

Welcome to All Hallows



16 December 2018

Third 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 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.**

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:

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING Zephaniah 3.14-20

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 146.4-10

- 4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong *
and bread to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord looses those that are bound; *
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
- 8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; *
the Lord loves the righteous;
- 9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow; *
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
- 10 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.
- 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 Philippians 4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven.
- 4 So when next he comes with glory,
and earth's final hour draws ear,
may he then as our defender
on the clouds of heaven appear.
- 5 Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.

Anonymous Latin, tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878) HymnQuest ID: 53925

GOSPEL READING Luke 3.7-18

All Alleluia! [x4]

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

All Alleluia! [x4]

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to

Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people who trust in your love.
By your coming,
raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven where you live and reign
with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE – JOHN THE BAPTIST

The President says

Jesus said,
'No one more important than John the Baptist has ever been born;
yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

All Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The third 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.**

**John the Baptist, by his preaching
and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored:
'Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready for the Lord.'**

Mark Earey (b. 1965) © Mark Earey 2002

PEACE

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

During the hymn a collection takes place.

HYMN

- 1 Words of the prophets since the world began
So long before salvation's human birth
Speaking of God's tremendous loving plan
for heav'n to touch the long-estrangèd earth.
- 2 Those ancient words at last began to be
in flesh and skin and bone and blood unfurled
In maiden womb and half-made family –
so heaven stooped to touch a fallen world.
- 3 Amongst the stable beasts behind the inn,
the baby's eyes saw first a mother's love;
and though their world, like ours, was full of sin,
yet in their gaze the earth met heav'n above.
- 4 We cry aloud for peace, goodwill to all,
and for God's heaven to touch his earth again,
We bend our ears to hear the angels' call,
and raise our voice to join the great Amen.

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TABLE PRAYER

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine;
she has set her table.

All Glory to you, O 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.

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The President breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

AGNUS DEI

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

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

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

GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

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

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

ANTHEM This is the truth sent from above

Silence is kept.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord,
for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**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 To God be the glory!
 great things he hath done;
 so loved he the world
 that he gave us his Son,
 who yielded his life
 an atonement for sin,
 and opened the life-gate
 that all may go in.

Refrain *Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!*
 let the earth hear his voice;
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
 let the people rejoice:
 O come to the Father,
 through Jesus the Son;
 and give him the glory;
 great things he hath done.

2 O perfect redemption,
 the purchase of blood!
 to ev'ry believer
 the promise of God;
 the vilest offender
 who truly believes,
 that moment from Jesus
 a pardon receives.

3 Great things he hath taught us,
 great things he hath done,
 and great our rejoicing
 through Jesus the Son;

but purer, and higher,
and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture,
when Jesus we see.

Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny Crosby) (1820-1915) HymnQuest ID: 62929

Minister Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

All Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

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NOTICES

SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE: Nativity & Blessing of the Crib 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.

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

THE FOODBANK NEEDS warm adult gloves, meat pies, fruit, potato, fish, meat, paste, marmalade, Marmite, sugar, cereal, jelly, pudding, mash potato, savoury rice, UHT milk, UHT fruit juice, bottled water, bottled fruit squash, dog food, can opener, loo paper, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, strong carrier bag. Overstocked, not currently needed: baked beans, pasta, pulses, spaghetti hoops, rice pudding, sanitary products.

ALL SAINTS

WE ARE CLEARING OUT the remaining All Saints 150th Anniversary Christmas cards. Individual cards: 5p each. Mixed pack of 6 cards: 20p. Available after the services at All Saints, or contact Caroline through the office.

PLEASE FILL IN A GDPR FORM and bring it back to Bob Allen as soon as possible, to specify what details of yours our clergy and our staff may hold, and to give your permission to contact you in matters relevant to our church. This is to comply with current regulations. If you don't fill in a new form we won't be allowed to contact you in any way.

ALL HALLOWS

JOINT CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Sun 23 Dec 18:00, All Hallows Church.

INTERCESSIONS

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH Kivu (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana; The Porvoo Churches – Southwell and Nottingham, Borg

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, Betty Metcalf, Angela, Diana Brown, Adam, Stephen, Jean

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

ANNIVERSARIES Brett Tussler, Phyllis Russell, Gladys Walker, Arthur William Lovell, Patricia Wortley, Mary Ann Short, Florence Redden, Geoffrey Manning, James Reginald Boulden, Molly Celia Lovell, Mabel Howard Freeman, Margarete Ellen Mason, Sidney Frank Woodhams, Anne-Marie Charlton, Mavis Marion Charlton, Mary Morgan, Rex Line

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.

TO DOWNLOAD THE WEEKLY FOLIO:

please go to our website allhallowsandallsaintswellingborough.co.uk,
then Resources / Weekly folio.

COMMUNICATION

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

Proverbs 25:11

It is clearly important that we keep open good channels of communication. Mike Jennings is the person who uploads information on to the web page, so if you want to include something do speak with him. And Agnes keeps the online calendar, so do inform her if something you are involved in changes or needs to be added.

DIARY

Sun 16 Dec

8:00	Eucharist	All Saints
9:15	Family Eucharist	All Saints
10:30	Coffee & catch-up	All Hallows
11:15	Family Eucharist	All Hallows
19:30	Explorer Scouts	All Saints' Hall

Mon 17 Dec

10:00	Rehearsal	All Saints
18:00	Cubs	All Saints' Hall
18:15	Brownies & Rainbows	All Hallows' Hall
19:30	Scouts	All Saints' Hall

Tue 18 Dec

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Hallows
9:00	AS School Nativity	All Saints
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Open church	All Hallows

Wed 19 Dec

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Saints
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Rowan Gate Christingle	All Hallows
12:15	Midweek Eucharist	All Hallows
18:30	Football Carol Service	All Saints

Thu 20 Dec

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Hallows
10:00	Holy Communion BCP	All Saints
18:00	Carols in Market Square	All Hallows
18:00	Choir practice	All Saints

Fri 21 Dec

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

Sat 22 Dec

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

Sun 23 Dec	Advent 4	
8:00	Eucharist	All Saints
9:15	Family Eucharist	All Saints
10:30	Coffee & catch-up	All Hallows
11:15	Family Eucharist	All Hallows
18:00	Joint Carol Service	All Hallows

*Please take this folio home
for your prayers during the week*

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