Tony Thinking Aloud xxxi

This Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

November 1st has been kept as All Saints Day through the centuries. An opportunity to think about and give thanks for all those who over the years have lived their lives in a 'saintly' manner in support for those in any kind of need.

All Souls Day, November 2nd, is when those now at rest are remembered before God, their lives now over.

Halloween which is the Eve of All Saints' Day (All Hallows) is on October 31st and given social importance in recent years. In a way 'uncomfortable' and 'creepy' things about death are remembered in a light hearted way. A kind of negative fun time. Provided it does not in any way upset or disturb then most folk will find it acceptable.

So let us reflect at this demanding time as our area moves into 'Tier 2' with thoughts of a possible further lockdown and how to keep Christmas.

In our understanding of All Saints Day we remember and give thanks for the unreserved support people give each other now – and give thanks for the opportunities we have to be there for others.

With All Souls Day in mind we are moved to remember before God all who are now at rest – our families and friends. We commend, too, all who have died as a consequence of Covid 19.

It is an opportunity to bring our thoughts together for helpers, and the helped, for families bereaved and us as we put our hand into the Hand of God for much needed support in the challenges that lie ahead.