

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***Personal photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*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

- 1 'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;  
here at thy feet none other may we see:  
'Lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,  
we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.
- 2 Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,  
the deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,  
the halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,  
O Lord of truth, lift ev'ry human soul.
- 3 Lift ev'ry gift that thou thyself hast giv'n:  
low lies the best till lifted up to heav'n;  
low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,  
till, sent from God, they mount to God again.
- 4 Then, as the trumpet-call, in after years,  
'lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,  
still shall those hearts respond with full accord,  
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.'

*Henry Montagu Butler (1833-1918) HymnQuest ID: 56953*

## GREETING

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

**Amen.**

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

*Words of welcome 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.

## 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.**

## COLLECT

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.  
**Amen.**

## READING James 5.13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*At the end the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## HYMN

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Day-spring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine;  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine;  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788) HymnQuest ID: 51559*

## GOSPEL READING Mark 9.38-50

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

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

John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck, and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if you

eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

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

## SERMON

*After the Sermon silence may be kept.*

## PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISM CANDIDATE

*Moving to the font the minister is joined by the baptism candidate, parents and godparents. The congregation turn to face the font.*

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

We thank God for *Theodore*  
who has come to be baptised today.  
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support *Theodore* as he begins his journey of faith?  
**We will.**

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?  
**We will.**

*The minister asks the parents and godparents:*

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for *Theodore* today.  
Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

*Parents and godparents reply:*

**We will.**

Will you support him on his journey of faith?  
**We will.**

## THE DECISION

*The minister says to parents and godparents:*

We all wander far from God and lose our way.  
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.  
In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask you parents and godparents:

Do you turn away from sin?

*Parents and godparents reply:*

**I do.**

Do you reject evil?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as saviour?

**I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

**I do.**

## SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

*The minister makes the sign of the cross using the oil of Chrism on the forehead of the candidate, saying:*

*Theodore*, Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ crucified.

You are his forever.

**Stand bravely with him against all powers of evil,  
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.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OVER THE WATER

We praise you, loving Father,  
for the gift of the your Son Jesus.

He was baptised in the River Jordan,  
where your Spirit came upon him  
and revealed him as the Son you love.  
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,  
that those who are baptised in it  
may be cleansed in the water of life,  
and, filled with your Spirit,  
may know that they are loved as your children,  
safe in Christ for ever.

**Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm,  
together with *Theodore* who is 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?  
**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?  
**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?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

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

## BAPTISM

*The minister pours water on the candidate, saying:*

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

## WELCOME AND PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.  
By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**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,  
**and also with you.**

## GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*The minister gives the baptised a candle lit from the Paschal (Easter) candle, saying:*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

*Theodore,*  
you have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.  
**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## HYMN

- 1 Lord, thy Word abideth,  
and our footsteps guideth;  
who its truth believeth  
light and joy receiveth.
- 2 Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure,  
by thy word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?
- 3 When the storms are o'er us,  
and dark clouds before us,  
then its light directeth,  
and our way protecteth.



- 4        When our foes are near us,  
          then thy word doth cheer us,  
          word of consolation,  
          message of salvation.
- 5        Word of mercy, giving  
          succour to the living;  
          word of life, supplying  
          comfort to the dying.
- 6        O that we discerning  
          its most holy learning,  
          Lord, may love and fear thee,  
          evermore be near thee!

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877) HymnQuest ID: 57535*

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.**

## **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.

## AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts  
and take our sin away.  
O Lamb of God, your grace impart,  
and let our guilty fear depart,  
have mercy, Lord, we pray,  
have mercy, Lord, we pray.

*Michael L Forster (b. 1946) based on the Agnus Dei © 1997, 1999 Kevin Mayhew Ltd. HymnQuest ID: 77777*

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

## 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.*

## HYMN

- 1 Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength, that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.
- 2 Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be:  
but by steep and rugged pathways  
would we strive to climb to thee.
- 3 Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.
- 4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.

*Love Maria Willis (nee Whitcomb) (1824-1908), Samuel Longfellow (1819-1892) HymnQuest ID: 52538*

- 1 Take this moment, sign and space;  
take my friends around;  
here among us make the place  
where your love is found.
- 2 Take the time to call my name,  
take the time to mend  
who I am and what I've been,  
all I've failed to tend.
- 3 Take the tiredness of my days,  
take my past regret,  
letting your forgiveness touch  
all I can't forget.

4 Take the little child in me  
scared of growing old;  
help me here to find my worth  
made in Christ's own mould.

5 Take my talents, take my skills,  
take what's yet to be;  
let my life be yours, and yet  
let it still be me.

*John L Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)*

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## 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.

**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

### HYMN

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,  
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

- 3       The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,  
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.
- 4       God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
And all things cry glory to God all-in-all!

*Bryn Rees (1911-1983) © Alexander Scott, HymnQuest ID: 61878*

## **BLESSING**

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.

**Amen.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*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, Tim C, Kay G, Oliver D, Veronica D, Fred R, Jonathan, Diane J, Fr Stephen S, Ron W, Wendy S.

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

**Those baptised today:** Theodore Watts.

*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:** Florence Blyth, Doris Steele, William George Billing, William James Oliver Freeman, Thomas Howell, Gilbert Osborne Mason, Pamela Newton, Marjorie Joiner, Maurice Campion, Dennis Coles, Muriel Temple, Dinah Holder, Pat Roberts, Harry Haynes.

**Those who died recently**, among them Steven Butterfield. We pray for those who mourn.

## NOTICES

**As harvest gifts**, on Sun 3 Oct we will be grateful if you bring tins of food to our main services, and maybe coins as well taped to them. You can also put tins and food packets in the collection boxes in both churches anytime. Your gifts will support the Daylight Centre.

**Traditional Harvest Songs of Praise** Sun 3 Oct 16:00, All Saints. A sing-song of the traditional hymns that you didn't sing at 9:15 or 11:15, with anthems and readings. You are all welcome!

## DIARY

### Tues 28 Sept

8:30 - 9:00 Zoom Morning Prayer  
11:30 - 12:30 All Hallows Funeral – RIP Steven Butterfield

### Wed 29 Sept **Michael & all angels**

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 30 Sept

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

### Sat 2 Oct

10:30 - 12:15 All Hallows open to the public

### Sun 3 Oct **Harvest**

8:00 - 8:30 All Saints Eucharist  
9:15 - 10:30 All Saints Eucharist with parade  
11:15 - 12:30 All Hallows Eucharist with parade  
16:00 - 17:00 All Saints Harvest Songs of Praise  
18:00 - 18:30 Zoom Compline

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