



Holy Communion and Baptism

All Saints Church

Conversion of Paul

25 January 2026

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 Morning has broken, like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)

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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.

Introduction

Minister Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism
as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit, and made clean.

Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.

As children of God, we have a new dignity,
and God calls us to fullness of life.

Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said.

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

First reading Jeremiah 1.4-10

The word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.'

But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.’ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second reading Acts 9.1-22

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ He answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ The Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.’ But Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.’ But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.’

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptised, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

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| 1 Amazing grace
(how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see. | 4 The Lord has promised
good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures. |
| 2 'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! | 5 Yes, when this flesh
and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace. |
| 3 Through many dangers,
toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home. | <i>John Newton (1725-1807)</i> |

Gospel reading Matthew 19.27-30

All/choir Alleluia.

Cantor 'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord.
'Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

All/choir Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter said, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

Presentation of the baptism candidate

The minister invites the baptism candidate, parents and godparents to join them, then addresses the congregation:

Minister Jesus said,

'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for *Obinna* who has come to be baptised today.

Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?

All We will.

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All We will.

The minister now addresses the parents and godparents:

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for *Obinna* today.
Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

Parents and godparents reply:

We will.

Minister Will you support him on his journey of faith?

We will.

The decision

Minister We all wander far from God and lose our way.
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask you, parents and godparents:

Do you turn away from sin?

The parents and godparents reply:

I do.

Minister Do you reject evil?

I do.

Minister Do you turn to Christ as saviour?

I do.

Minister Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

Signing with the cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross using the oil of Chrism on the forehead of the candidate, saying:

Minister *Obinna*, do not be ashamed of Christ crucified.
You are his forever.

**All Stand bravely with him against all powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

Minister May almighty God
deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

Prayer over the water

The minister, candidate, parents and godparents move to the font. The congregation turns towards the font.

Minister We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

All Amen.

Profession of faith

Minister Let us affirm,
together with *Obinna* who is being baptised,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.
Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

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

All I believe and trust in him.

Minister 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 I believe and trust in him.

Minister This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

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

Baptism

The minister pours water on the candidate.

Minister *Obinna Andre,*

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Welcome and Peace

Minister There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Minister We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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 as Obinna, his parents and godparents return to their seats.

Preparation of the table

Hymn

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

*Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you
calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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Table prayer

Minister Almighty Father,
as we celebrate this holy sacrament of our redemption,
may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith;
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

All **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Minister Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Minister Therefore, Father,
with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you
to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Minister Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Minister 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 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.
- 2 Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.
- 3 Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Anima Christi, sanctifica me, sometimes ascribed to Pope John XXII (1249–1334) translator unknown

Motet John Goss: These are they which follow the Lamb

These are they which follow the Lamb, whithersoever he goeth.
These were redeemed from among men,
being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.
And in their mouth was found no guile:
for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Prayer after Communion

Minister Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world,
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Notices

Hymn

The last two lines of each verse are repeated.

- 1 And can it be that I should gain
 an interest in the Saviour's blood?
 Died he for me, who caused his pain?
 For me, who him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! How can it be
 that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
- 2 'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
 Who can explore his strange design?
 In vain the first-born seraph tries
 to sound the depths of love divine.
 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
 let angel minds enquire no more.
- 3 He left his Father's throne above —
 so free, so infinite his grace —
 emptied himself of all but love,
 and bled for Adam's helpless race.
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
 for, O my God, it found out me!
- 4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
 fast bound in sin and nature's night;
 thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
 my chains fell off, my heart was free,
 I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
- 5 No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
 Alive in him, my living Head,
 and clothed in righteousness divine,
 bold I approach the eternal throne,
 and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Blessing

Minister God, who in his Christ gives us
 a spring of water welling up to eternal life,
 perfect in you the image of his glory;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Giving of a lighted candle

Parents and the newly baptised join the minister. We remain standing as the minister blesses the congregation and gives the baptised a candle lit from the Paschal (Easter) candle, saying:

Minister God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Obinna, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The people and ministers depart.

Organ voluntary

Johann C Bach (1642-1703): How brightly shines the morning star

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Diary

Mon 26 Jan

9:00-9:30

9:15-11:00

18:00-19:15

18:15-19:30

18:30-19:15

19:30-21:00

Timothy and Titus

Zoom

All Hallows' Hall

St Mary's Hall

All Hallows' Hall

All Saints

St Mary's Hall

Morning Prayer

Little Acorns pre-school group

4th Cubs

Brownies & Rainbows

Organ lesson

4th Scouts

Tues 27 Jan

9:00-9:30

9:30-12:00

Zoom

All Hallows Hall

Morning Prayer

coffee shop

Wed 28 Jan

Thomas Aquinas

9:00-9:30

9:30-12:00

10:00-12:00

10:30-13:00

12:15-13:00

19:00-20:30

19:00-20:30

Zoom

All Hallows' Hall

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All Hallows' Hall

Morning Prayer

coffee shop

Knit & Natter coffee meet

open to the public

Holy Communion

Bell ringing

Guides

Thurs 29 Jan

9:00-9:30

10:00-12:00

18:15-19:30

Zoom

All Saints

St Mary's Hall

Morning Prayer

open to the public

4th Beavers

Fri 30 Jan

Charles I

9:30-12:00

18:30-19:45

19:30-21:00

All Hallows' Hall

All Saints

All Saints

coffee shop

junior choir practice

adult choir practice

Sat 31 Jan

9:30-12:30

9:30-10:30

10:30-12:30

All Hallows' Hall

Dale End

All Hallows

coffee shop

4th Squirrels

open to the public

Sun 1 Feb

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas)

9:15-10:15

11:15-12:15

18:00-18:30

19:30-21:30

All Saints

All Hallows

Zoom

All Hallows' Hall

All-age service

Sung Eucharist

Compline

Pegasus Explorers

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: Alan George Mitchell, Walter Armstrong, Albert Charles Liley, Winifred Freeman, Caroline Deaton, David John Paradine, Carl Montague Ralph Howard, Harry William Miles, Freda Maud Rudd, Carolyne Randall, Hannah Payne, Margaret Anne Rivers Morris, Mary Houston, Neil Campbell, Marion Morgan, Ray Quartermain, Chris Webb, Carl Montague Ralph Howard, John Earth, Charles Hurl, Gordon Fisher, Grace Roper, Denise Bailey, Brian Walker, Arthur Fitzhugh, Pat Adams.

Notices

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

Wellingborough annual Holocaust Memorial event today 14:00, Swanspool. All are welcome.

Knit & Natter coffee meet and chat Wednesday 28 January 10:00, All Hallows' Hall.

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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