

<b>Festival: All Saints &amp; All Souls</b>	<b>Year Group: Y5</b>	<b>No. of lessons: 2 - 3</b>
<b>Links:</b> Cambs: CPE5, CFF4, CFF3, CSC2, CSC3, Pborough: CPE5, CPE1, CRC3,CRC4, CSC1, CS2, CS3, CS4, Nfolk: CC, CBB, CP, CLS, CKF		
<b>Learning objectives:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ To explore the Christian teaching on Hallowe'en and compare Christian and secular practices at this time</li> <li>◆ To become aware of All Saints Tide as a special time of the Church's year</li> </ul>		
<b>Questions for reflection:</b>		
What do you think adults in your area think about trick and treat? Is death scary or normal? Do I believe in ghosts? Do Christians believe in ghosts? What should I do at Hallowe'en?		
<b>Activities and experiences:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Remember together, briefly, some of the things that are done to celebrate Hallowe'en.</li> <li>◆ Research the original meaning of the words "hallow", "Hallowe'en" and "Hallowtide" to establish that these are the names for the time of All Saints.</li> <li>◆ Prepare some questions about what people think about Hallowe'en. Invite a visitor into school to talk with pupils about what the Church does to celebrate All Saints Tide and to answer questions about what Christians think about secular Hallowe'en celebrations. If you wish to give this a multicultural twist, pupils could research the Mexican "Day of the Dead" where people celebrate in a jolly cum macabre way with plenty of skulls and skeletons – but no witches and ghosts!</li> <li>◆ Use the information gained from the visitor to think how you could redesign some of the well-known Hallowe'en pastimes to be Christian celebrations of All Saints e.g: carving pumpkin lanterns with Christian symbols and symbols of saints; instead of playing trick or treat just give out treats to your neighbours; dressing up as saints instead of ghosts and witches; hearing stories of saints and using prayers or singing songs written by saints.</li> <li>◆ If practical, enjoy one of your All Saints celebrations together as a class! Alternatively, in some parts of the world a customary way of remembering the dead includes planting trees in their name – plant bulbs in the school grounds, as a way of burying something that appears to be dead, in the hope of resurrection.</li> </ul>		

