

## **‘Saints Alive!’**

Today, the first Sunday in November is known as all Saints Sunday. It is a day when we visualize all the saints throughout the ages marching into heaven, while we also look forward to being among their number one day too. It is a tremendous vision to hold in our heart.

When we think of the saints, we most often think of people like St. Paul, or St. John or St. James and the other apostles, or people like St. Francis or St. Teresa. In some of the older churches we see the saints depicted through beautiful stained-glass windows.

We read in 1 Corinthians 1:1 – 3 that St. Paul understood that all believers were saints, holy ones.

*Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, by the will of God ... to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Therefore, we are all saints because we have called on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our relationship with Jesus, also links us with all God’s saints – past, present and future, and because of our connection with Jesus, all of us have a wonderful hope and future to look forward to when God reveals himself at the end of the age.

And so today may we give thanks to God for the blessing of being His people, His saints, who at the end of time will spend eternity with Him.

**We are the ‘Saints Alive!’.**