

Hope does not disappoint.

The Month of Holy Souls is upon us, thinking of the too many funerals I have attended this past year I came to pondering on how, sometimes the natural world can seem to grow quiet, perhaps it, too, feels the magnitude of the moment, the weight of burying a loved one.

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow . . ." This ancient hymn reminds us: We are forever an Easter people.

As we grieve those who have died, may we find some solace in the Easter truth, hope does not disappoint. Death does not have the final say. It never will. Jesus ensured this fate when he suffered, died, and then rose to new life. The Son of God paved the way for people to enter the glory of the Kingdom of God when their time on earth ends.

This week's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed celebrates the gift of everlasting life. It also offers space to lament the changes in proximity and relationship that happen when a loved one dies. It is a hard and heavy transition; the weight of grief is not to be glossed over. We are called to come together as a praying community, to rejoice and to shed a tear, to wonder and to remember the Easter promise:

"Hope does not disappoint"



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THIS WEEK

Sat.	1st NOV	VIGIL MASS ALL SAINTS	4:00pm
Sun	2nd	ALL SAINTS	09:30am
Mon	3rd	FAITHFUL DEPARTED	10:00am
Wed	5th	MASS	10:00am
Fri	7th	MASS	10:00am
Sat	8th	VIGIL MASS	4:00pm
Sun	9th	LATERAN BASILICA	09:30am

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the national and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is
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CHINTHOWA DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Many thanks to all who supported our
'coffee morning' last Wednesday

We raised an amazing
£412:00

A special thank you to our helpers!

Saturday 1st November 2025

Reception into Church

Dean Lloyd

Sunday 2nd November 2025

11:30am

Blessing of The Graves

Atherstone Cemetery

Please pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time; Cornelia Bennett, Peter West, Lynn Child, Marita Renchen, Edith Jones, Garry Bloor, William Barsby and Margaret Walton.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...

'Taize'

A Candlelit Evening of Prayer, Chant and
Song

Friday 21st November 2025

Celebrating the Church in Atherstone!

St. Benedict's Church, Owen Street

Atherstone

Everyone Welcome

The Bible Time-line

7:00pm

Every Monday Evening

St. Benedict's Community Hall

05/10/2025

1st Coll	£161.16
2nd Coll	£109.15
Candles	£

S/O	<u>£312.00</u>
	£582.31

Overheads	£586.00	Avg
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