

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.*

Children and young people are invited to join Y.E.S. (Young Eager Saints) during the service. They meet at the children's area, then move to the Lady Chapel.

After the service refreshments are served at the back of church, please join us.

*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 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addrest,
God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine:
anthems be to thee addrest,
God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addrest,
God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the Judge appear:
thou by all wilt be confest,
God in man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

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, peace to his people on earth. [x2]
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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, have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive, receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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. [x2]

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

Chorus *Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

- 1 When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.
You will never sink beneath the waves.
- 2 When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.
- 3 When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.

- 4 When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.
- 5 You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

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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:
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:
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:
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:
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:
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

1	Source and fount of all creation, pour your Spirit from above on the bearers of your image, offspring of a human love. Human hopes and human graces break beneath the weight of sin; fear and envy wrench asunder world without and self within.	3	Trace, O Christ, salvation's pattern, God and sinner reconciled, in an all-embracing story: new creation, new-born child. Word incarnate, world's Redeemer, here in us your work repeat, signed and sealed your own for ever, till the pattern stands complete.
2	Human love is unavailing counter-weight to sin and strife; love of God alone can hold us on the way that leads to life. Praised be God, whose Son our Saviour human nature has restored, living, dying, raised in glory, to the likeness of its Lord.	4	Christ our universal Saviour, nature's poet, nature's priest, through life's troubled waters bring us to the eucharistic feast, where rejoicing saint and sinner praise the Lord of time and space, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, fount of being, source of grace.

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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, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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,
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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 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, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us [*x2*].

Jesus, bread of life, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us [*x2*].

Jesus, Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace [*x4*].

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 When Jesus comes to be baptised,
he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace,
to bear the sins of humankind.
- 2 The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound,
and to the mourner comfort bring.
- 3 He will not quench the dying flame,
and what is bruised he will not break,
but heal the wound injustice dealt,
and out of death his triumph make.
- 4 Our everlasting Father praise
with Christ, his well-belovèd Son,
who with the Spirit reigns serene,
eternal Trinity in One.

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Motet Edward Elgar: Ave verum corpus

Ave verum corpus natum
ex Maria Virgine,
Very pasum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cujus latus perforatum
vero flixit sanguine:
est nobis praegustatum
mortis in examine.
O Clemens, O dulcis Jesu,
Fili Mariae, Mariae.

Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer,
born the Virgin Mary's Son,
who upon the cross a victim
for all us salvation won,
from whose side, which man hath pierced,
flowed the water and the blood:
by thy sacred body broken,
in our death be thou our food.
O gracious loving, O Son of Mary,
Jesus, eternal Lord, eternal Lord.

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 We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star:

Chorus

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

2 Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
king for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign:

3 Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high:

4 Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb:

5 Glorious now behold him arise,
king and God and sacrifice.
Heaven sings: 'Alleluia',
'Alleluia,' the earth replies:

Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

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 Friedrich Zachau (1663-1712): In Dulci Jubilo

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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.

Many thanks to the supporters of the Children's Society. The Christingle service raised £139.38, and the box holders £462.27 – an increase on the previous 4 years, despite the number of donors standing at only 17.

Mon 12 Jan	Aelred of Hexham	
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
Tues 13 Jan	Hilary	
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
Wed 14 Jan		
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
Thurs 15 Jan		
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 th Beavers
Fri 16 Jan		
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 10 Jan	Antony of Egypt	
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
Sun 11 Jan	Epiphany 2, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts	
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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