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family, or who would appreciate being taken Christmas shopping one day? Is there a family close by who would love to be able to have an evening out but can't afford babysitting? Could you volunteer for the job?

Maybe there is work to be done at the church. Perhaps you could offer an afternoon of scrubbing, raking or painting.

Nov 1 to Nov 8 - The Octave of All Saints

All Christians are saints and are called to live lives which show the Christian life in action. All Saints, though, is the time when we often especially remember and thank God for those whose lives were shining examples of the faith. Octave means eight, as in a musical octave of eight notes. The Octave of All Saints begins on All Saints Day, Nov 1, and ends eight days later. All Souls (or The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed) is on Nov 2. On this day we remember our friends and relatives, and those in our community, who have died.

Make a paper chain of saints. Use a long strip of paper 10 cm wide. Make it into a concertina with the folds about 7 cm apart. Fill the first 10 X 7cm space with the outline of a person, making sure the hands extend to the folds on each side. Keeping the paper folded, cut around the person. Make sure you don't cut along the folds. When you open out the strip of paper, you should have a chain of people shapes. Colour the people to represent: 1. The Saint for whom your church is named. 2. The Saint you are named after - use your middle name if necessary. 3. A person you know who works hard for their church or other people. 4. Yourself.

5. Any other saints you know about or especially like.

November 25 - Christ the King

This is the last Sunday in the Church year. Talk about how Christ is a different kind of king. Perhaps sing the hymn, "The Servant King", or at least read through the words. Mission Praise 162. As a family, think of some ways you might serve Jesus between now and Christmas. Is there a service project in which you might take part? Does your church make up Christmas boxes for needy individuals and families?

Could you fill a shoebox for the Saint John Seafarers Mission to give to a sailor a long way from home at Christmas? (call 635-1731 to find out how or ask your rector)

Could you collect toonies to help support the Rev. Paul Jeffries, Principal of Bishop McAllister College in Uganda.

Is there a neighbour who might like to share a meal or an outing with your

Nov 30 - St. Andrew's Day

St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland. In John 1:35-42 we read how he brought his brother, Simon Peter, to see Jesus. For this reason we celebrate the mission of the Church on this day. St Andrew was a fisherman. He had followed John the Baptist before he met Jesus. He is mentioned in John 6:8 ff as the disciple who found the boy with the five



loaves of bread and two fish which Jesus multiplied, and also in John 12:20-22. A legend says that St Andrew was crucified, but that he told his executioners that he was not worthy to die in the same way as Jesus, so they crucified him on an X shaped cross. A white cross on a blue

background has become his symbol. The white stands for purity and the blue for the sea. This cross also forms part of the Union Jack.

Because of the work of countless missionaries, the Anglican church has spread all over the world. The symbol of the worldwide Anglican church is the compassrose. The cross in the centre of the shield is the red cross of St George, to remind us that the Anglican church began in England. The Greek text around the shield means "The truth shall make you free." The points of the compass radiate from the circle to symbolize the countries all around the world which are part of the Anglican Communion.



Find out what links your church has with people or places in other countries. Do any members of your congregation come from abroad? Does anyone have relatives in other countries? Do you support any missionaries? Look at a map and find out where these places are.

A Fishy Joke for St Andrew

What's the best way to catch a fish?

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