

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Seeing the cross

in everything.

On holiday last week Catherine, Edmund and I visited the Fleet Air Arm museum down in Yeovil. It's an amazing place full of amazing planes, helicopters and other fascinating navy flying hardware.

Edmund and I were in our element... Catherine said she was happy but I'm sure her mind was on other matters!

As we walked around I spotted a yellow cross on the side of 'Humphrey' - a veteran Wessex Helicopter from the Falklands war.

As we stood and listened to the guide tell the amazing story of this machine and the heroes who flew her I was fixated on the cross on the side.

Why on earth was the cross painted on this machine of war? What had happened that resulted in this symbol of Christian Hope being painted on the side?

The talk didn't help and so I prepared myself to ask the guide when I noticed it everywhere - it was on all the helicopters! What on earth was going on....!?

Then I noticed the small black text underneath 'picket here' - it wasn't a cross... it was an anchor! It is painted on the side of helicopters to show where they should be anchored to the deck in high winds and rough seas!



It wasn't the cross after all.

But then I thought, actually, I can't think of a better symbol in a time of high winds, of rough seas in our lives to turn to - the cross as an anchor point.

When things are rough, tough and very difficult we can turn to the cross and find the anchor point we need to stay safe and see our way through the storm.

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Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible. We are

Prayer focus

For the focus and courage to reach for the cross in times of difficulty and darkness. To find an anchor in any storm in Jesus Christ.

Worship focus

St. Martin of Tours is celebrated on Thursday morning at 10am. An amazing man with a great lesson to teach us all. Come along to find out what it was!

This Sunday

Sunday 6th November

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year C(II)

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Notices

The PCC meeting planned for this Sunday is postponed until our accounts are finalised.

Did you know you can support the parish by giving via Direct Debit? It's super easy to set up and you can control it over the phone or via the website. It has a HUGE upside for the church as it means we automatically collect the Gift Aid on it (at no cost or fuss to you, the money comes direct from the Government). There are currently only 4 of us set up for Parish Giving but that brought in over £600 in additional Gift Aid last year, imagine if we were all doing this!

You can set it up by calling 0333 002 1271 and giving them our Parish Giving Code - 230 623 503

Envelopes are still also available - please do speak to David if you don't have a giving envelope and would like to help fund our mission.

Years Mind

6th - Ernest Bray

8th - Gwyneth Jane Sinfield

9th - George Hall

10th - Mabel Da Silva

11th - Iris Ellis Roderick

12th - Tyrone Greenidge

Pray This Week For

Yolanda De Gale, Wayne Campbell, Beryl Higgs, Kevin Riley & Family, Norma Piggott, Gemma, Deborah Ann Potts, Margaret & Oliver Joseph, Adrian Calliste, Fr. John & family, Jim Kissane, Mavis & Daniel Sibley, Tom, Julie, Dorothy Shirley Gordon. Elijah and his family, Jan Sutherland, Judy, Alan & Vida, Andrew, Sarah.

Monday 7th November

Monday of week 32 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45pm - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 8th November

Tuesday of week 32 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45pm - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

Wednesday 9th November

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast ●

9:45pm - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

12-2pm - Foodbank

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 10th November

Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor ●

9:45pm - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 11th November

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop ●

9:45pm - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 12th November

Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr ●

Church open for private prayer, offices said privately

Prayer focus: Children around the world

Sunday 13th November

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year C(II)