

Welcome to All Hallows

11 February 2018

Sunday before Lent

11:15 Family Eucharist with Holy Baptism

*Please 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 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.

Be aware of the step-up if you use the pews on the north and south walls.

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.

We especially welcome Matilda, Freddie and their families and friends to today's service. For these candidates baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God, which continues for the rest of their lives, the first step in response to God's love. This is a joyful moment when we all rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of All Saints and friends welcome these candidates as new Christians, promising support and prayer for the future. We also remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with these new members of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way:



The cross

A badge of Christian faith and a reminder of Christ's death for us.



Water

Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit.



A candle

A sign of that new life, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil.

We journey through the baptism service: from the **altar** to the **font**, then back for a lit **candle**, immediately before being sent out on our journey.

Everyone who is baptised walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for the candidates, picture them with you and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

John 10:10

HYMN

- 1 Angel voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.
- 2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
Yes, we can.
- 3 For we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.
- 4 In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.

5 Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909), HymnQuest ID: 50588

GREETING

The President says

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

All Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all,

All and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism
as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.

As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fullness of life.

COLLECT

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

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit

you give to your faithful people new life
in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again
may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

READING 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 Bright the vision that delighted
 once the sight of Judah's seer;
 sweet the countless tongues united
 to entrance the prophet's ear.
- 2 Round the Lord in glory seated
 cherubim and seraphim
 filled his temple, and repeated
 each to each the alternate hymn:
- 3 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven,
 earth is with its fullness stored;
 unto thee be glory given:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord.'

- 4 Heaven is still with glory ringing,
 earth takes up the angels' cry,
 'Holy, holy, holy' singing,
 'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'
- 5 With his seraph train before him,
 with his holy Church below,
 thus unite we to adore him,
 bid we thus our anthem flow:
- 6 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven,
 earth is with its fullness stored;
 unto thee be glory given:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord.'

Richard Mant (1776-1848) HymnQuest ID: 51226

GOSPEL READING Mark 9.2-9

All Alleluia! [x4]

Minister I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
 Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
 but will have the light of life.

All Alleluia! [x4]

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

BAPTISM: PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES & DECISION

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.

To the congregation:

People of God,
will you welcome these candidates
and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

To parents and godparents:

Parents and godparents,
the Church receives these candidates with joy.
Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them,
draw them by your example into the community of faith
and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism these candidates begin their journey in faith.
You speak for them today.

Will you care for them,
and help them to take their place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

BAPTISM: SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The minister makes the sign of the cross on each candidate's forehead, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
 against sin, the world and the devil,
 and remain faithful to Christ
 to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

BAPTISM: PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The ministers and the candidates gather at the font.

**All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
 who keeps his promise for ever.**

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

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.
In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.
Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm,
together with Matilda and Freddie
who are being baptised,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
 We believe and trust in one God,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

BAPTISM

The minister pours water on each candidate, saying

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Those newly-baptised are signed with the cross for a second time, symbolising their now joining with Christ, who is the Anointed One.

WELCOME AND PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Matilda, Freddie,
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
 we are children of the same heavenly Father;
 we welcome you.**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
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 As a fire is meant for burning
 with a bright and warming flame,
 so the church is meant for mission,
 giving glory to God's name.

Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbours everywhere.

2 We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.

3 As a green bud in the springtime
is the sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

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 forever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

All **You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

All **He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

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

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit
that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All **As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven.

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

Silence may be kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.	<i>(Or)</i>	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.
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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 **O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts,
And take our sins away.
O Lamb of God, your Grace impart,
And let our guilty fear depart.
Have mercy, Lord, we pray. Have mercy, Lord, we pray.**

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.

QUIRE ANTHEM There's a wideness in God's glory

Silence is kept.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world,
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

All **Faithful God,
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,
made us members of the body of Christ
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:
we thank you that in this Eucharist
you renew your promises within us;
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES

BAPTISM: GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The newly-baptised, the parents and godparents return to the altar to receive a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God, who in his Christ gives us
a spring of water welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

HYMN

- 1 Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'twas Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
And Grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.
- 5 Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.
- 6 When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

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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The following is a copy of the letter given to those baptised today, to be opened on the day of their Confirmation.

Dear *[Candidate]*,

When you were born, your parents thought so much of you that they wanted to share the most precious gift they had: their faith.

So they approached the Christian community of All Hallows, Wellingborough, and asked the people if they would be willing to have a new member and would encourage you so as you could grow to know and love the Lord Jesus.

The community said "Yes", and so on Sunday 11 February 2018 you and your parents and godparents, family and friends came to All Hallows. There at the main Eucharist of the day, in full view of the congregation you entered the Christian family.

The people were happy and they applauded you. And afterwards when your parents brought you home there were further celebrations because of this joyful event.

That was many years ago. Now you are ready to complete your initiation into the Christian faith through the sacrament of Confirmation. You are now ready to speak for yourself and declare yourself a Christian and bear witness to the Gospel in your life.

We hope this letter finds you ready and willing to do so – as we hope that the years past have given you comfort and joy in the Lord.

Today as you read this letter before you are confirmed, remember this: we still welcome you, pray for you, hope for you and through the years and distance hold you in great affection.

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION SERVICE Sun June 10 18:30, Christ The King Church in Kettering. Preparation to start on Wed 11 Apr at All Hallows' Hall, 19:00-20:00. For details please see Pat Thomas or Pam Byles.

ALL SAINTS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Wed 14 Feb 19:30, All Saints.

THE CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION over the last two Sundays raised £231.44 for the South Sudan Appeal. We have added a further £100.00 from the missions money and sent a cheque for £331.44 to Christian Aid. Thank you to everyone for their support.

THE ANNUAL REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL is posted at the back of the church. Please let Bob Allen know if you spot any errors or omissions.

WE NEED MORE KNITTED FLOWERS for All Saints' anniversary service, though we have already received some – thank you to all the knitters. There is a box for your offerings in the Narthex, and a couple of balls of wool for anyone who has run out.

150th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE 20 May. We are building a list of people to invite to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the consecration of All Saints. If you know of someone who has moved away from Wellingborough – family member or a friend – who you feel should be invited, please add their name and contact details to the list at the back of the church. If you have an e-mail address, please add that. Any queries, see Caroline.

ALL HALLOWS

ADRIAN HARRISON'S FUNERAL Mon 19 Feb 11:30, All Hallows. Donations received after the service will go to Lilford Haematology Fund and All Hallows.

WE ARE SELLING CAKE for Christian Aid during Lent. If you would like to make a cake, please put your name on the list in the hall.

THE CHURCH IS CLOSED to the public until the re-ordering is finished, apart from the Sunday and Wednesday services. These services and the Friday quire practice are held in the Lady Chapel and the choir stalls.

INTERCESSIONS

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH of Canada The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; The Porvoo Churches: Worcester, Hamar

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, Michelle Chapel, Kathryn Woods, Betty Metcalf, Jean Anderson

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

ANNIVERSARIES Charles Stevens, Sidney Benford, Rosie Pateman, Alan Fitch, Harold Albert Wrenn, Ellen Elizabeth Cain, Patricia Ferguson, Martin Connolly, George Falkner, Jane Collins, Trudy White, Gladys Dew, Vi Earth, Mavis Jenkin, Derek Hooton, Ivy Lilian Wooding, Marguerite Harwood, Doris Packwood, George Slate, Malcolm Partridge, Sydney Waples, Sally Bell, Ross Jewell, Dorothy Huddart, Michael Billings, Kathleen Dymont, Agnes Smith, Joan Looker, Renee Kathleen Orton

OUR BAPTISM CANDIDATES Freddie Sullivan, Matilda Louise Adams

REST IN PEACE Adrian Harrison

DIARY

Sun 11 Feb

Sunday before Lent

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	Eucharist w. baptism	All Hallows
18:00	Benediction	All Saints

Mon 12 Feb

Tue 13 Feb

9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
14:00	Tea @ Two	All Saints' Hall

Wed 14 Feb

Ash Wednesday

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Saints
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
12:15	Midweek Eucharist	All Hallows
19:30	Eucharist w/ ashing	All Saints

Thu 15 Feb

10:00	Holy Communion BCP	All Saints
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Fri 16 Feb

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Saints
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
18:30	Junior choir practice	All Saints
19:00	Choir practice	All Saints
19:00	Quire practice	All Hallows

Sat 17 Feb

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9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
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Sun 18 Feb

Lent 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
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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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