

All Hallows & All Saints Churches, Wellingborough

Joint Benefice Eucharist

with Holy Baptism & Confirmation

by Bishop Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough



1 March 2026

The Second Sunday of Lent

Whether you are a regular or a visitor, you are welcome to this very special service. Everything you need to follow the service is included in this booklet. Please do join in the responses in **bold**. When guidance is given about standing or sitting, please do whatever is most comfortable for you.

If you require a **gluten free wafer**, please make this known when you come to receive communion.

We ask that you do not publish **photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey where those being confirmed affirm for themselves the faith into which they have been baptised. They express their intention to live a life of committed discipleship. This affirmation is confirmed through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming bishop, who today is Bishop Debbie, Bishop of Peterborough. Through this laying on of hands, God confirms to each his promises of forgiveness of sins, eternal life and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for those being confirmed today, that they may grow more and more in the knowledge and love of God:

To be confirmed:

- ◆ Darren Lee Culley
- ◆ Nikola Gladych
- ◆ Olivia Gladych
- ◆ Kirot Goteng
- ◆ Ollie Edward Eric Povey

Preparation

As the procession enters the church we stand to sing.

Hymn

- 1 Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine
own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it,
thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes
in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become
mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass
the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit
makes his dwelling.

Discendi, amor santo; Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890)

Greeting

We remain standing as the bishop greets the people

- Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
There is one body and one spirit.
All **There is one hope to which we were called;**
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All **one God and Father of all.**
Peace be with you,
All **and also with you.**

Collect

Read by a member of the congregation.

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Genesis 12.1-4a

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand to sing the Gradual Hymn during which the Gospel Book is processed to the centre of the church.

Gradual 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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Gospel Reading

We turn to face the Book and remain standing.

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

Cantor Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

John 3.1-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon – *The Right Reverend Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough*

Liturgy of Initiation

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates are invited to stand. The bishop asks them

Have you been baptised
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart
to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

The bishop addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these candidates
and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

Decision

A candle is lit. The bishop addresses the candidates:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.
Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

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.**

Profession of Faith

The ministers and the candidates gather at the baptismal font. The bishop addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
together with these candidates
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The bishop sprinkles the candidates with water and then says:

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship
in the household of faith
with all who have been baptised into your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect
in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The bishop and the candidates gather at the place of confirmation.

Confirmation

The bishop stands before the candidates and says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

The bishop extends her hands towards the candidates and says:

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.
Amen.

The bishop addresses each candidate by name:

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

The bishop lays hands on the head of each, saying

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The bishop invites the congregation to pray for those on whom hands have been laid

All **Defend, O Lord,
these your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

Welcome and Peace

The bishop addresses the newly confirmed:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

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

The congregation greet the newly confirmed.

The bishop introduces the Peace:

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.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory anthem Philip Wilby: If ye love me

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter.
That He may abide with you for ever. E'en the Spirit, the Spirit of Truth.
And ye know Him, for He dwellers with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you. Amen.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love,

accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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.**

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.

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!**

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

We sit or kneel to pray with confidence the prayer that Jesus taught us.

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

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 **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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

If you are a visitor from another church where you normally receive communion, you are most welcome to receive communion with us this morning. If you prefer to come forward simply to receive a blessing, then it is helpful if you bring this service paper with you to indicate that is what you want.

Communion Hymns

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| 1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come. | 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come. |
| 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come. | 5 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come. |
| 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come. | 6 Just as I am, of that free love the breadth,
length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come. |

Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871)

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| 1 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me. | 3 Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell. |
| 2 Take up thy cross: let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm. | 4 Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave. |

- 5 Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.
- 6 To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

Charles William Everest (1814–1877)

Prayer after Communion

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.**

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

The Sending Out

Hymn

- 1 The Spirit lives to set us free, walk, walk in the light;
he binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light.
- Chorus *Walk in the light, walk in the light, walk in the light,
walk in the light of the Lord.*
- 2 Jesus promised life to all, walk, walk in the light;
the dead were wakened by his call, walk, walk in the light.
- 3 He died in pain on Calvary, walk, walk in the light;
to save the lost like you and me, walk, walk in the light.

- 4 We know his death was not the end, walk, walk in the light;
he gave his Spirit to be our friend, walk, walk in the light.
- 5 By Jesus' love our wounds are healed, walk, walk in the light;
the Father's kindness is revealed, walk, walk in the light.
- 6 The Spirit lives in you and me, walk, walk in the light;
his light will shine for all to see, walk, walk in the light.

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The Blessing

The bishop says

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
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

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The bishop leads the newly confirmed through the church.

Organ voluntary

The people and ministers depart.

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Common Worship: Times and Seasons

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Mon 2 Mar	Chad	
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 3 Mar		
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-11:00	All Saints' Lady Chapel	Said Eucharist
14:00-15:00	All Hallows' Hall	Bible study
Wed 4 Mar		
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:00-10:00	All Hallows	school worship
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 5 Mar		
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
18:15-19:30	All Saints	4 th Beavers
Fri 6 Mar		
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
14:00-15:00	All Saints	World Day of Prayer
18:30-19:45	All Hallows	junior choir practice
19:30-21:00	All Hallows	adult choir practice
Sat 7 Mar	Perpetua, Felicity, and their companions	
9:30-12:30	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
9:30-10:15	All Hallows	MU Holy Communion
9:30-10:30	Dale End	4 th Squirrels
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
Sun 8 Mar	3rd Sunday of Lent	
9:15-10:15	All Saints	Sung Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Sung Eucharist
18:00-18:30	All Hallows	Choral Evensong
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: Joyce Mandeville, David John Coxall, Reginald Hill Carter, Leonard George Tyzack, Jennifer Lamperd, Joan Stoble, Elizabeth Tebbutt, Margaret Alice Charter, Kenneth Wallis, Alice Maud Stevens, Thomas William Bues, Robert Adamson, Fred Thomas Tredgett, James Burton, James McClusky, James McAndrew, Margaret Rose Barrett, Eva Hornsey, Roy Brown, Winifred Bamford, Marjorie Bengé, Edwin Turnell, Lilian Croft, John McInnes, Elizabeth Hartwell, George Downes, Pat Salisbury.

Notices

Said Eucharist Tuesday 3 March 10:00, All Saints' Lady Chapel.

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.

World Day of Prayer Service Friday 6 March 14:00, All Saints. Followed by refreshments. The service this year was written by the women of Nigeria. All are welcome to join us.

Choral Evensong Sunday 8 March 18:00, All Hallows.

Lent Celtic Eucharist & Reflection Saturday 21 March 9:30-11:30, All Hallows.

All Hallows Easter Flowers If you would like to buy a lily in remembrance of a loved one to go in the flower arrangement on the chest, please let Ann Harrison or Anne Douglas know, with their names and a donation of £3 per lily, by Palm Sunday 29 March the latest.

Also any donations towards the cost of Easter Flowers would be much appreciated.

Good Friday Family Workshop Friday 3 April 10:00-11:30, All Hallows' Hall. Children's activities – we are looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you would like to help, please speak to Jess, Helen or Pat.

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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