

# Welcome to All Saints



31 December 2017

**First Sunday of Christmas**

9:15 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.

***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.

***The choir*** take a well-earned rest today, after the busy Christmas period.

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## HYMN

- 1        Child in the manger, infant of Mary;  
          outcast and stranger, Lord of all!  
          Child who inherits all our transgressions,  
          all our demerits on him fall.
- 2        Once the most holy child of salvation  
          gently and lowly lived below:  
          now as our glorious mighty Redeemer,  
          see him victorious over each foe.
- 3        Prophets foretold him, infant of wonder;  
          angels behold him on his throne;  
          worthy our Saviour of all their praises;  
          happy for ever are his own.

*Mary Macdonald (1789 – 1872) tr Lachlan Macbean (1853 – 1931) HymnQuest ID: 51387*

## 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.**

## 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 Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:  
'You shall call his name Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.'

Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God  
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

*cf Matthew 1.21*

*Silence may be kept.*

**All        Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
             we have sinned against you,  
             through our own fault,  
             in thought, and word, and deed,  
             and in what we have left undone.  
             For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
             forgive us all that is past;  
             and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
             to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

*The President says*

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All        Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**All        Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!  
             Peace to all your people through the earth be given:  
             Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,  
             Singing alleluyas to our heavenly king.**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:  
With the Holy Spirit you are Lord alone!  
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,  
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,  
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:  
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:  
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

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## **COLLECT**

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

*The Collect is said.*

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All      Amen.**

## **FIRST READING** Isaiah 61.10-62.3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All      Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## PSALM 148

Refrain O praise the name of the Lord.

1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you his angels; \* praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \* praise him, all you stars of light.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \* and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded and they were created.

6 He made them fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Refrain O praise the name of the Lord.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \* you sea monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and mist, \* tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills, \* fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and birds on the wing;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and women, old and young together; \*  
let them praise the name of the Lord.

13 For his name only is exalted, \*  
his splendour above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up the horn of his people  
and praise for all his faithful servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.

Refrain O praise the name of the Lord.

Prayer O glorious God,  
your whole creation sings your marvellous work;  
may heaven's praise so echo in our hearts  
that we may be good stewards of the earth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SECOND READING Galatians 4.4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*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        Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Heralds of creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth!

Refrain    *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

2        Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching by your flocks at night,  
God with man is now residing,  
See, there shines the infant light!

3        Wise men, leave your contemplations!  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek in him the hope of nations;  
You have seen his rising star.

4        Though an infant now we view him,  
He will share his Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to him;  
Every knee shall then bow down.

*James Montgomery (1771-1854) HymnQuest ID: 50595*

## GOSPEL READING Luke 2.15-21

**All** Alleluia! [x4]

Minister The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

**All** Alleluia! [x4]

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

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

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.

*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.*

## PEACE

*The President says*

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

*cf Isaiah 9.6*

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 the gifts of the people may be collected.*

## HYMN

- 1        While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
          all seated on the ground,  
          the angel of the Lord came down,  
          and glory shone around.
- 2        'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread  
          had seized their troubled mind);  
          'glad tidings of great joy I bring  
          to you and all mankind.
- 3        'The heavenly babe you there shall find  
          to human view displayed,  
          all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
          and in a manger laid.'
- 4        Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
          appeared a shining throng  
          of angels praising God, who thus  
          addressed their joyful song:
- 5        'All glory be to God on high,  
          and on the earth be peace;  
          good-will henceforth from heav'n to all  
          begin and never cease.'

*Nahum Tate (1652-1715) HymnQuest ID: 64235*

## TABLE PRAYER

Word made flesh, life of the world,  
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:  
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

**All**        **Amen.**

## 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.**

All glory and honour be yours  
always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise  
for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,  
was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit,  
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible  
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**All**        **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,  
holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,  
holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

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 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,  
Jesus is the Lord God Almighty.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,  
Jesus is the Lord God Almighty.  
Who was and is and is to come.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.**

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.**

**All**      **Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,  
glory to the Lord God Almighty.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,  
glory to the Lord God Almighty.  
Who was and is and is to come.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

<b>All</b>	<b>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.</b>	<i>(Or)</i>	<b>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.</b>
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## **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        Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
             have mercy on us [x2].**

**Jesus, bread of life, you take away the sins of the world:  
             have mercy on us [x2].**

**Jesus, wine of joy, you take away the sins of the world:  
             have mercy on us [x2].**

**Jesus, prince of peace, you take away the sins of the world:  
             grant us your peace [x4].**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All        Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
             to the glory of God the Father.**

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

## **HYMNS**

1        Silent night, Holy night,  
             All is calm, All is bright  
             Round yon virgin mother and child.  
             Holy infant so tender and mild,  
             Sleep in heavenly peace.  
             Sleep in heavenly peace.

2        Silent night, Holy night,  
             Shepherds quake at the sight,  
             Glories stream from heaven afar,  
             Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;

Christ the Savior, is born!  
Christ the Savior, is born!

- 3 Silent night, Holy night,  
Son of God, Love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Stille nacht! Heilige Nacht! Joseph Mohr (1792-1848 HymnQuest ID: 80942*

- 1 Infant holy, Infant lowly,  
For his bed a cattle-stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
Nowells ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all;  
Christ the babe is Lord of all!
- 2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new,  
Saw the glory, heard the story -  
Tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you;  
Christ the babe was born for you!

*W zlobie lezy, Anonymous Polish tr. Edith M G Reed (1885-1933) © Holder untraced  
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*Silence is kept.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth  
the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All        We thank you, Lord, that you have  
fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

## **BLESSING**

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All        Amen.**

## **HYMN**

1        The first nowell the angel did say,  
Was to Bethlehem's shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:

Refrain    Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

2        The wise men from a country far  
Looked up and saw a guiding star;  
They travelled on by night and day  
To reach the place where Jesus lay.

3        At Bethlehem they entered in  
On bended knee they worshipped him;  
They offered there in his presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

4        Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
For Christ has our salvation wrought,  
And with his blood mankind has bought:

*Anonymous, HymnQuest ID: 61759*

Minister 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**

### **ALL SAINTS**

**WINE AND HYMNS EVENING** Sat 20 January 19:00, All Saints' Church. Tickets: £3 adult, children free. If you wish to request a hymn, there is a box and some slips at the back of the church. For more information contact our organist Harrison Cook (organist.hc@aol.co.uk or 01604 786456).

### **ALL HALLOWS**

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING CHRISTMAS QUIZ** entries is 6 Jan.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

**PRAY FOR THE CHURCH** of Zululand (Southern Africa), The Rt Revd Monument Makhanya; The Porvoo Churches: Chichester, Mikkeli

**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** Margaret O, Doreen A, Sylvia P, Ruth S

**ANNIVERSARIES** Yvonne Round, Gordon Hunter, Ted Rudd, Mabel Clara Howell, Alice Coombes, Frank Linnell, Dorothy Mary Linnell, Michael Jenner Wrenn, Margaret Rosina Wittingham, Kathleen Higgs, Russell Dickens, Peter Moore, Major Clive Bishop, Vera Ward, Mollie Bradfield, Frank Toseland, Edward Greig, Gladys Foden, Agnes Cope, Cicely Wilson

**REST IN PEACE** Dorothy Sutton

## DIARY

<b>Sun 31 Dec</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Christmas</b>	
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
<b>Mon 1 Jan</b>	<b>Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</b>	
	<i>Bank holiday</i>	
<b>Tue 2 Jan</b>	<b>Basil the Great, Gregory of Nazianzus</b>	
8:00	Morning Prayer	All Hallows
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Open church	All Hallows
19:30	Bell ringing	All Hallows
<b>Wed 3 Jan</b>		
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
<b>Thu 4 Jan</b>		
8:00	Morning Prayer	All Hallows
9:45	Tiny Tots	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Holy Communion BCP	All Saints
18:00	Beavers	All Saints' Hall
<b>Fri 5 Jan</b>	<b>Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve)</b>	
8:00	Morning Prayer	All Saints
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Open church	All Hallows
18:30	Junior Choir practice	All Saints
19:00	Choir practice	All Saints
19:00	Quire practice	All Hallows
<b>Sat 6 Jan</b>		
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
9:30	MU Corp. Communion	All Hallows
10:00	Open church	All Hallows

<b>Sun 7 Jan</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	
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

## **CONTACT THE BENEFICE OFFICE**

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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