



Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Second Sunday of Advent
8 December 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, please ask the person who gave you this leaflet. Please join in the responses in bold. Music for the mass setting is available for you on the table by the main door, if you use one please do hand it back at the end of the service.

Refreshments are served before the service, feel free to take your drink to your pew for the start of the service.

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.

HYMN

1 Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new;
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.

Chorus *Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

2 God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

3 Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected,

4 Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Chorus *Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

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GREETING

Minister In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

Minister The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Words of welcome may be said.

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE – THE PROPHETS

Minister Jesus said,
‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets:
I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.’

All Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The second candle is lit.

Minister God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

All Amen.

**All /choir Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message - challenged, shaken
hearts awaken: God is near!**

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CONFESSION

Deacon When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Minister Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,
and let your anger cease from us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Minister Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Minister May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

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:

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.
All Amen.

FIRST READING Malachi 3.1-4

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

SECOND READING Philippians 1.3-11

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's

grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

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| 1 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day.' | 4 That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near. |
| 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies. | 5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run. |
| 3 Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven; | |

*Edward Caswall (1814-1878)
based on Vox clama ecce intonate
(Latin, 5th or 6th century)*

GOSPEL READING Luke 3.1-6

All/choir Alleluia!

Cantor Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All/choir Alleluia!

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

CREED

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

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 In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

A member of the congregation says the intercessions.

This response may be included:

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

And at the end:

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

Silence is kept.

Minister Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people who trust in your love.
By your coming,
raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign
with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

PEACE

Minister In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

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 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see. | 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. |
| <i>Chorus Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.</i> | 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. |
| 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. | 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. |

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TABLE PRAYER

Minister As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Minister Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

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 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 singing:

**All/choir Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Minister 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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

All/choir Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Minister 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

Minister Awaiting his coming in glory, 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 **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

HYMN

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| 1 O Child of promise, come!
O come, Emmanuel!
Come, Prince of Peace, to David's throne;
come, God, with us to dwell. | 3 O come, Anointed One,
to show blind eyes your face!
Good tidings to the poor announce;
proclaim God's year of grace! |
| 2 The Lord's true Servant, come,
in whom is his delight,
on whom his Holy Spirit rests,
the Gentiles' promised light. | 4 O come, Messiah King,
to reign in endless light,
when heavenly peace at last goes forth
from Sion's holy height. |

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COMMUNION MOTET G. F. Handel: How beautiful are the feet of him

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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

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| <p>1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.</p> <p>2 Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.</p> | <p>3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!</p> <p>4 Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.</p> |
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Charles Wesley (1707–1788) and John Cennick (1718–1755)

BLESSING

Minister Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Deacon May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

All Amen.

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Felix Mendelssohn: Wachet Auf

DIARY

Mon 9 Dec

9:15-11:00	All Hallows' Hall	Little Acorns pre-school group
11:00-12:00	All Hallows	Organ lesson
18:00-19:15	St Mary's Church Hall	4th Cubs
18:15-19:30	All Hallows Hall	Brownies & Rainbows
19:30-20:30	All Saints, Lady Chapel	Advent Course
19:30-21:00	St Mary's Church Hall	4th Scouts

Tues 10 Dec

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows Hall	coffee shop
9:30-11:30	All Saints	school visit
13:30-15:30	All Saints	school visit
14:00-15:00	St Andrew's Hall	Tea @2

Wed 11 Dec

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
14:00-15:00	All Hallows	MU meeting
19:00-20:30	All Hallows	Bell ringing
19:00-21:00	All Hallows Hall	Guides

Thurs 12 Dec

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

Fri 13 Dec

Lucy

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 14 Dec

John of the Cross

9:00-11:30	Dale End	4 th Squirrels
9:30-12:00	All Hallows Hall	Coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	Open to the public
12:00-14:00	Swansgate Centre	Town Carols in Swansgate

Sun 15 Dec

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15-10:15	All Saints	Family Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Eucharist
16:00-17:00	All Saints	Christingle
18:00-18:30	Zoom	Compline
19:30-21:30	All Hallows Hall	Pegasus Explorers

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.

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: Richard Llewellyn, Phyllis Ward, Derreck Pierce, James William Eades, Joan Stephenson, Eddie McHugh, Jose Marsh, Frank Sadler, Jack Lawrence, baby Iona, Margaret Ellison, Peter Barrett, Jason Slate, Margaret James, Gwen Timpson, Russell Fletcher, Hope Barbara Lawrence.

NOTICES

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

Tea @2 Tuesday 10 December 14:00, St Andrew's Hall.

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.

We need children's wellies & coats (age 4-11yrs) for a community project at All Saints School. Please, could you bring any that are in clean and still good condition, to church?

All Hallows' Christmas Flowers We will be decorating the church on 23 December. If you would like to help in any way, or give a donation towards the cost of the flowers, it would be much appreciated.

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