



Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Harvest
5 October 2025

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.*

Harvest gifts will be presented at the altar during the first hymn.

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 Philippians 4.4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

- 1 For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

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GOSPEL READING John 6.25-35

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 John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'

So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from

heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION ON HARVEST

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Lord of the harvest,

All let there be harvest in your world.

A member of the congregation says the intercessions.

And at the end:

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

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 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

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/choir 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 Praise, O praise our God and King;
hymns of adoration sing: | 5 And hath bid the fruitful field
crops of precious increase yield: |
| Chorus <i>For his mercies still endure
ever faithful, ever sure.</i> | 6 Praise him for our harvest-store;
he hath filled the garner-floor: |
| 2 Praise him that he made the sun
day by day his course to run: | 7 And for richer food than this,
pledge of everlasting bliss: |
| 3 And the silver moon by night,
shining with her gentle light: | 8 Glory to our bounteous King;
glory let creation sing: |
| 4 Praise him that he gave the rain
to mature the swelling grain: | Chorus <i>Glory to the Father, Son,
and blest Spirit, Three in One.</i> |

Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877)

COMMUNION MOTET Maurice Greene: Thou visitest the earth

Thou visitest the earth and blessest it, and blessest it.
And crownest the year, the year with thy goodness.
And crownest the year, 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

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| 1 We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain. | Chorus
<i>All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
for all his love.</i> |
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2 He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

3 We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Wir pflügen und wir streuen - Matthias Claudius (1740–1815) tr. by Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817–1878)

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

Mon 6 Oct	William Tyndale	
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:15-11:00	All Hallows' Hall	Little Acorns pre-school group
18:00-19:15	St Mary's Hall	4th Cubs
18:15-19:30	All Hallows' Hall	Brownies & Rainbows
19:30-21:00	St Mary's Hall	4th Scouts
Tues 7 Oct		
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows Hall	coffee shop
10:00-10:30	All Saints, Lady Chapel	Holy Communion
14:00-15:00	All Hallows' Hall	Bible Study
Wed 8 Oct		
9:30-10:00	All Hallows	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-13:00	All Hallows	open to the public
16:00-17:00	Zoom	All Hallows Pastoral Team meeting
12:15-13:00	All Hallows	Holy Communion
19:00-20:30	All Hallows	Bell ringing
19:00-20:30	All Hallows' Hall	Guides
Thurs 9 Oct		
9:30-10:00	All Saints	Morning Prayer
10:00-12:00	All Saints	open to the public
14:00-16:00	All Hallows	Handbell practice
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 th Beavers
Fri 10 Oct	Paulinus	
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:30-19:45	All Saints	junior choir practice
19:30-21:00	All Saints	adult choir practice
Sat 11 Oct	Ethelburga	
9:30-10:30	Dale End	4 th Squirrels
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-12:00	St Katherine's, Irchester	Deanery Safeguarding Hub
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
11-14:30	All Hallows	Be a Chorister for the Day
19:30-21:30	All Hallows	Rushden Town Brass Band
Sun 12 Oct	Trinity 17	
9:15-10:15	All Saints	Sung Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Sung Eucharist
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, Susan Adams, Carol, Kay G, Diana Brown, Jo Thraves, Glennis Eades, Rita Hawkes, William.

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

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 please email the name to Pat Thomas (pat_@hotmail.co.uk).

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

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

The recently departed, among them Philippa Harvey and Teresa Webb. We pray for those who mourn.

NOTICES

Harvest Songs of Praise today 18:00, All Saints. No Compline this evening.

Holy Communion Tuesday 7 October 10:00, All Saints, Lady Chapel.

Bible Study Group on St Mark's Gospel – all welcome, especially newcomers:

Tuesday 7 October 14:00, All Hallows' Hall,

Monday 13 October 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel.

Brass Spectacular concert with Rushden Town Band. Saturday 11 October 19:30, All Hallows. Tickets: adults £15, under 16s £5.

All Souls Service Sunday 2 November 18:00, All Hallows. 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.

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