

For the safety of those worshipping in our buildings and in line with current Church of England guidelines:

Please use the hand sanitiser stations when you enter the church, and before and after communion and when you leave.

Remain in the seat the steward directed you to upon your arrival. At the distribution of communion please wait in your seat until the steward directs you to go forward.

The wearing of masks is mandatory in church, please remove your mask only when receiving communion.

At the end of our worship stay seated until the steward indicates you can safely leave.

Please take this service sheet home with you.

Sadly, there will be no gathering afterwards. The toilets are only available in emergencies.

Personal photographs you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)

GREETING

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

Amen.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome may be said:

On this Vocations Sunday we give thanks to God that he calls us all to varieties of forms of service in his Church and in the world. And so we pray for openness to his Holy Spirit, that each of us may discern the call of God upon our lives.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

'I set no store by life:

I only want to finish the race and complete the task
that the Lord has assigned to me,
of bearing witness to the gospel of God's grace.'

Let us confess our failure to live up to our calling.

Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples:
'You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.'
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, we know that the harvest is plentiful
but the labourers are few.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you appointed us to go and bear fruit that will last.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

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

The Collect is said.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

READING Acts 2:42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

GOSPEL READING John 10.1-10

Alleluia!

Minister Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be the servant of all.

Alleluia!

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

After the Homily silence may be kept.

CREED

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

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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

This response may be included:

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

Silence is kept.

PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

cf John 20.19

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Heavenly Father,
as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
as we offer our lives in your service;
for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
source of all that is,
for you have called our world into existence,
and filled it with abundant life.

You called a chosen people as your own,
and led them in the way of holiness.
You called your beloved Son,
in whom you were well pleased,
to give his life for us on the cross,
and rise again in glory.

And now we give you thanks
that you call men and women
to equip your holy people for the work of ministry,
for the building up of the body of Christ.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with *[N and]* all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

(Or) **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION said to all here

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion in one kind only which is distributed in silence.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Heavenly Father,
whose risen Son gave gifts of leadership and service to the Church:
strengthen us who have received this holy food
to be good stewards of your manifold grace;
through him who came not to be served but to serve,
and give his life as a ransom for many,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you,
may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you,
may the gifts of the Spirit equip you to serve and worship God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Minister Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The people depart from the building, followed by the ministers.

INTERCESSIONS

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Sue P, Roger P, Richard H, Tim C, Kay G, Oliver D, Cedric G, Pam B, Veronica D.

The housebound: Margaret O, Diana B.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please first obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Rev Christine whom to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fall on this week: John Osborne, Irene Branston, Barbara Barker, Maureen Parker, Roy Earth, Barbara Barker, Herbert Cook, Robert Underwood, Caroline Piggott, Peter Woods, Frederick Stapleton, Phyllis Bellamy, Anne Margaret Soper, Reginald Hayers, Vernon William Jackson, Edward Hugh Gurling, Gertrude Anabel Bates.

NOTICES

The Church Electoral Rolls of All Saints and of All Hallows will be revised by 25 April. Please let your Electoral Roll Officer know if there are any changes in your details:

All Hallows – Dick Smart (dicksmart737@hotmail.com);

All Saints – Bob Allen (robert.allen7@ntlworld.com, 01933 815109).

We hold the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of:

All Saints on Sunday 9 May at 10:15 (after the 9:15 service) in the hall;

All Hallows on Monday 10 May at 19:30 via Zoom.

Paper copies of the annual reports will be distributed at church. For a digital copy or the Zoom link please contact the office (officeallsaints@btinternet.com / officeallhallows@btinternet.com).

Only a few cherry tomato plants are left for sale. 50p each. Proceeds go to All Saints. Contact Caroline (caroline_skinner@btinternet.com, 01933 383868).

DIARY

Tuesday 27 April

8:30 - 9:00 Zoom Morning Prayer

Wednesday 28 April

10:30 - 12:15 All Hallows open to the public
12:15 - 13:00 All Hallows Midweek Eucharist
17:30 - 18:00 Zoom Evening Prayer

Thursday 29 April Catherine of Siena

8:30 - 9:00 Zoom Morning Prayer
10:00 - 10:30 All Saints Holy Communion

Saturday 1 May Philip and James, Apostles

10:30 - 12:30 All Hallows open to the public

Sunday 2 May Easter 5

8:00 - 8:30 All Saints Eucharist
9:15 - 10:15 All Saints Eucharist
11:15 - 12:15 All Hallows Eucharist
18:00 - 18:30 Zoom Compline

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