



## All-Age Advent and Toy Service

All Saints Church

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, ask the person who gave you this leaflet. Please join in the responses in bold. It is custom to sit for the bible readings and stand to sing, however, if you need to sit at any time during the service, please do so. We will guide you throughout.*

*The service today is trialling **a different style of worship**. It is interactive, involving young people and members of the ministry team. Your feedback is very welcome.*

*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.*

## Welcome

*Words of welcome may be said. During the first hymn you are invited to bring your toys to the front of the Lady Chapel altar.*

## Worship Song

1           Light of the world  
              You stepped down into darkness  
              Opened my eyes let me see  
              Beauty that made this heart adore You  
              Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus   Here I am to worship  
           Here I am to bow down  
           Here I am to say that You're my God  
           You're altogether lovely  
           Altogether worthy  
           Altogether wonderful to me

2 King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
Call upon the name of the Lord  
And be saved

*Here I Am To Worship / The Call, Words & Music by Tim Hughes and Darlene Zschech  
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## Greeting

Leader Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
All **And also with you.**

## Presentation of the Gifts

Leader We bring these gifts and offer them as symbols of hope,  
joy, and kindness shared.  
Let us give thanks to God, the giver of every good gift.  
For the hands that made these toys,  
and for all whose work brings delight and comfort to others,  
All **We give you thanks.**  
For those whose generosity has brought these gifts here today,  
for open hearts and willing spirits,  
All **We give you thanks.**  
For the children who will receive them,  
for their laughter, their wonder, their precious lives,  
All **We give you thanks.**  
For families struggling this season,  
and for all who work to bring light into places of hardship,  
All **We give you thanks, O Lord.**  
Bless, O Lord, these gifts we offer,  
and bless the children who will receive them.

May each gift carry the warmth of your love,  
and may all who give and all who receive  
know the joy of your coming Kingdom.

**All        Amen.**

## **Confession**

Leader    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.

*Silence may be kept.*

              Christ came in humility to share our lives:  
              forgive our pride.  
              Lord, have mercy.

**All        Lord, have mercy.**

              Christ came with good news for all people:  
              forgive our silence.  
              Christ, have mercy.

**All        Christ, have mercy.**

              Christ came in love to a world of suffering:  
              forgive our self-centredness.  
              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.**

## **Worship Song**

1            Make way, make way, for Christ the King  
              in splendour arrives.

Fling wide the gates and welcome him  
into your lives.

Chorus *Make way! Make way for the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!*

2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
the prisoners to free.  
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
the blind shall see.

3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh,  
with laughter, joy and royal crown  
he'll beautify.

4 We call you now to worship him  
as Lord of all,  
to have no other gods but him:  
their thrones must fall!

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## 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.**

## Lighting the First Advent Candle – The Patriarchs

Leader 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.*

Leader 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.

### 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*

## **Gospel reading Matthew 24:36-44**

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

**All Alleluia.**

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.**

## **Exploration**

*An exploration of today's reading.*

## Worship Song

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.

*Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957) Words and Music: © 1993 Bernadette Farrell. Published by OCP, USA*

## Affirmation of Faith

Leader We stand to affirm our shared faith.

We share together as God's family,  
remembering all that we believe:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we all exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*We sit for our prayers of intercession led by our young people and members of our ministry team.*

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.**

## **Collect**

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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Leader With confidence we pray as our Saviour 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.

## Notices

### Blessing

Leader 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

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

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

All Amen.

### Worship Song

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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*The people and ministers depart.*

## Notices

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

**Coffee morning and craft table** Saturday 6 December 9:30-11:30, All Saints.  
We are looking for donations of craft/Christmas items, tombola prizes, cakes on the day, and willing helpers. Please place items in the boxes in the Narthex. For details speak to Karen Flawn, Mel Ward, Helen Jennings, Lynda Norris.

**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.

**Children's Society box holders** please bring your boxes to church for the annual opening. Alternatively Lynne Burton (phone: 01933 677093) can come and collect your box. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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

# 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Squirrels
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
19:00-20:00	All Hallows	Sparkle into Christmas concert

## Sun 7 Dec

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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