



## Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Christ the King

23 November 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. For a large print, 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.*

*We don't take cash collection 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 at the back of the church. Alternatively you can scan the QR code on the last page.*

### Hymn

- |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 1 At the name of Jesus<br>every knee shall bow,<br>every tongue confess him<br>King of glory now:<br>'tis the Father's pleasure<br>we should call him Lord,<br>who from the beginning<br>was the mighty Word.    | 3 Humbled for a season,<br>to receive a name<br>from the lips of sinners<br>unto whom he came,<br>faithfully he bore it<br>spotless to the last,<br>brought it back victorious,<br>when from death he passed:               |
| 2 At his voice creation<br>sprang at once to sight,<br>all the angel faces,<br>all the hosts of light,<br>thrones and dominations,<br>stars upon their way,<br>all the heavenly orders,<br>in their great array. | 4 Bore it up triumphant<br>with its human light,<br>through all ranks of creatures,<br>to the central height,<br>to the throne of Godhead,<br>to the Father's breast;<br>filled it with the glory,<br>of that perfect rest. |

- 5 Name him, Christians, name him,  
with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder  
and with bated breath:  
he is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted, and adored.
- 6 In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
crown him as your Captain  
in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you  
in its light and power.
- 7 Surely, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

*Caroline Maria Noel (1817–1877)*

## 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.*

## Prayer of Preparation

All 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

Deacon Jesus says,

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All O King enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Absolution

Minister Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ  
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## Gloria

All/choir Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us:  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.

## Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.  
The Collect is said by a member of our congregation.*

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

**All        Amen.**

## First reading Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: it is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All        Thanks be to God.**

## Second reading Colossians 1.11-20

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has

rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All        Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

- 1        Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
          The cross stands empty to the sky.  
          Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
          Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2        Christ is alive! No longer bound  
          to distant years in Palestine,  
          but saving, healing, here and now,  
          and touching every place and time.
- 3        In every insult, rift and war,  
          where colour, scorn or wealth divide,  
          Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
          and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4        Women and men, in age and youth,  
          can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
          and find the way, the life, the truth,  
          revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5        Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
          good news to this and every age,

till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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## **Gospel reading Luke 23.33-43**

**All Alleluia.**

Deacon Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**All Alleluia.**

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

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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 one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

Minister We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

*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.*

## **Peace**

Minister To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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.

*We share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

## **Preparation of the table**

**Anthem** R. V. Williams: Let all the world in every corner sing

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| 1 Let all the world in every corner sing,<br>my God and King.<br>The heavens are not too high,<br>his praise may thither fly:<br>the earth is not too low,<br>his praises there may grow.<br>Let all the world in every corner sing,<br>my God and King. | 2 Let all the world in every corner sing,<br>my God and King.<br>The church with psalms must shout,<br>no door can keep them out;<br>but above all the heart<br>must bear the longest part.<br>Let all the world in every corner sing,<br>my God and King. |
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## **Table prayer**

Minister To you we come, Father of lights,  
with angels and saints,  
where heaven and earth unite.  
May Jesus meet us  
in the breaking of the bread.

**All Amen.**

## Eucharistic 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, our duty and our joy,  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For with the oil of gladness  
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,  
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest he offered himself  
once for all upon the altar of the cross  
and redeemed the human race  
by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,  
that he may bring before your infinite majesty  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**All/choir Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
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 As we look for the coming of the kingdom, 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 Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
              Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
              Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us peace.

## **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.*

## Hymns

1 Meekness and majesty,  
manhood and deity,  
in perfect harmony,  
the Man who is God.  
Lord of eternity  
dwells in humanity,  
kneels in humility  
and washes our feet.

### Chorus

*Oh, what a mystery,  
meekness and majesty.  
Bow down and worship  
for this is your God,  
this is your God.*

2 Father's pure radiance,  
perfect in innocence,  
yet learns obedience  
to death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life,  
conquering through sacrifice,  
and as they crucify  
prays: 'Father, forgive.'

3 Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible,  
Love indestructible  
in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity,  
stooping so tenderly,  
lifts our humanity  
to the heights of his throne.

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Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.  
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when you come into your kingdom.

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## Prayer after Communion

Minister Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;  
that they,  
plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
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

- 1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:
- 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:
- 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:
- 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:
- 5 So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

*Michael Saward (b. 1932)*

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### Blessing

Minister Christ our King  
make you faithful and strong to do his will,  
that you may reign with him 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 Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;  
All for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Deacon Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:  
All and you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

*The people and ministers depart.*

**Organ voluntary** Leon Boellmann: Toccata in C minor

**Mon 24 Nov**

|             |                   |                                |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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 25 Nov**

|            |                  |                |
|------------|------------------|----------------|
| 9:00-9:30  | Zoom             | Morning Prayer |
| 9:30-12:00 | All Hallows Hall | coffee shop    |

**Wed 26 Nov**

|             |                   |                                 |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 9:30-10:00  | All Hallows       | Morning Prayer                  |
| 9:30-12:00  | All Hallows' Hall | coffee shop                     |
| 10:00-12:00 | All Hallows' Hall | Knit and Natter coffee and chat |
| 10:30-13:00 | All Hallows       | open to the public              |
| 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 27 Nov**

|             |                    |                         |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 9:30-10:00  | All Saints         | Morning Prayer          |
| 10:00-12:00 | All Saints         | open to the public      |
| 11:00-12:00 | Midlands Care Home | Care Home Communion     |
| 13:20-15:00 | All Hallows        | Christingle rehearsal   |
| 18:15-19:30 | St Mary's Hall     | 4 <sup>th</sup> Beavers |

**Fri 28 Nov**

|             |                   |                       |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 9:30-10:30  | All Hallows       | school Christingle    |
| 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 29 Nov**

|            |             |                           |
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| 9:30-12:30 | All Hallows | Christmas Fayre           |
| 9:30-10:30 | Dale End    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Squirrels |

**Sun 30 Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

|             |                   |                              |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 9:15-10:15  | All Saints        | All-Age Advent & Toy Service |
| 11:15-12:15 | All Hallows       | Sung Eucharist               |
| 18:00-19:00 | All Hallows       | Advent Carols                |
| 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, Steve Cavender.

**The housebound and those in residential homes:** Shirley Cockerill, Susan Poolman, 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:** Timothy Paul Wilford, Myrtle Barbara Redman, Doris Perks, Keith Patrick Mahoney, Albert Edward Carnelly, Eric John Falkner, Thomas Sidney Povey, Winifred McMorrow Melville, Peter Gannon, Mary Raitt, James Flynn, Lily Patrick, Terry Rainbow, Reg Owen, James Holloway, Betty De'Ath, Ron Woodbridge, Shena Toseland, Charles Short, Kerry-Jane Lewis, Henry Thorpe, Cliff Roberts, Patricia Bevis.

## Notices

**Knit & Natter coffee meet and chat** Wednesday 26 November 10:00, All Hallows' Hall.

**Christmas Fayre** Saturday 29 November 9:30-12:30, All Hallows. Lots of stalls, and children can come and meet Santa.

**Advent Sunday** 30 November:

9:15 **All-Age Advent and Toy Service**, All Saints;

11:15 **Sung Eucharist**, All Hallows;

18:00 **Advent Carols and Procession**, All Hallows.

You are invited to bring along a new unwrapped toy or gift suitable for 0-18 years, these will then be distributed by the Salvation Army.

**Coffee morning and craft table** Saturday 6 December 9:30-11:30, All Saints.

**Sparkle into Christmas concert** Saturday 6 December 19:00, All Hallows. Christmas music with Anna Burgon, our church choirs, and Tony Edwards. Tickets: £10, under 16 £5, from Tony.

**Advent with the Celtic Saints event** Saturday 20 December 9:00-11:15, starting in All Hallows' upper hall with breakfast, then continuing in church. All ages welcome - please sign up so we can plan catering.

**Would you like to help decorating the church for Christmas?** Also, donations towards the cost of flowers would be appreciated. Please speak to Ann Harrison or Anne Douglas if you would like to help or give a donation.

**Weekend Pilgrimage to Walsingham** 23-25 October 2026. If you are interested, please contact Canon John. Deposits would need to be paid in January.

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