

# Welcome to All Hallows



3 December 2017

**First Sunday of Advent**

11:15 Family Eucharist

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*Feel free to ask the Priest before the service if you have any special intentions to be included in today's **Intercessions**.*

***We do not practise Intinction** (dipping the consecrated bread, or host, into the consecrated wine before consumption by the communicant) in this church. If you are unable to partake of the Common Cup, then it is legitimate to receive the host alone, since the body and blood are present in both species.*

***Be aware of the step-up** if you use the pews on the north and south walls – we don't want anyone falling.*

***In case of an accident** during the service, if there is a trained medic in church, they should take control and others should remain in their seats. A churchwarden should call for an ambulance if needed and the accident book should be filled in. The service will continue as normal if at all possible.*

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## **HYMN**

1            Make way, make way, for Christ the King  
              In splendour arrives;  
              Fling wide the gates and welcome him  
              Into your lives.

Refrain    *Make way! (Make way!)*  
              *Make way! (Make way!)*  
              *For the King of kings. (For the King of kings.)*  
              *Make way! (Make way!)*  
              *Make way! (Make way!)*  
              *And let his kingdom in.*

2            He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
              The pris'ners to free;

The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
The blind shall see.

3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
Who weep and sigh,  
With laughter, joy and royal crown  
He'll beautify.

4 We call you now to worship him  
As Lord of all,  
To have no gods before him,  
Their thrones must fall.

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## **GREETING**

*The President says*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you,

**All and also with you.**

*Words of welcome may be said.*

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Minister A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'  
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

*cf John 1.23*

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of your kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory  
with salvation for your people:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All**      **Lord, have mercy.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

*The President says*

The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

**All**      **Amen.**

## **COLLECT**

*The President introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said:*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All**      **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING** Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in

your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **HYMN**

- 1 Be still and know that I am God. [x3]
- 2 I am the Lord that healeth thee. [x3]
- 3 In thee, O Lord, I do put my trust. [x3]

*Based on Psalm 46:10-11, HymnQuest ID: 40108*

## **GOSPEL READING Mark 13.24-37**

**All Alleluia! [x4]**

Minister Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and everyone shall see the salvation of God.

**All Alleluia! [x4]**

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he[a] is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The President says*

Let us remind ourselves  
that we all belong to the one family of God.

**All We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Watchful at all times,  
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence  
before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All**      **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations  
his sceptre of righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All**      **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures  
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All**      **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the broken hearted,  
restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All**      **Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn  
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All**      **Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light,  
we may shine forth as lights for the world,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**All**      **Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray  
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ  
first came to seek and to save the lost;  
so may he come again to find in us  
the completion of his redeeming work;  
for he is now alive

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**All        Amen.**

## **LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE – THE ADVENT HOPE**

*The President says*

Jesus said,  
'Keep awake, for you do not know  
on what day your Lord is coming.'

**All        Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

*The first candle is lit.*

Jesus is the light of the world.

**All        A light no darkness can ever put out.**

**All sing    Advent candles tell their story  
              as we watch and pray,  
              longing for the Day of Glory,  
              'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
              Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,  
              changed for gladness on that Day.**

## **PEACE**

May the God of peace make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All        And also with you.**

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

*During the hymn a collection takes place.*

## **HYMN**

1        Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
              Forgive our foolish ways!  
              Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,

- In purer lives thy service find,  
 In deeper reverence praise. In deeper reverence praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
 Beside the Syrian sea  
 The gracious calling of the Lord,  
 Let us, like them, without a word  
 Rise up and follow thee. Rise up and follow thee.
- 3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
 O calm of hills above,  
 Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee  
 The silence of eternity,  
 Interpreted by love! Interpreted by love!
- 4 With that deep hush subduing all  
 Our words and works that drown  
 The tender whisper of thy call,  
 As noiseless let thy blessing fall  
 As fell thy manna down. As fell thy manna down.
- 5 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
 Till all our strivings cease;  
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
 And let our ordered lives confess  
 The beauty of thy peace. The beauty of thy peace.
- 6 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
 Thy coolness and thy balm;  
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
 Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
 O still small voice of calm. O still small voice of calm.

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892) HymnQuest ID: 52125*

## TABLE PRAYER

- Blessed be God,  
 by whose grace creation is renewed,  
 by whose love heaven is opened,  
 by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
- All Blessed be God for ever.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself  
to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan  
you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory  
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,  
the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Minister Great is the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

And so, Father,  
calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of *[N and]* all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom,  
as we pray in the words you gave us.

**All**      **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*(Or)*

**All**      **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The President breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All**      **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## AGNUS DEI

All        **Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All        **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The people come forward to receive communion, authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies **Amen**.*

## ANTHEM Creator of the stars of night

*Silence is kept.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All        **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

## **BLESSING**

May God the Father,  
who loved the world so much  
that he sent his only Son,  
give you grace to prepare for life eternal.

**All        Amen.**

## **HYMN**

- 1        O come, O come Emmanuel,  
          And ransom captive Israel,  
          That mourns in lonely exile here,  
          Until the Son of God appear.
- Refrain    *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
              Shall come to thee, O Israel.*
- 2        O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
          Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
          From depths of hell thy people save,  
          And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
- 3        O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer  
          Our spirits by thine advent here;  
          Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
          And death's dark shadows put to flight.
- 4        O come, thou key of David, come  
          And open wide our heav'nly home;  
          Make safe the way that leads on high,  
          And close the path to misery.
- 5        O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
          Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
          In ancient times didst give the Law  
          In cloud and majesty and awe.

*Latin 12th century tr. John M Neale (1818-1866) HymnQuest ID: 58600*

Minister As we await our coming King,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

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## NOTICES

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**SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE:** joint Benefice Eucharist at 10:30 at All Hallows; Nativity & Blessing of the Crib service follows at 18:00 at All Saints; then Midnight Mass at 23:30 at All Hallows. There are no other services planned in our Benefice that day.

**SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS DAY:** Morning Eucharist at 8:00 and Family Eucharist at 9:15, both at All Saints.

**FOR THE WHOLE RANGE OF OUR ADVENT / CHRISTMAS EVENTS** follow the weekly folio, see the magazine, our notice boards, our website or Facebook.

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**BEER & CAROLS** Thurs 14 Dec 18:30, organised by Revd Gary at Hart Family Brewery, Nene Court, The Embankment.

### ALL SAINTS

**A PRAYER TREE** is in church from 25 Nov (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) until 10 Dec (International Human Rights Day). Request prayers for a specific / anonymous person or a situation by placing your request on the tree. We will remember those affected by such violence at a vigil in the Lady Chapel on Thurs 7 Dec 11:00 – 12:30.

**CHRISTMAS CHARITY CONCERT** Tues 12 Dec 19:30, All Saints' Church. With the Oriana Singers, organised by the Rotary Club of Wellingborough, on behalf of the Daylight Centre & other charities. Tickets (incl. refreshments): adult £10, child free, available at the door, or from David Lawrence.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** Sun 17 Dec 18:00, All Saints' Church.

### ALL HALLOWS

**OUR NEW POSADA** (travelling nativity) is available for loan 2-24 Dec. Please put your name on the list in church if you would like to host it for one night, or see Gwin Desborough or other MU members about it.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** Fri 15 9:30 – 17:00 and Sat 16 Dec 9:30 – 16:00. Please tell Pat Balment if you are putting up a tree (01933 228604).

**CHRISTINGLE & NATIVITY** Sat 16 Dec 16:00 in church, followed by pizza and chat in the hall.

**CAROL SINGING** Thurs 21 Dec 18:00, outside All Hallows Church.

**CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES** seasonal shop at All Hallows Church open until 12 Dec every Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 9:30-14:30. Check out the array of festive cards and Christmas gifts. Staffed by volunteers, we sell cards for charities.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

**PRAY FOR THE CHURCH** of West Buganda (Uganda), The Rt Revd Henry Katumba-Tamale; The Porvoo Churches: St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, Porvoo

**PRAY FOR** Christian Smalley, Mick Mutlow, Atu Pele, Helen Smith, George, Nicholas Parker, Stuart, young Felix, Richard Hole, Ollie Ray, Doreen Stock, Phillip Byles, Ella Reid, Kathryn Woods, Michelle Chapel

**THE HOUSEBOUND** Connie S, Margaret O, Doreen A, Sylvia P, Ruth S

**ANNIVERSARIES** Myrtle Barbara Redman, Doris Perks, Albert Edward Catnelly, Eric John Faulkner, Thomas Sidney Povey, Winifred McMorrow Melville, Harold Sidney Stevens, Anne Nesta Hughes, Caroline Elizabeth Martin, Bernard Sanders, Susan Margaret Adams, Joseph Charles Shatford, Elizabeth Frances Rowbery, Mavis Elizabeth West, Susan Simson, Emily Palmer, Winifred Mary Cooper, Isobel Galilee, Alison Clarke, Frank Pearce, Dora Foskitt, Walter George Swain, Hilda Grace Marriott, Derrick Pearce, James Holloway, Betty De'Ath, Charles Short, Kerry-Jane Lewis, Cliff 'Dick' Roberts, Henry Orton, Sid Desborough, Evelyn Barrett, Evelyn Lovett, Jack Wooding, Bill Timpson, Constance Bailey, Edith Blaber, Robert Jeffery Odell, Mary Parkin, May Wallis, Iris Robins, Eileen Falkner, Arthur Toyer, Bill Clayson, Anthony Hayers, Margaret Cooke, Jean Lofts, Frank Sadler

## **PLEASE CONTACT THE BENEFICE OFFICE, IF:**

you would like to ask if a notice might be added to the folio;  
or if a name might be added to the prayer / anniversary lists.

## **HOW THE PRAYER LIST WORKS:**

1. Please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for.
2. Tell the Benefice Office whom to pray for and the reason why.
3. A name remains on the list for three months, unless discussed otherwise.

## **DOWNLOAD THE WEEKLY FOLIO**

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## DIARY

<b>Sun 3 Dec</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
8:00	Eucharist	All Saints
9:15	Parade service	All Saints
10:30	Coffee & Catch-up	All Hallows
10:45	Bell ringing	All Hallows
11:15	Family Eucharist	All Hallows
19:30	Explorer Scouts	All Saints' Hall
<b>Mon 4 Dec</b>		
13:00	Jolly Tots	All Saints' Hall
18:00	Cubs	All Saints' Hall
18:15	Brownies & Rainbows	All Hallows' Hall
19:30	Scouts	All Saints' Hall
<b>Tue 5 Dec</b>		
8:00	Morning Prayer	All Hallows
9:30	Card shop	All Hallows
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
18:30	Guides	All Hallows' Hall
19:30	Bell ringing	All Hallows
<b>Wed 6 Dec</b>	<b>Nicholas</b>	
8:00	Morning Prayer	All Saints
9:30	Card shop	All Hallows
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
12:15	Midweek Eucharist	All Hallows
<b>Thu 7 Dec</b>	<b>Ambrose</b>	
8:00	Morning Prayer	All Hallows
9:45	Tiny Tots	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Holy Communion BCP	All Saints
11:00	Vigil	All Saints
18:00	Beavers	All Saints' Hall
<b>Fri 8 Dec</b>	<b>Conception</b>	
8:00	Morning Prayer	All Saints
9:00	AS School Christingle	All Saints
9:30	Card shop	All Hallows
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
19:00	Choir practice	All Saints
19:00	Quire practice	All Hallows

**Sat 9 Dec**

9:30	Card shop	All Hallows
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall

**Sun 10 Dec****Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00	Eucharist	All Saints
9:15	Family Eucharist	All Saints
10:00	10 O'Clock Light	All Hallows
10:30	Coffee & Catch-up	All Hallows
10:45	Bell ringing	All Hallows
11:15	Family Eucharist	All Hallows
19:30	Explorer Scouts	All Saints' Hall

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