



Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

1st Sunday of Advent

30 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

- 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

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 first Advent candle – the patriarchs

Minister Jesus said, 'Keep awake,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.'

All Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The first candle is lit.

Minister God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

All Amen.

**Choir/All Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.**

Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,
changed for gladness on that day.

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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'.
The Collect is said by a member of our congregation.*

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,

turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

First reading Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second reading Romans 13.11-14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

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.

*Chorus Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

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.

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.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

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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Gospel reading Matthew 24.36-44

All Alleluia.

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

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept

them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

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

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.

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

Preparation of the table

Please sit for the anthem.

Anthem Orlando Gibbons: This is the record of John

This is the record of John, when the Jews
sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,
I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not.
Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.
Then said they unto him, What art thou?
that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.

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.

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 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.

Hymns

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| 1 The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been. | 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored. |
| 2 To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
they joy as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home. | 5 His righteous government and power
shall over all extend;
on judgement and on justice based,
his reign shall have no end. |
| 3 For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven. | 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit One. |

Scottish Paraphrases, 1781 - John Morrison (1750–1798) based on Isaiah 9.2-7

- 1 Soon, and very soon we are going to see the King;
 soon, and very soon we are going to see the King;
 soon, and very soon we are going to see the King;
 alleluia, alleluia, we're going to see the King!
- 2 No more crying there, we are going to see the King...
 alleluia...
- 3 No more dying there, we are going to see the King...
 alleluia...
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 4 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King...
 alleluia...
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Prayer after Communion

- Minister O Lord our God,
 make us watchful and keep us faithful
 as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
 that, when he shall appear,
 he may not find us sleeping in sin
 but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
 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 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.

- 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.
- 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!
- 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.

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 Prelude on *Veni, Emmanuel*

Diary

Mon 1 Dec

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 2 Dec

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows Hall	coffee shop
10:00-10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion

Wed 3 Dec

9:00-10:00	All Saints	school worship
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
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 4 Dec

9:30-10:00	All Saints	Morning Prayer
10:00-12:00	All Saints	open to the public
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 th Beavers

Fri 5 Dec

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 6 Dec

Nicholas

9:30-10:15	All Hallows	MU Holy Communion
9:30-11:30	All Saints	coffee morning & craft table
9:30-12:30	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
9:30-10:30	Dale End	4 th Squirrels
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
19:00-20:00	All Hallows	Sparkle into Christmas concert

Sun 7 Dec

2nd Sunday of Advent

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, 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: Harold Stevens, Anne Nester Hughs, Caroline Martin, Bernard Sanders, Susan Adams, Mavis Charlton, Joseph Shatford, Elizabeth Rowbery, Mavis West, Betty Hill, Susan Simson, Emily Palmer, Winifred Cooper, Isabel Galilee, Alison Clark, Frank Pierce, Alan Knight, Henry Orton, Sid Desborough, Evelyn Barrett, Evelyn Lovett, John Wooding, Erika Mathia, Bill Timpson, Doreen James, Constance Bailey, Edith Blaber, Robert Odell, Mary Parkin, May Wallis, Iris Robins, Eileen Falkner, David Innis, Terrance Smith, Arthur Toyer, Bill Clayson, Anthony Hayers, Margaret Cooke.

Notices

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

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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