

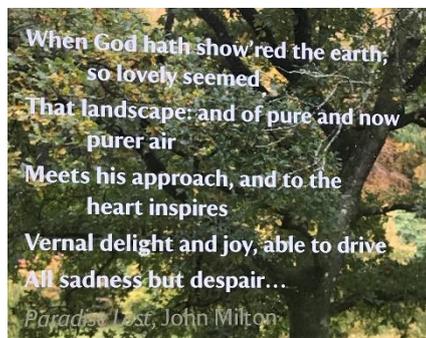
ALL SAINT'S DAY

A day to remember those who have died – from our families and in the community both recently and in the more distant past. I find it particularly poignant as it is the day my father died in 1963, and his favorite hymn was 'For all the Saints...' sung with gusto! So this was obviously the hymn we had at his funeral.

*For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

'The fallen'



I haven't been nearly as good about going out for regular walks recently, but did manage to get to Stourhead the other day, in time to enjoy the splendid acer colours and a walk round the lake – it's about 3.5 miles, counting from the car park.

My longest local walk recently was with Andrea, my Newcastle daughter. A circular



walk I've had in mind to do since the spring, - out to Coate and back over Etchilhampton Hill – 5.5 miles.



As we enter this further Lockdown stage, the hymns that came to mind this morning were:

**God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year:**

*God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,*

**God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;**
*He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill*

*The time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.*

*He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sov'reign will.
Ye fearful saints, fresh courage
take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.*



Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!

*All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*