturday 12th July we had a barbecue for the charge at Carn Raineach in Coshieville. Alice and Sally Gordon provided a really sumptuous spread ably cooked on the barbecue by Alice and Tony while Sally excelled at scraping a mountain of new potatoes. Goodness knows how the cooks survived in that heat. Other members of St. Andrew's provided some salads and the usual St. Andrew's cake stall. The guests largely stayed under the shade as it was too hot to move about. One thing to be learnt from that weekend is that we cannot have two events on consecutive days: only one member from the rest of the charge came to the barbecue and only about five of St. Andrew's were able to go to the Strawberry Tea at Holy Trinity on the Sunday. However, both events raised much needed funds for the churches and those who went enjoyed the company.

Lesley Whitwood

HOLY TRINITY – THE CHURCHYARD

Holy Trinity has a small but interesting graveyard; four of its priests are buried in it, the last being the Revd. Derrick Burke whose grave is marked by a simple wooden cross.

The youngest to be buried, was also the first baby of 9 months - Cecil Le Poir Power who died on 29th May 1863. The oldest to be buried at Holy Trinity was Mrs Lottie Croll who died on 8th October 1985, aged 104 years. Despite her great age, Mrs Croll regularly attended services at Holy Trinity up to the time of her death.

There are a number of distinguished personnel, a Major General, three Lt Colonels, a captain of the Royal Engineers, who had been awarded the military cross for his gallantry and a Rear Admiral.

Jane Trufusis Watson-Watt, who reached the rank of Air Commandant WAAF and was also the wife of Robert Alexander Watson-Watt who succeeded her by a little over two years. Sir Robert distinguished himself by being responsible for the invention of Radar. Sir Robert was distantly related to that other Scottish genius James Watt, who pioneered the use of steam power in engineering.

Two of the original churchwardens rest here and also a later one, John Henry Dixon who was responsible for the encouragement and assistance in starting the first Scout Troup in Scotland. At the time Mr Dixon was reputed to be the oldest scoutmaster in the world; he was also interested in Japanese horticulture and was responsible for the most wonderful Japanese garden at his home.



Many others lie in this small churchyard including, from long ago a Rector's housekeeper, Doctors, a Provost of Pitlochry to tinkers and Lords of the Manor.

Pam Godwin

Book group

The book group has been reading voraciously recently. The option of choosing a book by the set author for the month has brought about some very interesting discussion. The July choice was Robert Goddard, suggested by Benita. He has written many novels and we found that he was a master of the complex plot with many strands coming together by the end. The variety of locations and the detail of historical background was amazing as so many different references to the places and historical events were made. The August choice was Elif Shafak, starting with "The Island of Missing Trees". This author managed to weave political situations into the lives of her characters so that we learnt about the effect that the political decisions had on ordinary people. In the television programme "Between the Covers" there was an interview with Elif Shafak talking about another of her books which revealed the way in which she saw past events influencing present day life. In both cases the group chose varied novels by the set writers and both authors gave us interesting challenges as it was rewarding to compare their writing in different novels. The September choice of author is Niall Williams and we will meet on 23rd September at 2.30 p.m. in Holy Trinity for tea, cake and conversation. Everyone is welcome



A Poem for Autumn - Weeping Ash by Ann Pilling 2020

It died quietly in the night. If there were death throes
the gale swallowed them; and it fell with care
sideways on to a holly tree which soon bounced back,
we can see the hills now and we have more light.

I will miss all of it, its witchy branches, its long hair,
its stubborn refusal to leaf until spring
had all but passed into summer. Only then
did its long black fingernails unfurl to green.

The logs, stacked up in chequered rows against a wall,
will last several winters. Ash burns well.
In the dark months we can pull up close,
warm our hands at its flame

as those we have loved warm
us when we remember them.

HPLC CHRISTMAS CARDS

Sorry for mentioning Christmas when it is still only Autumn, but some people do like to buy early and the next newsletter will be too late.

Choosing the right cards can be a nightmare, so we have made it easy for you this year by producing a Linked Charge Christmas card featuring the Nativity Window in St Andrew's (it is the only church in HPLC with a nativity scene!) See the photo ...

Each card will be 125mm square, printed with a gloss finish and the inside will be blank for your own greeting. White envelopes are included in the price of just £4 for 5 cards or £7 for 10. St Andrew's have kindly paid for the production of the cards (limited edition of just 500) and the profits will be shared among the churches in proportion to the number of cards sold. We hope to have some samples available in the next couple of weeks. Please give your orders to Lesley Whitwood as soon as you like! **lesleywhitwood@btinternet.com**

Front of card ...



Back of the card ...

The Nativity

Proceeds from the sale of this card help to support churches in the Highland Perthshire Linked Charge:

Holy Trinity, Pitlochry
St Andrew's, Strathtay
Kilmaveonaig, Blair Atholl
All Saints', Kinloch Rannoch

The Nativity Window is in St Andrew's
Scottish Episcopal Church, Strathtay,
and was formerly in St Margaret's, Aberfeldy,
until its closure in 1978.
Window by: John Hardman & Co of Birmingham

**To Buy your
Highland Perthshire
Christmas Cards**

Email:

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The Arts Society Tayside is a not-for-profit Society dedicated to providing its members with enjoyable experiences in the arts in the company of people with similar interests. We also offer summer garden outings, specialist interest days and visits

Over the past ten months our members have enjoyed many interesting talks on a wide variety of topics at Birnam Arts. We attend a one-hour lecture, either as a morning or an afternoon member, usually on the second Monday of every month between September and June. The new season 2025-2026 will begin on 8th September, and membership for the year costs £68. Please visit our website to see the full programme.

Would you like to try before committing?

Although we are a Membership Society, we offer a complimentary lecture to anyone who would like to try it out before joining us.

Please contact us for a complimentary lecture or to become a member:

tastmembership@gmail.com or 07783 618535



Prayer for Patience in Gardening

Gracious Creator, we come before You today, humbly planting and filling the soil of our garden. We pray for patience as we nurture these tender sprouts, the fruits of Your magnificent creation. Remind us, Oh Lord, that just like these plants, our faith requires time to flourish. Bless each moment of hard work we pour into this earth as a testament to our resilient spirit. In the quiet serenity of our garden, let us find peace in knowing that patience brings forth nature's blessing. Dear God, bless us with enduring strength as we tend to every life sprouting from the nourishing soil. Amidst life's trials and tribulations, fortify our faith just like those resilient sprouts breaking through firm ground. May this humble request remind us that even in stillness - there is growth; even in waiting - there is blessing. Let our hearts deepen its roots in patience and steadfast faith in You. Amen.



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*Taken during an Arts Society
Tayside Summer Garden Outing
near Auchterarder in July.*

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Copy for the Winter issue to the Editor

by

Noon on Tuesday 25th November 2025

We cover many of the notices weekly in the pew sheet but the newsletter allows opportunity for interesting and relevant articles, posters for special occasions such as fairs, special lunches, Festivals (Christmas!) and reports etc. Also, In Memoriam obituaries. Most welcome are poems, stories, accounts, historical items linked to the Charge and anything you may feel might interest others.

Scottish Episcopal Church

HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE LINKED CHARGE SERVICES

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Usual Service Times

Holy Trinity 9.30am

St Andrews 11.15am

Kilmaveonaig 11.15am

All Saints – 9.30am 1st Sunday of month

ONLINE ZOOM SERVICES

Sundays - 6.00pm Evening Services

Thursdays - 10.30am Morning Prayer – from Holy Trinity

Events

Holy Trinity Serenity Garden Group – Tuesdays 11.00am and Open Church with Coffee and Conversation. All welcome

St Andrew's House Group – Last Wednesday of the month contact Ms. Lesley Whitwood 01887 840416 for details

Sundays and other Festivals

September 2025

Sun 7 Pentecost 13
Sun 14 Pentecost 14
Mon 15 Holy Cross Day
Sun 21 Pentecost 15
Mon 22 St Matthew
Evangelist
Sun 28 Pentecost 16
Mon 29 St Michael & All
Angels

October 2025

Sun 5 Pentecost 17
Sun 12 Pentecost 18
Sat 18 St Luke
Evangelist
Sun 19 Pentecost 19
Thu 23 St James of
Jerusalem
Sun 26 Pentecost 20
Tue 28 St Simon & St
Jude Apostles
Fri 31 Vigil of All Saints

November 2025

Sat 1 All Saints' Day
Sun 2 Pentecost 21
Sun 9 Pentecost 22
Sun 16 Pentecost 23
Sun 23 Last Sunday
after Pentecost
& Christ the King
Thu 27 Thanksgiving
Day
Sun 30 First Sunday of
Advent