

Hallowed Heroes

An idea to celebrate Halloween in a Christian way

Background

Some children are frightened by the customs and myths surrounding Halloween. Most of what is celebrated in shops or on TV is inappropriate and a distortion of the Christian origins of the evening.

Christian Festival

November 1st is All Saints' Day. Another name for All Saints is All Hallows. The evening before (31st October) is celebrated as the eve of All Hallows (hence Hallowe'en).

Halloween Choice

The Halloween Choice campaign began in 2006 as a reaction to supermarkets who were freely selling items such as horror masks and makeup. There was no choice, the big stores had decided you had to go grim for Halloween. The Diocese of Manchester campaigned for alternatives and in the past year have worked with the Children's Society to create an alternative more Christian approach.

Saturday 31st October

- pizza, party & procession
- gather at 5pm(?) for song practice 'We are marching in the light of God' or 'Oh when the saints'
- process around the church garden on the Hero Hunt
- Hero Hunt is 6 'stations' with images of our heroes where we learn about them, light a candle and think how we could imitate them, singing the song between each station
- inside to decorate pizzas (with saints and heroes faces)
- while they are cooking we play games
- eat pizza
- take home a Hero bag