

*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 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within; prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without thy grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.
- 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent sets thy people free, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Jordanis oras praevia - Charles Coffin (1676-1749)  
translated by John Chandler (1806-1876)*

## Greeting

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

All Amen.

Minister Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

All From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.

Minister The Lord of glory be with you.

All The Lord bless 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.

## Gloria

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

Lord God heav'ly 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' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said.*

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognise him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All      Amen.

## First reading Isaiah 42.1-9

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All      Thanks be to God.

## Second reading Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.

'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the

message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All      **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

- 1      O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
          bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
          with gold of obedience, and incense of lowness,  
          kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.
- 2      Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:  
          high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
          comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
          guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3      Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
          of the poor wealth thou wouldest reckon as thine:  
          truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
          these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- 4      These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
          he will accept for the name that is dear;  
          mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
          trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.
- 5      O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
          bow down before him, his glory proclaim;

with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

*John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)*

## Gospel reading Matthew 3.13-17

All/choir Alleluia.

Cantor This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

All/choir Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

### Prayer over the water

*The president moves to the font and says, as water is poured into the font:*

Minister God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

*The president stands before the water and says:*

Minister Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister Father, we give you thanks and praise  
for your gift of water in creation;

for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,  
bringing light and life;  
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
baptised in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,  
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,  
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,  
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit  
move upon these waters.

Restore through them the beauty of your creation,  
and bring those who are baptised  
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,  
anoint your children with power from on high,  
and make them one with Christ  
in the freedom of your kingdom.

For all might, majesty, dominion and power  
are yours, now and for ever.

**All Alleluia. Amen.**

## **Act of Penitence and Dedication**

Minister God of truth,  
you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us;  
look in mercy on your people.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**All wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Minister We have broken the pledges of our baptism,  
and failed to be your disciples.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**All wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Minister Though we are saved by Christ  
and dead to sin through the deep waters of death,  
we have not witnessed to his grace  
by our manner of life.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**All      wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Minister We have shown indifference to those in need  
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**All      wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Minister We have been slow to forgive,  
and have failed to remember  
your repeated forgiveness of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**All      wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Minister Today we rejoice and give thanks  
because your Son humbled himself  
to be baptised in the Jordan.

Through the waters you have given us  
the mystery of baptism for the remission of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**All      wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Minister Through water and Spirit  
you give us new life as the people of God,  
and pour out upon us  
the gifts of your new covenant.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**All      wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Minister Almighty God,  
in our baptism you have consecrated us  
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.  
May we, whom you have counted worthy,  
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,  
and worship you with upright lives;  
through Jesus Christ.

**All      Amen.**

*As the water is sprinkled over the people the president says*

*'Come,' say the Spirit and the Bride.*

'Come forward, you who are thirsty,  
receive the water of life,  
the free gift to all who desire it.'

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

## Peace

Minister God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and,  
as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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.

## Hymn

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| 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,<br>great David's greater Son!<br>hail, in the time appointed,<br>his reign on earth begun!<br><br>He comes to break oppression,<br>to set the captive free,<br>to take away transgression,<br>and rule in equity.                       | 3 He shall come down like showers<br>upon the fruitful earth,<br>and love, joy, hope, like flowers,<br>spring in his path to birth:<br>before him on the mountains<br>shall peace, the herald, go;<br>and righteousness in fountains<br>from hill to valley flow. |
| 2 He comes with succour speedy<br>to those who suffer wrong;<br>to help the poor and needy,<br>and bid the weak be strong;<br><br>to give them songs for sighing,<br>their darkness turn to light,<br>whose souls, condemned and dying,<br>were precious in his sight. | 4 Kings shall bow down before him,<br>and gold and incense bring;<br>all nations shall adore him,<br>his praise all people sing:<br>to him shall prayer unceasing<br>and daily vows ascend;<br>his kingdom still increasing,<br>a kingdom without end.            |

5 O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless name of love.

*James Montgomery (1771–1854) based on Psalm 72*

## Table prayer

Minister Open the heavens, Lord our God,  
and send your transforming Spirit  
on us and on these gifts.  
May we who are baptised into Christ  
be ready to share his cup of suffering  
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism  
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.

Your voice was heard from heaven  
to awaken faith in the presence among us  
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,  
revealing Jesus as your servant,

and anointing him with the oil of gladness  
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,  
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven  
for ever praising you and saying:

All/choir **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 Believing the promises of God,  
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 the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

All      **God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

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 Christ is the true bread  
which has come down from heaven.

All      **Lord, give us this bread always.**

*Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.*

## Hymn

1 From heaven you came, helpless babe, entered our world, your glory veiled; not to be served, but to serve, and give your life that we might live.

3 Come, see his hands and his feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice, hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.

*Chorus This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

4 So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives enthrone him; each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving.

2 There in the garden of tears, my heavy load he chose to bear; his heart with sorrow was torn, 'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)  
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## Motet

1 This is the truth sent from above, The truth of God, the God of love, Therefore don't turn me from your door, But hearken all both rich and poor.

2 The first thing which I do relate Is that God did man create; The next thing which to you I'll tell Woman was made with man to dwell.

3 Thus we were heirs to endless woes,  
Till God the Lord did interpose;  
And so a promise soon did run  
That he would redeem us by his Son.

4 And at that season of the year  
Our blest Redeemer did appear;  
He here did live, and here did preach,  
And many thousands he did teach.

5 Thus he in love to us behaved,  
To show us how we must be saved;  
And if you want to know the way,  
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

*R Vaughan Williams*

## Prayer after Communion

Minister Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens  
and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

## Notices

### Dismissal Gospel John 1.32-34

Minister The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

All God has revealed himself to us.

Minister The Son bows his head beneath the waters of baptism.

All God has revealed himself to us.

Minister The Spirit as a dove descends from heaven.

All God has revealed himself to us.

Minister Submitting to John's baptism,  
Christ delivers us from bondage.

All **God has revealed himself to us.**

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Hymn

- 1      Glory to God, the source of all our mission;  
Jesus be praised, the Saviour, Lord and Son!  
Praise to the Spirit who confirms the vision;  
in all the world the will of God be done!
- 2      Proud in our wealth, or destitute and broken,  
we cannot live by earthly bread alone;  
but by the word that God himself has spoken  
we are set free to make our Master known.
- 3      Eastward or westward, northward, southward moving,  
finding new fields, new patterns and new role,  
Christ's fellow-workers, all his goodness proving,  
see how our God is making people whole!
- 4      Linked by the cross at which we are forgiven,  
joined by the love that came to find and save,  
one in the hope of God's new earth and heaven,  
we love and give since he first loved and gave.
- 5      Send us, Lord Christ, to serve at your direction,  
dying and living, yours in loss and gain,  
true to the gospel of your resurrection,  
working and praying till you come to reign.

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## Blessing

Minister May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

All Amen.

Minister May God the Son,  
who turned water into wine  
at the wedding feast at Cana,  
transform your lives  
and make glad your hearts. `

All Amen.

Minister May God the Holy Spirit, who  
came upon the beloved Son  
at his baptism in the river Jordan,  
pour out his gifts on you  
who have come to the waters of new birth.

All Amen.

Minister 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 We have come to Christ, the living water.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The people and ministers depart.*

**Organ voluntary** Daniel Bishop: Trumpet Tune

## **Our prayers are asked for**

**Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit**, among them Carol, Kay G, Diana Brown, Jo Thraves, Glennis Eades, Rita Hawkes, William, Steve Cavender, Anne.

**The housebound and those in residential homes**: Shirley Cockerill, Susan Poolman, Jenny Attewell, Margaret Eady, Susan Adams, Richard Hole.

*To add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then please email Pat Thomas (pat\_@hotmail.co.uk).*

## **Remember the departed**

**Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week**: Emma Petrikat, Gordon Flex, Helen Rowlatt, Sarah Emma Barron, Mary Barbara Wren, Alan Mitchell, Gladys Kathleen Charlton, Joe Webster, Dennis Byles, Ada Alice Knight, William Karl Spademan, James William Read, Evelyn Tear, Gordon Kingham, Lilian Greig, Christine McAndrew, Michael Buck, Ruth McGraw, Brian McGraw, Winifred Ward, Millicent Campbell, Herbert Satterthwaite, Sybil Swindall, Robin Dunhill, Alan Sanders, Doris Ramsay, Christian Smalley, Arthur Hurl, Hughie Clegg.

## **Notices**

**Morning Prayer new schedule**: every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00, *via Zoom only*. We will revise the schedule again in Spring.

**Epiphany Carol Service** today 18:00, All Hallows.

**Bible Studies on St Mark's Gospel** Monday 12 January 19:30, All Saints.

**Tea @2** Tuesday 13 January, St Andrew's Hall.

**Wellingborough Inter Faith Group** Thursday 15 January 19:00, Victoria Centre. All welcome – the theme is *Music and Worship*.

**Informal Celtic Eucharist** Saturday 17 January 9:30, All Saints.

**Free Tea & Cake Concert** Saturday 24 January 14:30, All Hallows. Tony Edwards with music from stage & screen.

**Weekend Pilgrimage** to Walsingham 23-25 October 2026. If interested, please contact Canon John. Deposits to be paid now.

**If you would like to be confirmed**, please speak to Rev Paula, Canon John, or Jess. Preparation classes in February, confirmation 1 March, All Hallows.

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| <b>Mon 12 Jan</b>   | <b>Aelred of Hexham</b>                                      |                                |
| 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            |
| 18:30-19:15         | All Saints   | Organ lesson                   |
| 19:30-20:30         | All Saints, Lady Chapel                                      | Bible study                    |
| 19:30-21:00         | St Mary's Hall   | 4th Scouts                     |
| <b>Tues 13 Jan</b>  | <b>Hilary</b>  |                                |
| 9:00-9:30           | Zoom   | Morning Prayer                 |
| 9:30-12:00          | All Hallows Hall   | coffee shop                    |
| 11:15-12:15         | Park House   | Care Home Communion            |
| 14:00-15:00         | St Andrew's Hall   | Tea @2                         |
| <b>Wed 14 Jan</b>   |  |                                |
| 9:00-9:30           | Zoom   | 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                         |
| <b>Thurs 15 Jan</b> |  |                                |
| 9:00-9:30           | Zoom   | 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        |
| <b>Fri 16 Jan</b>   |  |                                |
| 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           |
| <b>Sat 10 Jan</b>   | <b>Antony of Egypt</b>                                       |                                |
| 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             |
| <b>Sun 11 Jan</b>   | <b>Epiphany 2, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts</b> |                                |
| 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              |

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