

All Hallows & All Saints Churches, Wellingborough

Joint Benefice Eucharist

with Holy Baptism & Confirmation

By Bishop Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough



1st December 2024

Advent Sunday

Whether you are a regular or a visitor, you are welcome to this very special service. Everything you need to follow the service is included in this booklet. Please do join in the responses in **bold**. When guidance is given about standing or sitting, please do whatever is most comfortable for you.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please make this known when you come to receive communion.

We ask that you do not publish photographs you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)

Advent Sunday is traditionally the day where we at All Saints and All Hallows collect toys which are distributed to those in need in our community at Christmas time by the Salvation Army. Please place any toys by the crib before or after the service. Thank you for your donations - they are much appreciated.

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey where those being confirmed affirm for themselves the faith into which they have been baptised. They express their intention to live a life of committed discipleship. This affirmation is confirmed through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming bishop, who today is Bishop Debbie, Bishop of Peterborough. Through this laying on of hands, God confirms to each his promises of forgiveness of sins, eternal life and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for those being confirmed and baptised today, that they may grow more and more in the knowledge and love of God:

To be baptised:

- ◆ Lanen Goteng

To be baptised and confirmed:

- ◆ Shikrock Goteng
- ◆ Kasper Mode

To be confirmed:

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| ◆ Toni Wright | ◆ Roshelle Juma |
| ◆ Saxon Boddington | ◆ Kendra Mpiluka |
| ◆ Baedn-Rose Boddington | ◆ Leon Oakes |
| ◆ Izzy-Ella Boddington | ◆ Uriel Pledger |
| ◆ Harry Gillett | ◆ Rocco Rowett |
| ◆ Archie Gillett | ◆ Noah Ward |

Baptism and Confirmation at Holy Communion

Preparation

As the procession enters church we stand to sing

Hymn

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

Chorus

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

3 O come, thou Dayspring,
come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

4 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

5 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

John Mason Neale (1818–1866) translated from Latin Advent Antiphons

The Greeting

We remain standing as the bishop greets the people

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one body and one spirit.

All There is one hope to which we were called;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you

All and also with you.

The Collect – read by Kaspar

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.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading – *read by Izzy-Ella*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding, and I will be their God.”

Genesis 17:1-8

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand to sing the Gradual Hymn during which the Gospel Book is processed to the centre of the church, we turn to face the Book and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

Gradual Hymn

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| 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do. | 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure. |
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3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1835–1889)

Gospel Reading

When the gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16:13-20

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – *The Right Reverend Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough*

Liturgy of Initiation

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates are invited to stand.

The bishop asks Shikrock, Lanen and Kaspar

Do you wish to be baptised?

I do.

The bishop asks the candidates for confirmation who have been baptised

Have you been baptised
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

The bishop asks all the candidates

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart
to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

The bishop addresses the whole congregation

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

People of God, will you welcome these candidates
and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

The Decision

The bishop addresses all the candidates

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.
Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

The bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Shikrock, Lanen and Kaspar, saying

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

The bishop says

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.

All **Amen.**

Prayer over the Water

*The ministers and candidates for baptism and confirmation gather at the baptismal font.
The bishop stands before the water of baptism and says*

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel

from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John

and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The bishop addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Baptism

The minister addresses the candidates for baptism by name, saying

N, is this your faith?

The candidates answer, saying

This is my faith.

The minister pours water on each candidate, saying

N, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The minister says

You have been clothed with Christ.
As many as are baptised into Christ have put on Christ.

The bishop says

May God,
who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen.**

The candidates for confirmation who have previously been baptised come forward.

The bishop says

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptised into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect
in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The bishop and the candidates gather at the place of confirmation.

Confirmation

The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

The bishop extends her/his hands towards those to be confirmed and says

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.
Amen.

The bishop addresses each candidate by name

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

The bishop lays hands on the head of each, saying

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid.

All **Defend, O Lord,
these your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

The Welcome and Peace

The bishop addresses the newly baptised and confirmed

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

All **We welcome you in the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The congregation greet the newly baptised and confirmed.

The bishop introduces the Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us
and as a pledge of what is to come
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.
- 2 O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.
- 3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.
- 5 O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816–1874)

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

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.**

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed
before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and saying:

All **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.

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!

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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

We sit or kneel to pray with confidence the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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

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 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

The president says the invitation to 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.

All We do not presume to come to this your table,
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

If you are a visitor from another church where you normally receive communion, you are most welcome to receive communion with us this morning. If you prefer to come forward simply to receive a blessing, then it is helpful if you bring this service paper with you to indicate that is what you want.

Anthem

The choirs of All Hallows and All Saints Churches together with the All Saints School Choir sing 'Look at the world' by John Rutter.(born in 1945).

Communion Hymn

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found — we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight — our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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.

All Amen.

**All 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.**

Hymn – led by All Saints School Choir

Build your house upon the Rock,
on this land, you won't be knocked,
build your life on the top,
make your home upon the Rock. *[Repeat]*

Chorus *Stand strong, God is with you.
Stand strong, God is for you.
Stand strong, Jesus is the Rock you're on.*

There is hope on the Rock,
in the storms, you won't be knocked.
Fix your eyes on the Cross,
Jesus Christ, my solid Rock. *Chorus*

Jesus, you hold the world in your hands, in your hands,
I am secure in your plans, in your plans.
Jesus, you hold the world in your hands, in your hands,
I am secure in your plans, in your plans. *Chorus*

Jesus, you hold the world in your hands, in your hands,
I am secure in your plans, in your plans.
You are the Rock on which my life stands on.

The Sending Out

The Blessing

The bishop says

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Each of the newly baptised and confirmed receive a lighted candle. When all have received a candle, the bishop says

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

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The bishop leads the newly baptised and confirmed through the church.

Recessional Hymn

1 The Spirit lives to set us free, walk, walk in the light;
he binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light.

Chorus *Walk in the light, walk in the light, walk in the light,
walk in the light of the Lord.*

2 Jesus promised life to all, walk, walk in the light;
the dead were wakened by his call, walk, walk in the light.

3 He died in pain on Calvary, walk, walk in the light;
to save the lost like you and me, walk, walk in the light.

4 We know his death was not the end, walk, walk in the light;
he gave his Spirit to be our friend, walk, walk in the light.

5 By Jesus' love our wounds are healed, walk, walk in the light;
the Father's kindness is revealed, walk, walk in the light.

6 The Spirit lives in you and me, walk, walk in the light;
his light will shine for all to see, walk, walk in the light.

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Organ voluntary T. Edwards: Prelude on Veni Emmanuel

*We asked the confirmation candidates to use three words to describe how they feel about
being confirmed - here they are!*



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, Carol, Jo Thraves, Rose Thirlwell, Rita Hawkes.

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

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Caroline Elizabeth Martin, Bernard Sanders, Susan Margaret Adams, Mavis Marion Charlton, Joseph Charles Shatford, Elizabeth Frances Rowbery, Mavis Elizabeth West, Betty Hill, Susan Simson, Emily Palmer, Winifred Mary Cooper, Isabel Galilee, Alison Clark, Frank Pierce, Alan Frank Knight, Dora Foscitt, Walter George Swain, Hilda Grace Marriot, Evelyn Barrett, Evelyn Lovett, John William [Jack] Wooding, Erika June Mathia, Bill Timpson, Doreen James, Constance Bailey, Edith Blaber, Robert Jeffery Odell, Mary Parkin, May Wallis, Iris Robins, Eileen Falkner, David Innis, Terrance Daniel Smith, Arthur Toyer, Bill Clayson, Anthony Hayers, Margaret Cooke, Jean Lofts.

NOTICES

Advent Course on *Women of the Nativity* every Monday from 2 December to 23 December 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel.

Advent Carol Service Sunday 8 December 18:00, All Saints.

Christingle Service Sunday 15 December 16:00, All Saints.

Town Carol Service Saturday 14 December 12:00, Swansgate Centre.

**Please do join us for refreshments after this service,
these are served at the back of the church.**

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if you would like to support the work of the Church there is a card machine
at the back of church, or you can use this QR Code:**



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