

We continue to observe **social distancing rules** in our church.

Please use the **hand sanitiser** stations when you arrive, before and after communion, and when you leave.

**Remain in the seat** the steward directed you to. At the distribution of communion and at the end of the service please wait there until the steward directs you to move.

**Face masks** are mandatory when you are moving around in church. You may remove your mask whilst sitting in your pew, and also for a brief period when receiving communion.

Please take this service sheet home with you.

Sadly, there will be no gathering afterwards.

**Personal photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)

## HYMN

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| 1 I come with joy, a child of God,<br>forgiven, loved and free,<br>the life of Jesus to recall,<br>in love laid down for me.                        | 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,<br>unseen, but ever near,<br>is in such friendship better known,<br>alive among us here.         |
| 2 I come with Christians far and near<br>to find, as all are fed,<br>the new community of love<br>in Christ's communion bread.                      | 5 Together met, together bound<br>by all that God has done,<br>we'll go with joy, to give the world<br>the love that makes us one. |
| 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,<br>each proud division ends.<br>The love that made us, makes us one,<br>and strangers now are friends. |  |

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## GREETING

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

*Words of welcome may be said.*

## **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 the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.  
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
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.*

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## FIRST READING Genesis 18.1-15

God appeared to Abraham at the Oaks of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent. It was the hottest part of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing. He ran from his tent to greet them and bowed before them. He said, "Master, if it please you, stop for a while with your servant. I'll get some water so you can wash your feet. Rest under this tree. I'll get some food to refresh you on your way, since your travels have brought you across my path." They said, "Certainly. Go ahead."

Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. He said, "Hurry. Get three cups of our best flour; knead it and make bread." Then Abraham ran to the cattle pen and picked out a nice plump calf and gave it to the servant who lost no time getting it ready. Then he got curds and milk, brought them with the calf that had been roasted, set the meal before the men, and stood there under the tree while they ate. The men said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" He said, "In the tent." One of them said, "I'm coming back about this time next year. When I arrive, your wife Sarah will have a son."

Sarah was listening at the tent opening, just behind the man. Abraham and Sarah were old by this time, very old. Sarah was far past the age for having babies. Sarah laughed within herself, "An old woman like me? Get pregnant? With this old man of a husband?" God said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh saying, 'Me? Have a baby? An old woman like me?' Is anything too hard for God? I'll be back about this time next year and Sarah will have a baby." Sarah lied. She said, "I didn't laugh," because she was afraid. But he said, "Yes you did; you laughed."

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **PSALM 34.15-22**

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous  
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous;  
from them all will the Lord deliver them.
- 20 He keeps all their bones, so that not one of them is broken.
- 21 But evil shall slay the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants  
and will condemn none who seek refuge in him.

## **SECOND READING Ephesians 6.10-20**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to

stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*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 6.56-69**

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

*After the Sermon silence may be kept.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*This response may be included:*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## PEACE

God has called us to live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
and also with you.

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;

make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory. **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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to say your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary, to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me

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

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit  
as we bring before you these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with *[N and]* all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours 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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## 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

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## NOTICES

### HYMN

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| <p>1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,<br/>Pilgrim through this barren land;<br/>I am weak, but thou art mighty,<br/>Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;<br/>Bread of heaven, bread of heaven<br/>Feed me now and evermore;<br/>Feed me now and evermore.</p> <p>2 Open now the crystal fountain<br/>Whence the healing stream doth flow;<br/>Let the fiery cloudy pillar<br/>Lead me all my journey through:<br/>Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer;<br/>Be thou still my strength and shield;<br/>Be thou still my strength and shield.</p> | <p>3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,<br/>Bid my anxious fears subside;<br/>Death of death, and hell's destruction<br/>Land me safe on Canaan's side:<br/>Songs of praises, songs of praises,<br/>I will ever give to thee;<br/>I will ever give to thee.</p> |
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- Arglwydd arwain drwy'r anialwch;  
William Williams (1717-1791)  
tr Peter Williams (1727-1796)  
and William Williams (1717-1791)  
or John Williams (1754-1928)  
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## BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The people depart, followed by the ministers.*

## **OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR**

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Sue P, Richard H, Wendy S, Tim C, Kay G, Oliver D, Veronica D, Fred R, Jonathan, Diane J, Fr Stephen S, Ron W.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Diana B, Cedric G.

Those baptised today: Louisa Tilley-Sanders, Hannay Aryee.

*If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please 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: William Denny, Reginald Gordon Smeaton, Edward Smart, Edward Francis Murray Samson, Geoffrey Hole, William John Everden, Edith Sadler, Dorothy Coles, May Tuplin, Helen Hubbard.

## **NOTICES**

All Hallows' Flower Fund afternoon tea at 16 Cherry Avenue, Wed 25 Aug, 14:30-16:30. Please bring a chair. Tickets £5 from Ann Harrison (01933 673933).

Roger Poolman's funeral takes place at All Saints on Wed 25 Aug at 10:00. You are welcome to attend. If you stay for refreshments afterwards, please tell Rev Christine in advance. You can read Roger's funeral notice on this website: <https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notices/28-07-2021-roger-graham-poolman>

### **Joint Benefice Service**

***Sunday 29 August 10am, All Saints' Church***

When there is a **fifth Sunday in the month**, our two congregations will gather in one place, **alternating between our two church buildings**, and worship together at a **joint service starting at 10am**. On these Sundays there will be no other services in the benefice, apart from Compline online.

The first such Sunday is 29 August, and on this occasion All Saints will be our host. ***Please come and join us.***

## DIARY

**Tues 24 Aug**      **Bartholomew the Apostle**  
8:30 - 9:00      Zoom            Morning Prayer

**Wed 25 Aug**  
10:00 - 11:00      All Saints      funeral – RIP Roger Poolman  
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

**Thurs 26 Aug**  
8:30 - 9:00        Zoom            Morning Prayer  
10:00 - 10:30      All Saints      Holy Communion

**Sat 28 Aug**        **Monica**  
10:30 - 12:15      All Hallows    open to the public

**Sun 29 August**    **Trinity 13**  
10:00 – 11:00      All Saints      Joint Benefice Service  
18:00 - 18:30      Zoom            Compline

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