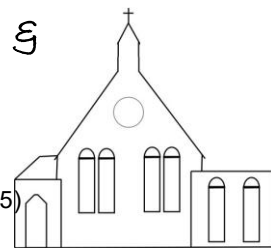


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Thirty-First Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 01st – 09th November 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 01st November: 6.30pm Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 02nd November: All Saints Day: 10.30am Mass:
Beatty & David McCallum Ints

Monday 03rd November: All Souls Day: Mass 10.30am

Wednesday 05th November:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Lisa O'Reilly RIP

Friday 07th November:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Duane Eddie RIP

Saturday 08th November: 6.30pm Mass:

Sunday 09th November: 10.30am Mass: Ursula Ragus RIP

Clay Cross

Sunday 02nd November: All Saints Day

9am Mass: Raymond Marsh RIP

Monday 03rd November: All Souls Day: Mass 9am

Tuesday 04th November:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: David Wragg RIP

Thursday 06th November:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: David Sutherland RIP

Sunday 09th November: 9am Mass:

Arsh Mathew Stanson Ints

November 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: RM Coyne

Clay Cross: Rob Farrell

Sick & Housebound:

Please pray for – Shirley Oakes, Ian Martin, Val Kerlin, Mary Pfeffer, Hazel Titon, Martin Mullally, Elsie Stewart, Brian Bradford, Peter Egan, Ted Bennett, Jim Johnson, John Oliver, Karen Parker, Bridie Joyce, Mick Mullarkey, Kath McGrath, Mark McCallum, Roseanne Coyne, Cecilia Fletcher, Thomas Graczyk, Maureen Fuller, Paul Fuller, Isobel Hopkins, Diana Davey, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell and Pennie Burton. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/Barrie Meloy

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Wendy Tinsley/Laura Morris

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: John Boxall/Catherine Galloway

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Sheila Hall/Nicole Grey

Collection for 25th & 26th October 2025

Alfreton	£291.93
Clay Cross	£307.52
Standing Order	£180.00

Total Collection **£779.45**

Repository CC	£3.42
Candles CC	£69.10
Candles CTK	£28.37
Tea/Coffee CTK	£46.09

Many thanks for your generosity

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." *St. Francis of Assisi*

Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross:

Bank Details: Cheques payable to - **Christ the King Alfreton RCP, Account No: 03155671, Sort Code: 30-92-59**

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Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday (01st & 02nd November): Hospices Collection: A reminder that the recently instituted collection for the hospices in our Diocese, begun last year and supporting the palliative care work which is so vital to stem the support for assisted dying.

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Thank you so much for your generous contributions to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. Your donations in our parish collection and online are helping families like Ware's in Ethiopia. Thank you for all your support for CAFOD.

MISSIO BOXES: Please bring in for counting during November 2025. Thank you.

Parish pensioner's lunch: Join us for the parish lunch on Monday, 3rd November 2025, at 1pm! We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together!

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls: If you wish to bring a picture of your loved ones to place by in front of the altar during the Month of the Holy Souls, please feel free to do so. One of the best gifts you can give someone is to have a Holy Mass said for their intentions or for the repose of their souls. Feel free to request a Holy Mass for your intentions and Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch. November holds a special place in the Church's year — a sacred time when our hearts turn toward those who have gone before us. It is a month of deep prayer and remembrance, when we lovingly recall our departed family members, friends, and parishioners who lived and died in the hope of the Resurrection. In this season of quiet reflection, we are invited to contemplate the mystery of life and death, and the tender truth that love — when rooted in God — never ends. As we offer Holy Masses, prayers, and sacrifices for the souls in purgatory, we participate in one of the most profound acts of mercy: interceding for those who are being purified in the fire of God's love. Our prayers are not empty gestures; they are bridges of grace that reach beyond time and space, drawing our loved ones closer to the radiant presence of Christ. This is the heart of our faith in the Communion of Saints — the unbreakable bond between the Church on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven. St. Ambrose once reminded us, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." These words capture the spirit of November — love expressed not in grief alone, but in hope and fidelity. So, as we light candles, write names in our Books of Remembrance, and whisper prayers for those we miss, let us do so with peaceful hearts. For in God's mercy, no act of love is forgotten, and no soul is ever lost. May our remembrance this month be filled with gratitude, trust, and a renewed longing for the eternal home where, one day, we shall all be united in the joy of God's kingdom.

Christmas Bazaar 2025: It's that joyful time of year again! Preparations are underway for our Christmas Bazaar, and we'd love your help to make it a great success. If you'd like to be involved in planning, helping on the day, or contributing in any way, please contact: Mary Shelton or Mary Bentley (leomarybentley@hotmail.co.uk ☎ 07436 000773) **Raffle Tickets:** Raffle books are now available — just £1 per book. Please take a few (10 books for £10) and sell them to your friends and family. **Donations:** We're collecting items for the Bazaar, Hamper, and Raffle — please see the display in the church porch for ideas. **A kind reminder:** please do not bring old books. In previous years, we received large numbers of unwanted books that are still in storage. Let's focus on bringing good-quality, useful, or festive items to make this year's event a real success! Next Bazaar Meeting: Wednesday 19th November at 2pm CTK Alfreton Church — Liturgy Room. Your support, enthusiasm, and generosity make all the difference. Thank you for helping to bring our parish community together in the true spirit of Christmas!

Clay Cross Afternoon Tea on Monday 17th November at 1pm: Everyone is warmly invited to join us for an afternoon of socializing and fun! Please put your name on the list provided before Sunday 10th November to help us with preparations. All are welcome — come and enjoy good company, tea, and conversation!

All Young Adults are warmly invited to meet across the diocese in November for Requiem Masses celebrated in remembrance of those who have died. Please bring with you the names of anyone you wish to pray for this month which will be added to our Mass intentions. Arrivals from 6pm, Mass and social time finishing for 8pm. Thursday 6th at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham; Mass at 6.30pm, Thursday 13th at Saint Hugh of Lincoln Church, Lincoln; Mass at 6.30pm, Thursday 20th at Saint Joseph's Church, Burton Road, Derby; Mass at 7.00pm, Thursday 27th at Holy Cross Church, Leicester; Mass at 6.10pm.

Blackfriars Hall in Oxford is hosting a one-day course on Saturday 8th November from 9.30am until 4.30pm, entitled Hope for Health: Inspiration from Good Practice. There are still some places available for anyone who would like to attend; more details are on the poster at the back of church, or by emailing: richard.finn@english.op.org

Stand up for religious freedom! Consider signing Aid to the Church in Needs' global petition supporting persecuted Christians. Your voice matters. By signing this petition, you can help us urge world leaders to act on behalf of those who suffer simply for practicing their faith. Follow the link. acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE! Are you looking for a chance to deepen your faith, connect with like-minded individuals, and have a blast? Look no further! The team from the Briars, is hosting a retreat day for young people, aged 11-18yrs, at St Anne's Parish Centre, Buxton, SK17 6PX on 8th November, and you are invited to join them! There will be fun activities, discussions, worship and prayer, which will help you to grow in your relationship with God and with one another. The theme of the day is inspired by our two new saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati showing how ordinary young people can live lives of extraordinary faith and you will see that holiness and service are possible in everyday life. For more information and to register see: <https://www.ndcys.com/buxton-retreat-day/>

Be Still and Know that I am God a three-days' retreat led by Father Roger Dawson SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. The retreat will be held between Friday 14th and Monday 17th November, at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire. More details can be found at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>