



## Holy Communion

All Saints Church

First Sunday of Lent

22 February 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.*

***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

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| 1 Jesus, where'er thy people meet,<br>there they behold thy mercy-seat;<br>where'er they seek thee thou art found,<br>and every place is hallowed ground. | 4 Here may we prove the power of prayer<br>to strengthen faith and sweeten care,<br>to teach our faint desires to rise,<br>and bring all heaven before our eyes.      |
| 2 For thou, within no walls confined,<br>inhabitest the humble mind;<br>such ever bring thee when they come,<br>and, going, take thee to their home.      | 5 Lord, we are few, but thou art near;<br>nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:<br>O rend the heavens, come quickly down,<br>and make a thousand hearts thine own! |
| 3 Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,<br>thy former mercies here renew;<br>here to our waiting hearts proclaim<br>the sweetness of thy saving name.          |   |

*William Cowper (1731–1800)*

### 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.*

## **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.

## **Confession**

Deacon Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,  
where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

Let us confess our sins  
remembering before God the times  
when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

## **Kyrie Eleison**

Minister We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

Minister We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All** Christ, have mercy.

Minister We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

## Absolution

Minister May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All 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,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## First reading Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Lent Prose**

Cantor Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:  
for we have sinned against thee.

**All Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

Choir To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleading:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

**All Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

## **Second reading Romans 5.12-19**

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

- 1 Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:
- 2 Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.
- 3 Shall not we thy sorrows share,  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
glad with thee to suffer pain?
- 4 And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.
- 5 So shall we have peace divine;  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.
- 6 Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

*George Hunt Smyttan (1822–1870) and Francis Pott (1832–1909)*

## Gospel reading Matthew 4.1-11

**All/choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Cantor The Lord is a great God,  
O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**All/choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.'

But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”,  
and “On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”

Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written,

“Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

## **Sermon**

*After the Sermon silence may be kept.*

## **Creed**

Minister Let us declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

Minister With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

*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.*

## Peace

Minister Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ  
who has given us access to his grace.

*cf Romans 5.1,2*

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

## Hymn

- 1 Thy kingdom come, O God,  
thy rule, O Christ, begin;  
break with thine iron rod  
the tyrannies of sin.
- 2 Where is thy reign of peace  
and purity and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
as in the realms above?
- 3 When comes the promised time  
that war shall be no more,  
and lust, oppression, crime  
shall flee thy face before?
- 4 We pray thee, Lord, arise,  
and come in thy great might;  
revive our longing eyes,  
which languish for thy sight.
- 5 Men scorn thy sacred name,  
and wolves devour thy fold;  
by many deeds of shame  
we learn that love grows cold.
- 6 O'er lands both near and far  
thick darkness broodeth yet:  
arise, O Morning Star,  
arise, and never set!

*Lewis Hensley (1824–1905)*

## Table prayer

Minister God of our journey,  
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,  
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance

that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

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 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,  
Jesus is the Lord God almighty.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,  
Jesus is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come,  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.**

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 As our Saviour taught us, with confidence 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 Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,  
glory to the Lord God almighty.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,  
glory to the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord!

## Giving of Communion

Minister Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

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

## Hymn

*The final line of each verse is repeated.*

- 1 Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home,  
lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.
- 2 Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease  
and sorrows all depart;  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery:  
sweet Sacrament of peace.
- 3 Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.
- 4 Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

*Francis Stanfield (1835–1914)*

## Motet Richard Lloyd: View me, Lord, a work of thine

- 1 View me, Lord, a work of Thine:  
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?  
Might Thy grace in me but shine,  
I should seem made all of light.
- 2 Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel  
At Thine altar pure and white:  
They that once Thy mercies feel,  
Gaze no more on earth's delight.
- 3 Worldly joys, like shadows, fade  
When the heav'nly light appears,  
But the cov'nants Thou hast made,  
Endless, know nor days nor years.
- 4 In Thy Word, Lord, is my trust,  
To Thy mercies fast I fly;  
Though I am but clay and dust,  
Yet thy grace can lift me high.

## Prayer after Communion

Minister Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him  
who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word

that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Notices

### Hymn

- 1 All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.
- 2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.
- 3 God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.
- 5 Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930)  
based on Meine Hoffnung stehet feste  
by Joachim Neander (1650–1680)*

## Blessing

Minister May God the Father,  
who does not despise the broken spirit,  
give to you a contrite heart.

**All Amen.**

Minister May Christ,  
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
heal you by his wounds.

**All Amen.**

Minister May the Holy Spirit,  
who leads us into all truth,  
speak to you words of pardon and peace.

**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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*The people and ministers depart.*

## Organ voluntary

## Diary

### Mon 23 Feb

#### Polycarp

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
19:30-21:00	St Mary's Hall	4th Scouts

### Tues 24 Feb

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop

### Wed 25 Feb

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	Knit & Natter
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 26 Feb

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
11:15-12:00	Midland Care Home	Care Home Communion
18:15-19:30	All Saints	4 <sup>th</sup> Beavers

### Fri 27 Feb

#### George Herbert

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 28 Feb

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

### Sun 1 Mar

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

10:00-11:00	All Hallows	Sung Eucharist with Confirmation
19:30-21:30	All Hallows' Hall	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, Shirley Crowhurst, Michael Englefield.

**The housebound and those in residential homes:** Shirley Cockerill, Susan Poolman, Jenny Attewell, Margaret Eady, 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:** Byron Robert Falkner, Geoffrey Moore, Annie Kellis, Jean Peploe, Sylvia Irene Carter, Edith Mary Shelford, Barbara Joan Bean, Winifred Elizabeth Windatt, Richard Lane Felstead, Reginald Worley, Keith Tompkins, Phillip Byles, Mary Poole, Robbie Adamson, Margaret Bayes, Barbara Mary Adams, Alan Palmer, Baby Tia Marie Bates, Tony Cuthbert, Mark Carroll, Betty Metcalf, Jean Nora Carter, Winston Holder, Philip Byles, Henry Jewell.

## Notices

**All Saints' flower team** would gratefully accept donations of vases and pots suitable to use in church.

**Joint Eucharist and Confirmation** next Sunday 10:00, All Hallows.

**Mothers' Union AGM** Tuesday 24 February 14:00, All Hallows' Hall.

**Knit & Natter coffee meet** Wednesday 25 February 10:00, All Hallows' Hall.

**Lent Bible Study** Tuesday 3 March 14:00, All Hallows' Hall; or Monday 9 March 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel. Come and join us.

**Concert of The King's Men (from King's College, Cambridge)** Sunday 26 April, All Hallows. Tickets: adult £20, under 16 £5. Book early from Tony (07867 554476 / TonyE1960@aol) to avoid disappointment.

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