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Dear Friends

This time of year in the Church's calendar is a season of remembering – All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday. It's good to remember those who have gone before us for to 'remember' reminds us that we are connected to others, other members of the church and the wider human community.

This year All Saints Sunday falls on Sunday 30 October and in particular we remember those Christian saints, or heroes of the faith, who have gone before us. The same day, at our Team Memorial Service, we remember All Souls, those we have known and loved who have died. We specifically invite to this service the next of kin of those we have taken funeral services for across our team during the past year. However, all within our team churches are welcome to attend this service to remember a loved one who has died, whether in the past year or longer ago. The service is at 3 pm at St.Mary's and various members of our core team will be involved with that.

As we then begin November, our season of remembering continues with our Remembrance Sunday Services on November 13th. For those in Penketh and Sankey, there will be the act of remembrance at 11am at St.Mary's cemetery, whilst all four of our team churches will hold services at some point that day.

This season of remembering will I expect be especially poignant for us as a nation this year as we remember the life of our late monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. Her 70 years of faithful service are something that I think many will want to remember and I suspect that we will see larger numbers than usual at our services.

However we may choose to remember this year, and that will be in different ways across our team churches, I hope and pray that you find this helpful.

With my prayers and best wishes.

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Pioneer Team Rector