Saints Hallows Together

Holy Communion

All Saints' Sunday 31 October 2021

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 for a brief period when receiving communion. We continue to take **communion** in one kind only.

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Personal photographs you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)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

- Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation, one with us still in one body, one great congregation; with them proclaim
 Jesus for ever the same,
 Author of life and salvation.
- 2 Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround us; glory to Christ the Redeemer who sought us and found us, who from the grave rose, the almighty to save, breaking the fetters that bound us.
- Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping, trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping, on to the end,

 Christ our companion and friend, joy at the last for our weeping.
- Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us, who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us; now in that Name,
 Jesus for ever the same,
 forth to his service he sends us.

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GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Words of welcome may be said.

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

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

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven.

Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong
that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God our Father forgive your sins, and bring you to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever.

Amen.

GLORIA

- 1 Glory in the highest to the God of heaven! Peace to all your people through the earth be given! Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring, singing alleluias to our heavenly king.
- Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:
 With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!
 Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
 show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.
- 3 Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy One, seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
 Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores: in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

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COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer:

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints.

The Collect is said:

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines

strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.'

At the end the reader may say

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

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 24.1-6

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob..

SECOND READING Revelation 21.1-6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to

me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

At the end the reader may say:

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

Silence may be kept.

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING John 11.32-44

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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

In faith and hope we pray.

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

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

cf Ephesians 2.17,19

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

HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation,
 Christ the head and corner-stone chosen of the Lord, and precious,
 binding all the Church in one,

holy Sion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

- All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody, God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.
- To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day; with thy wonted loving-kindness, hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.
- 4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain, what they gain from thee for ever with the blessèd to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.
- 5 Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three, and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

Anonymous Latin tr. John M Neale (1818-1866), HymnQuest ID: 13903

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing:

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.

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.

Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord, blessed is the Lord God almighty: Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord, blessed is the Lord God almighty: who was, and is, and is to come. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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.

Glory, glory, glory to the Lord, glory to the Lord God almighty: glory, glory, glory to the Lord, glory to the Lord God almighty: who was, and is, and is to come. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

With saints and martyrs through the ages, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us.

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.

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GIVING OF COMMUNION

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia!' The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

HYMN

- 1 Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done; for all the servants of our King in heav'n and earth are one.
- One family, we dwell in him, one Church, above, beneath; though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.
- The people of the living God, to his command we bow: part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are crossing now.
- 4 E'en now to their eternal home there pass some spirits blest; while others to the margin come, waiting their call to rest.
- Jesu, be thou our constant guide; then, when the word is giv'n, bid Jordan's narrow stream divide, and bring us safe to heav'n.

James Edmeston (1791-1867) HymnQuest ID: 56695

1 All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord; who can compare with the beauty of the Lord? For ever he will be the Lamb upon the throne; I gladly bow the knee, and worship him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord, who once was slain to reconcile us to God. Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne; I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

NOTICES

HYMN

- Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
 a world without saints forgets how to praise.
 Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
 their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
- Some march with events to turn them God's way; some need to withdraw, the better to pray; some carry the gospel through fire and through flood: our world is their parish; their purpose is God.
- Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own; they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares: what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!
- 4 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise.

In loving, in living, they prove it is true: the way of self giving, Lord, leads us to you. Amen! Amen!

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DISMISSAL GOSPEL John 17.6-9

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

[Jesus said], 'I have made your name known to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.'

At the end the reader says

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

BLESSING

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises.

Amen.

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The people and ministers depart.

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, Julie V, Margaret C, the pupils and staff of All Saints School who have had to reintroduce social distancing for the time being.

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

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: Margaret Webber, Richard Povey, Andrew Bigley, Alex Scallon, Mary Bamberry, Richard Anstead, Ethel Buchta.

NOTICES

All Souls' Service Tue 5 Nov 19:30, All Hallows. We remember the departed whose names will be read during the service.

Winter Fayre Sat 13 Nov 9:30 – 12:00, All Hallows. There will be the usual stalls. Items for the chocolate tombola (run by Christine and Michael 01933 401596) and the 'big' tombola, also bric-a-brac, would be much appreciated. Margaret Addie will be coordinating the fair (01933 223850).

Can anyone use a booster seat, unused, still in its wrapping? Phone Caroline on 01933 383868, or e-mail on caroline skinner@btinternet.com.

Shoe Box Collection - 2021

Jeanette Walsh is hoping provide shoe boxes full of goodies to NCC care leavers this Christmas, there are over 700 care leavers aged 16 plus. We aim to deliver the boxes in December so we are starting to plan early.

What do we need?

- Empty shoe boxes to fill, if you have any to donate, or
- items from the list below to fill them, or
- a donation of a shoe box complete with items for a boy or a girl.

All gifts must be unwrapped. No sharp instruments or razors please.

Donations required by 7 November – please leave them in the marked box at the entrance to the church.

Help us to show these vulnerable young people that people do care this Christmas.

Suggestions for boys:	For girls:	
Toiletries – roll on, body spray, shower	Cleanser, cotton wool pads	
gel, bubble bath	Socks, scarf, hat, gloves	
Toothbrush, toothpaste	Sanitary pads	
Face cloth	Body spray	
Comb	Toothbrush, toothpaste	
Hat, socks, scarf, gloves, baseball cap	Pencil case with stationery: pencil,	
Bouncy ball	pens, sharpener, eraser	
Tennis ball	Notebook	
Pack of cards	Reusable drinking bottle	
Kaleidoscope	Sweets, chocolate	
Magnifying glass	£5 / £10 voucher – Amazon, Superdrug,	
Harmonica	WHS etc.	
Flashlight	Cheap watch	
Mug	Toiletries – roll on, body spray, shower	
Hot chocolate sachets	gel, bubble bath	
Marshmallows	Hairbrush	
Belt	Face cloth	
Measuring tape	Make up bag	
Kite	Hairbands	
Pencil case with stationery: pencil,	Mug	
pens, sharpener, eraser	Hot chocolate sachets	
Notebook	Marshmallows	
Reusable drinking bottle	Keyring	
Cheap watch		

DIARY

Tues 2 Nov 8:30 - 9:00 19:30 - 20:00	All Souls Zoom All Hallows	Morning Prayer All Souls' service
Wed 3 Nov 10:30 - 12:15 12:15 - 13:00 17:30 - 18:00	Richard Hoo All Hallows All Hallows Zoom	ker open to the public Midweek Eucharist Evening Prayer
Thurs 4 Nov 8:30 - 9:00 10:00 - 10:30	Zoom All Saints	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Fri 5 Nov 19:00 - 20:00 19:00 - 20:00	All Hallows All Saints	choir practice choir practice
Sat 6 Nov 9:30 - 10:30 10:30 - 12:15	All Hallows All Hallows	MU Holy Communion open to the public
Sun 7 Nov 8:00 - 8:30 9:15 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:30 18:00 - 18:30	3 rd Sunday before Advent All Saints Eucharist All Saints Eucharist All Hallows Eucharist Zoom Compline	

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