



Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Harvest
6 October 2024

A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, we are delighted to have you with us, and hope that you will enjoy the service.

*All you need to **follow the service** is contained in this leaflet. If you would prefer a large print copy, ask the person who gave you this leaflet. Please join in the responses in bold.*

*During the service our **children and young people** are invited to join Y.E.S. (Young Eager Saints). They meet at the children's area before the service, then move to the Lady Chapel.*

***After the service** refreshments are served at the back of church, please do join us.*

*There is no cash collection taken during the service, however, we welcome **donations** towards our mission and ever increasing maintenance costs. These can be left in the collection plate or be made using our contactless card machine, both at the back of the church. Alternatively you can scan the QR code on the last page.*

GREETING

Minister We meet in the name of
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Words of welcome may be said.

HYMN

We stand to sing the hymn during which the flags and the harvest gifts are presented.

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| 1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home! | 2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be. |
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3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4 Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford (1810–1871)

OPENING PRAYER

All Father in heaven, all good gifts come from you.
You send the sunshine and the rain,
and it is through your love and care
that we enjoy the harvest time.

Thank you for providing so richly for our needs.

Help us to share the good things we have
with those who have little or nothing,
and help us to use the gifts you give each one of us
to grow your Kingdom, in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONFESSION

Minister God has blessed us,
but still God's children go hungry.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister God has blessed us,
but still the poor cry out for justice.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Minister God has blessed us,
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Minister May the God of love bring you back to himself,
forgive your wrongs,
and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All/choir Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,
at God's right hand in majesty most high:
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

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COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said by a member of our congregation:

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea, and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

READING 1 Timothy 2.1-7

The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.

He wants not only us but *everyone* saved, you know, everyone to get to know the truth we've learned: that there's one God and only one, and one Priest-Mediator between God and us—Jesus, who offered himself in exchange for everyone held captive by sin, to set them all free. Eventually the news is going to get out. This and this only has been my appointed work: getting this news to those who have never heard of God, and explaining how it works by simple faith and plain truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer,
for all things living
thou madest good;
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.
- 2 Bless thou the labour
we bring to serve thee,
that with our neighbour
we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
we would work with thee;
harvesting, milling
for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing
food for thy children,
thy wisdom guiding
teaches us share
one with another,
so that rejoicing
with us, our brother
may know thy care.
- 4 Then will thy blessing
reach every people;
freely confessing
thy gracious hand.
Where thy will reigneth
no one will hunger:
thy love sustaineth;
fruitful the land.

Albert Frederick Bayly (1901–1984) Words: © 1988, Oxford University Press

GOSPEL READING Matthew 6.25-33

All/choir Alleluia!

Cantor We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All/choir Alleluia!

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don’t fuss about what’s on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds.

“Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen colour and design

quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.

“If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don’t you think he’ll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God’s *giving*. People who don’t know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We stand to affirm our shared faith by saying together:

All 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister Lord of the harvest,
All let there be harvest in your world.

A member of the congregation says the intercessions.

And at the end:

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

Silence is kept.

PEACE

Minister The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us share with one another a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

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| 1 God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of his Spirit into open minds and hearts. | 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold, here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore. |
| 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each. | 4 Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe! |

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TABLE PRAYER

Minister Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord is here.

All **His spirit is with us.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea,
the birds of the air, and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,
and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**All/choir 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.**

Minister We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and forever.

All Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord! Jesus is the Lord God almighty.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord! Jesus is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All 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.

Minister 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.

All/choir 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. Glory, glory, glory to the Lord!

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

HYMN

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| 1 We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels. | 5 We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,
of comfort in the strife,
and joys that never cease. |
| 2 We love the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there
thy chosen flock to greet. | 6 We love to sing below
for mercies freely given;
but O, we long to know
the triumph-song of heaven. |
| 3 We love the sacred font;
for there the holy Dove
to pour is ever wont
his blessing from above. | 7 Lord Jesus, give us grace
on earth to love thee more,
in heaven to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore. |
| 4 We love thine altar, Lord;
O what on earth so dear?
for there, in faith adored,
we find thy presence near. | |

*William Bullock (1798-1874),
Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)*

COMMUNION MOTET Harris: Glory, love and praise and honour

Thou visitest the earth, and blesses it: and crownest the year with thy goodness.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister We have celebrated Harvest,
brought our gifts,
and remembered God's generosity.
As we go out into the world, help us, Father,
to live our lives as people of the harvest,
to share and give, to bless and to love,
through Jesus, our friend and Lord.

All **Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Chorus Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'
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'How great thou art! How great thou art!'

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home — what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

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BLESSING

Minister May God our creator,
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,
bestow on you his care
and increase the harvest of your righteousness;
and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Beethoven: Theme from the Pastoral Symphony
arranged by Adrian Fish

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Richard Hole, Kay G, Kath Thomas, June Morby, Jenny Attewell, Diana Brown, Graham Earl, Marion Dent, Susan Adams, baby Chester, Carol, Jo Thraves, baby Rose.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley Cockerill, Susan Poolman, Mary Ricketts.

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 email Pat Thomas (pat_@hotmail.co.uk) the name of the person to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Neil Owen Meekings, Mary Rudd, Anthony Paul Lovell, Wilfred Maurice Phillips, Lily Gartside, Eileen Maud Baxter, Reg Green, Edward Albert Loveday, Alice Edith Dove, Constance Martin, Olive Henson, Wilf Foster, Dennis Briggs, John Bailey, Pearl Aufrère Tabernacle, baby Lauren and baby Jack Bentley, Gordon Pentlow.

The recently departed, among them Veronica Austin and Elaine Billingham. We pray for those who mourn.

NOTICES

Harvest Songs of Praise today 18:00, All Saints.

Tea @2 Tuesday 8 October 14:00, Wellingborough Museum.

Bible Study Group Monday 14 October 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel.

Informal Celtic Eucharist Saturday 12 October 9:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel. Come and experience something different.

Tea & Cake concert Saturday 19 October 16:00, All Hallows.

All Souls Service Sunday 3 November 18:00, All Saints. The names of the departed will be read during the service. Please add the names of those you wish to be remembered to the list in churches. Please use capital letters for legibility.

Wellingborough Gospel Community Choir 2 November 19:30, All Hallows. Tickets £10, under 16s £5, from Tony Edwards (07867 554476 / TonyE1960@aol.com).

Confirmation Advent Sunday 1 December. Preparation classes are starting soon, those interested please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. If you have any queries please speak to Pat Thomas, Canon Paula or Canon John.

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DIARY

Mon 7 Oct

9:15-11:00	All Hallows' Hall	Little Acorns pre-school group
14:00-14:45	All Saints	Funeral RIP Elaine Billingham
18:00-19:15	St Mary's Church Hall	4th Cubs
18:15-19:30	All Hallows Hall	Brownies & Rainbows
19:30-21:00	St Mary's Church Hall	4th Scouts

Tues 8 Oct

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows Hall	coffee shop
14:00-15:00	Wellingborough Museum	Tea @2

Wed 9 Oct

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:15	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15-12:45	All Hallows	Midweek Eucharist
19:00-20:30	All Hallows	Bell ringing
19:00-20:30	All Hallows Hall	Guides

Thurs 10 Oct

Paulinus

10:00-12:00	All Saints	open to the public
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 th Beavers
19:00-20:30	All Hallows	Handbell ringing

Fri 11 Oct

Ethelburga

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:30-19:45	All Hallows	junior choir practice
19:30-21:00	All Hallows	adult choir practice

Sat 12 Oct

Wilfrid of Rippon

9:00-11:30	Dale End	4 th Squirrels
9:30-10:30	All Saints	Informal Celtic Eucharist
9:30-12:00	All Hallows Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

Sun 13 Oct

Trinity 20

9:15-10:15	All Saints	Family Eucharist
10:00-11:00	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00-18:30	All Hallows	Compline
19:30-21:30	All Hallows Hall	Pegasus Explorers

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