WALBURY BEACON
BENEFICE

Sunday 1st November 2026

All Saints Day

Readings

Revelation 7.9-end

The Multitude from Every Nation

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm
branches in their hands. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation
belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' 11And all
the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshipped God, 12singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and
thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and
ever! Amen.' 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are
these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 14I said to him, 'Sir,
you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have
come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them
white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the
throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is
seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and
thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the
centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to
springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their
eyes.'

1 John 3.1-3

3 [1]See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5.1-12

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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