



All-Age Service

All Saints Church

5th Sunday of Lent – *Passiontide begins*

22 March 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. It is custom to sit for the Bible readings and stand to sing, however, if you need to sit at any time during the service, please do so.*

*The service today is **a different style of worship**. It is interactive, involving young people and members of the church. Your feedback is very welcome.*

*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.*

Worship song

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| 1 Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness.
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with You. | 2 King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor. |
| Chorus <i>Here I am to worship,</i>
<i>Here I am to bow down,</i>
<i>Here I am to say that You're my God.</i>
<i>You're altogether lovely,</i>
<i>All together worthy,</i>
<i>All together wonderful to me.</i> | |
| | 3 I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
<i>[Repeat verse 2 more times]</i> |

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Welcome

Greeting

- Leader Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
- All **And also with you.**

We meet in the presence of God
who knows our needs, hears our cries,
feels our pain, and heals our wounds.

Opening Prayers

Leader God of love, whose Son took on himself
the suffering of the world, so that we are never alone:

All **By your cross, bring us hope.**

Shine your light into our hearts.

By your cross, bring us hope.

In our confusion, guide us.

By your cross, bring us hope.

In our despair, renew us.

By your cross, bring us hope.

In our loneliness, draw near to us.

By your cross, bring us hope.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession

Leader God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.
So let's take a few moments now to say sorry to God.

Silence may be kept.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

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

All Amen.

Worship Song

- 1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.
- 3 Come, see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

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

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

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

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)
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Reading Psalm 130 (The Message translation)

Help, God, I've hit rock bottom! Master, hear my cry for help! Listen hard! Open your ears! Listen to my cries for mercy. If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your faithful mercy, and that's why you're worshipped. I pray to God—my life a prayer—and wait for what he'll say and do. My life's on the line before God, my Lord, waiting and watching till morning, waiting and watching till morning. O people, wait and watch for God, with God's arrival comes love, with God's arrival comes generous redemption. No doubt about it, he'll redeem his people, saving his people from all their sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Worship Song

- 1 There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Chorus *Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

2 Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain:

3 When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever
in that holy place.

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Wonderings

As you listen to the Gospel story, you might hold these wonderings:

I wonder if you remember a time when you felt let down.

I wonder if you remember a time when your heart felt very heavy.

Gospel reading John 11:1-45, a story from the Book of Belonging

Exploration of today's reading

Worship Song

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

Chorus *And I will trust in you alone.
And I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

3 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

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Affirmation of Faith

Leader We stand to affirm our shared faith.

We share together as God's family, remembering all that we believe:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we all exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

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

All We believe and trust in him.

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 **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

You are invited to write a word or prayer or draw a picture about something you are holding in your heart and would like to give to God. You may like to use the grey card for sorrow and lament and the yellow card for thanksgiving and joy.

You will be invited to bring up your prayers and place them in a basket on the altar, and to collect a stone from the Cairn to keep during the remainder of Lent. If you would like, you could decorate the stone and return it on Easter day to add to the Easter garden as a symbol of the hope that Christ brings.

During this quiet time, Taizé music will be playing.

This response may be included:

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Collect

Leader Gracious Father,
 you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
 lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
 that we may know eternal peace
 through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader With confidence we pray, as our Saviour 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.

Notices

Blessing

Leader Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Leader As we walk the way that leads to the cross,
let us hold fast to the love that never fails.
Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Worship Song

*Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,
Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,
Teach me to walk in the light of your presence,
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.
Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,
Teach me to trust in the word of your promise,
Teach me to hope in the day of your coming,
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.*

You wrote the rhythm of life, created heaven and earth
In You is joy without measure, so, like a child in your sight,
I dance to see your delight for I was made for your pleasure, pleasure.
Let all my movements express a heart that loves to say 'yes'
A will that leaps to obey you let all my energy blaze
To see the joy in your face let my whole being praise you, praise you.

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The people and ministers depart.

Diary

Mon 23 Mar

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 Mar

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
13:15-14:45	All Saints	school rehearsal

Wed 25 Mar **Annunciation**

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

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
11:15-12:00	Midland Care Home	Care Home Communion
13:15-14:45	All Saints	AS School Easter service
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 th Beavers

Fri 27 Mar

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 Mar

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 29 Mar **Palm Sunday**

9:30-10:15	All Hallows	Joint Eucharist part 1
10:15-11:00	All Saints	Joint Eucharist part 2
18:00-19:00	St Andrew's Church	Olivet to Calvary
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, Ann, 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: David Biggs, William Phillips, Norah Dickens, Kathleen Christian Hayers, Mary Manning, Kathleen Lovell, Harold Boulden, Alice Catchpole, Eric Martin, Yvonne Harrison, John Lowry, John Morgan, Retha Cherry, Shirley Temple, Stanley Griffin, Betty Ferrier, Iris Marks, Brian Simcoe, Tom Weed, Margaret Carter, Florence Roberts, Kit Bailey, Winnie Simms.

Notices

Palm Sunday 29 March. We hold the first half of the benefice service in All Hallows starting at 9:30, then process to All Saints for the second half.

For a lily in remembrance of a loved one please sign up at the back of the church, with a donation of £3 per lily, by Sunday 29 March the latest.

4th Wellingborough Scout Group Easter Egg Raffle Tickets: £1/strip. Please speak to one of the leaders if you would like to support them by buying tickets.

Good Friday Family Workshop Friday 3 April 10:00-11:30, All Hallows' Hall. If you would like to help on the day, please speak to Jess, Helen or Pat.

Bible Studies on St Mark's Gospel Tuesday 7 April 14:00, All Hallows' Hall; and Monday 13 April 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel.

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

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