

Welcome to All Hallows

10 December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

11:15 Family Eucharist



*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.

HYMN

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
 Born to set thy people free,
 From our fears and sins release us,
 Let us find our rest in thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
 Hope of all the earth thou art,
 Dear desire of every nation,
 Joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver,
 Born a child and yet a king,
 Born to reign in us for ever,
 Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit,
 Rule in all our hearts alone;
 By thine all-sufficient merit
 Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) HymnQuest ID: 51916

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.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**All Almighty God,
 to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hidden:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you,
 and worthily magnify your name;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:
‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this:
‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION

Minister When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us call to mind our sins.

KYRIE

**All Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Silence may be kept.

ABSOLUTION

The President says

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
help and strengthen you by his Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray that we may be ready when the Lord comes.

The Collect is said

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 40.1-11

'Comfort, O comfort my people', says your God. 'Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.'

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 85.1-2,8-13

- 1 Lord, you were gracious to your land; *
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the offence of your people *
and covered all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say, *
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together, *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth *
and righteousness look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him *
and direct his steps in the way.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING 2 Peter 3.8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our heart prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.
- 4 Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) tr. John Chandler (1806-1876) HymnQuest ID: 59673

GOSPEL READING Mark 1.1-8

All Alleluia! [x4]

Minister Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh 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.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”’,

John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

CREED

The President says

Let us declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid
we pray to Jesus.

This response may be included:

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE – THE PROPHETS

The president says

Jesus said,

‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets:
I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfil them.’

All Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The second 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.**

**Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message – challenged, shaken,
hearts awaken: God is near!**

PEACE

The president says

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 Hills of the North, rejoice,
 echoing songs arise,
 hail with united voice
 him who made earth and skies:
 he comes in righteousness and love,
 he brings salvation from above.

- 2 Isles of the Southern seas
 sing to the list'ning earth,
 carry on every breeze
 hope of a world's new birth:
 in Christ shall all be made anew,
 his word is sure, his promise true.

- 3 Lands of the East, arise,
 he is your brightest morn,
 greet him with joyous eyes,
 praise shall his path adorn:
 the God whom you have longed to know
 in Christ draws near, and calls you now.
- 4 Shores of the utmost West,
 lands of the setting sun,
 welcome the heavenly guest
 in whom the dawn has come:
 he brings a never-ending light
 who triumphed o'er our darkest night.
- 5 Shout, as you journey on,
 songs be in every mouth,
 lo, from the North they come,
 from East and West and South:
 in Jesus all shall find their rest,
 in him the sons of earth be blest.

Charles E Oakley (1832-1865) adapted, HymnQuest ID: 76748

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 singing:

**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

Awaiting his coming in glory,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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**.*

QUIRE ANTHEM Those who walked in deepest darkness

Silence is kept.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All 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. Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING

May God's joy be in our hearts. [*Place hand on heart.*]
May God's peace be in our world. [*Sweep hand out in front.*]
May God's love be known between us. [*Embrace with arms.*]
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us now and for ever more.

All Amen.

HYMN

- 1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
 once for favoured sinners slain;
 thousand thousand saints attending
 swell the triumph of his train:
 alleluya!
 God appears, on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him
 robed in dreadful majesty;
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 deeply wailing,
 shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
 still his dazzling body bears,
 cause of endless exultation
 to his ransomed worshippers:
 with what rapture
 gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
 high on thine eternal throne;
 Saviour, take the power and glory:
 claim the kingdom for thine own:
 O come quickly!
 Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

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Minister As we await our coming Saviour,
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

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.

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

ALL SAINTS

VIGIL Thurs 7 Dec 11:00-12:30, Lady Chapel. We pray for those affected by gender-related violence, whose name you put on the prayer tree.

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 the Rotarians, or David Lawrence.

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

ALL HALLOWS

CHRISTMAS QUIZ is on sale at £1 each. Buy it from Margaret and Bob Addie or in the coffee shop in the in hall. Please submit your entry by 6 Jan.

OUR NEW POSADA (travelling nativity) is available for loan. Please sign up on the sheet 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. Pop in and enjoy The Music of Christmas depicted in trees.

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

INTERCESSIONS

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH of Western North Carolina (IV, The Episcopal Church),
The Rt Revd José Antonio McLoughlin; The Porvoo Churches: Chester, Kuopio

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 Jack Lawrence, Margaret Ellison, Peter Barrett, Jason Slate,
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Stephenson, Jose Marsh, Frederick Lee, Alexander Aaron Bailey, George
Renton Addie

REST IN PEACE Shena Toseland, Alan Knight

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.

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The Sunday folio is available for download on our website, usually from
Wednesday or Thursday. Go to allhallowsandallsaintswellingborough.co.uk,
and click on Resources / Weekly folio.

DIARY

Sun 10 Dec **Second Sunday of Advent**

Magazine deadline

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

Mon 11 Dec

9:30	Rehearsal	All Saints' Hall
18:00	Cubs	All Saints' Hall
18:15	Brownies & Rainbows	All Hallows' Hall
19:30	Scouts	All Saints' Hall

Tue 12 Dec

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Hallows
9:00	school visit	All Saints
9:30	Card shop	All Hallows
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
14:00	Tea @ Two	All Saints' Hall
18:30	Guides	All Hallows' Hall
18:30	Concert	All Saints
19:30	Bell ringing	All Hallows

Wed 13 Dec

Lucy

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Saints
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Open church	All Hallows
12:15	Midweek Eucharist	All Hallows
14:00	Rehearsal	All Saints
15:00	AS School panto	All Saints' Hall

Thu 14 Dec

John of the Cross

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Hallows
8:00	W'boro School services	All Saints
9:45	Tiny Tots	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Holy Communion BCP	All Saints
14:00	Funeral	All Saints
18:30	Beer Carols	Hart Brewery, The Embankment

Fri 15 Dec

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Saints
9:30	Christmas Tree Festival	All Hallows
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
19:00	Choir practice	All Saints
19:00	Quire practice	All Hallows

Sat 16 Dec

9:30	Christmas Tree Festival	All Hallows
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
14:30	Walking Nativity	W'boro town
16:00	Christingle / Nativity	All Hallows

Sun 17 Dec Third 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
13:00	Open church	All Hallows
18:00	Christmas Carol Service	All Saints
19:30	Explorer Scouts	All Saints' Hall

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