

# Welcome to All Hallows



24 December 2017

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

10:30 Joint Benefice 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 O come, O come Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That into exile drear is gone  
Far from the face of God's dear Son.

Refrain *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, true Wisdom from on high!  
Who madest all in earth and sky,  
Creating man from dust and clay:  
To us reveal salvation's way.

3 O come, O come, Adonai,  
Who in thy glorious majesty

From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,  
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.

4 O come, thou Root of Jesse! Draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From those dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell, thy people save.

5 O come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
And bar the way to death's abode.

6 O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.

7 O come, Desire of nations! Show  
Thy kingly reign on earth below;  
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,  
Restore the ruin of our fall.

*Cologne 1710, based on the Advent Antiphons  
tr. T A Lacey (1853-1931) and editors, melody Thomas Helmore (1811-90)*

## **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 holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **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.

*The President says*

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.**

*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*

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Amen.**

## FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

When David, the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.'

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **MAGNIFICAT**

With Mary let my soul rejoice,  
And praise God's holy name,  
His saving love from first to last,  
From age to age, the same!

How strong his arm, how great his power!  
The proud he will disown.  
The meek and humble he exalts,  
To share his glorious throne.

The rich, our God, will send away,  
And feed the hungry poor;  
The arms of love remain outstretched,  
At mercy's open door.

So shall God's promise be fulfilled,  
To Israel firmly made,  
A child is born, a Son is giv'n,  
Whose crown will never fade.

All glory to the Father, Son,  
And Spirit now proclaim;  
With Mary let the world rejoice,  
And praise God's holy name.

*David Mowbray*

## **SECOND READING Romans 16.25-27**

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

*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 Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long!  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.
- 2 He comes the prisoners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace  
To bless the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With thy beloved name.

*Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) HymnQuest ID: 53953*

## **GOSPEL READING Luke 1.26-38**

**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 Luke.

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said,

'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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:*

We pray to the Lord.

All

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
 When I call an - swer me, O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
 Lord, hear my prayer. Come and list - en to me. \_\_\_\_\_

*Silence is kept.*

## LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE – MARY

*The president says*

Jesus said,  
'Anyone who does what my Father in heaven wants  
is my brother or sister or mother.'

**All**      **I am the servant of the Lord.  
Let it be to me according to his word.**

*The fourth 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.**

**Mary's gift, beyond all telling,  
was to give Christ room.  
She gave God a human dwelling  
in a mother's womb.  
Who could guess the final story?  
cross and glory; empty tomb!**

## 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 Stella Maris, Blessed Virgin  
Bringer of true light to earth  
Shining light upon the ocean  
God-enfolding, at His birth.
- 2 Hailed by the archangel Gabriel  
Eden's verdict to reverse  
Second Eve, bring peace upon us  
As your Son breaks Adam's curse.
- 3 Loosen now the chains that bind us  
Look upon us, weak and blind  
Shine God's light into our darkness  
Pray to Christ for humankind.
- 4 Holy Mary, blessed Mother  
Bring our prayers to Christ your own -  
Earth-born; human; for us; like us;  
Servant; Saviour; Holy One.
- 5 Virgin, there is no one like you  
God-submitting, holy, true  
Free from sin, may we be sinless  
Humble, giving, chaste like you.
- 6 May our lives be pure and holy  
Sea-star, shine upon our ways  
Seeing Christ, your Son, our Saviour  
We give honour, love and praise.
- 7 Glory be to God our Father  
And to Jesus Christ, his Son  
Glory to the Holy Spirit  
Honoured Three, for ever One.

*Gary Alderson, 2017*

## 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**

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

He is the one foretold by all the prophets,  
whom the Virgin Mother bore  
with love beyond all telling.  
John the Baptist was his herald  
and made him known when at last he came.

In his love Christ fills us with joy  
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
so that when he comes again  
he may find us watching in prayer,  
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your glory,  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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:

<b>All</b>	<b>Our Father in heaven,</b>	<i>(Or)</i>	<b>Our Father, who art in heaven,</b>
	<b>hallowed be your name,</b>		<b>hallowed be thy name,</b>
	<b>your kingdom come,</b>		<b>thy kingdom come,</b>
	<b>your will be done,</b>		<b>thy will be done,</b>
	<b>on earth as in heaven.</b>		<b>on earth as it is in heaven.</b>
	<b>Give us today our daily bread.</b>		<b>Give us this day our daily bread.</b>
	<b>Forgive us our sins</b>		<b>And forgive us our trespasses</b>
	<b>as we forgive those</b>		<b>as we forgive those</b>
	<b>who sin against us.</b>		<b>who trespass against us.</b>
	<b>Lead us not into temptation</b>		<b>And lead us not into temptation,</b>
	<b>but deliver us from evil.</b>		<b>but deliver us from evil.</b>
	<b>For the kingdom, the power,</b>		<b>For thine is the kingdom,</b>
	<b>and the glory are yours</b>		<b>the power, and the glory</b>
	<b>now and for ever. Amen.</b>		<b>for ever and ever. Amen.</b>

## **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 ANTHEMS**

Gabriel's message  
Hail, Blessed Virgin Mary

*Silence is kept.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
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      Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
        unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
        tender to me the promise of his word;  
        in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2      Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
        make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
        his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
        his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
- 3      Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
        powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
        proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
        the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4      Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
        firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
        Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
        to children's children and for evermore.

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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

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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.

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

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**CHRISTMAS QUIZ** is on sale at £1 each. Buy it from Margaret and Bob Addie or in the coffee shop in All Hallows' Hall, and submit your entry by 6 Jan.

## INTERCESSIONS

**PRAY FOR THE CHURCH** of Yola (Jos, Nigeria), The Rt Revd Markus Ibrahim; the Porvoo Churches: Oslo, Durham, Moray Ross and Caithness

**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

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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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## DIARY

### Sun 24 Dec

10:30	Joint Benefice Eucharist	All Hallows
18:00	Nativity/Blessing the crib	All Saints
23:30	Midnight Mass	All Hallows

### Mon 25 Dec **Christmas Day**

*Bank holiday*

8:00	Eucharist	All Saints
9:15	Joint Benefice Eucharist	All Saints

### Tue 26 Dec **Stephen**

*Bank holiday*

### Wed 27 Dec **John the Evangelist**

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

### Thu 28 Dec **Holy Innocents**

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Hallows
10:00	Holy Communion BCP	All Saints

### Fri 29 Dec **Thomas Becket**

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Saints
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Open church	All Hallows
19:00	Choir practice	All Saints
19:00	Quire practice	All Hallows

### Sat 30 Dec

9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Open church	All Hallows

### Sun 31 Dec **Christmas 1**

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

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