



## Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Second Sunday of Easter

12 April 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

- 1 Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;  
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:  
*Alleluia, alleluia.*  
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,  
and groaning hell makes wild reply:  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*
- 2 That Eastertide with joy was bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the glad apostles saw their Lord:
- 3 He bade them see his hands, his side,  
where yet the glorious wounds abide;  
the tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was risen again:
- 4 Jesu, the King of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess,  
that we may give thee all our days  
the tribute of our grateful praise:

5 All praise be thine, O risen Lord,  
from death to endless life restored;  
all praise to God the Father be  
and Holy Ghost eternally:

*John Mason Neale (1818-1866) based on Aurora lucis rutilat, (Latin, 4th century)*

## 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.

Minister Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*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 Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice  
by putting away all malice and evil,  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Absolution

Minister May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## Gloria

All Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,  
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,  
at God's right hand in majesty most high:  
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:  
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

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## 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,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

All Amen.

## **First reading Acts 2.14a, 22-32**

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Second reading 1 Peter 1.3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had

to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

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| 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,<br>fill me with life anew,<br>that I may love what thou dost love,<br>and do what thou wouldst do. | 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,<br>till I am wholly thine;<br>until this earthly part of me<br>glows with thy fire divine. |
| 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,<br>until my heart is pure;<br>until with thee I will one will,<br>to do and to endure.             | 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God:<br>so shall I never die,<br>but live with thee the perfect life<br>of thine eternity.      |

*Edwin Hatch (1835–1889)*

## Gospel reading John 20.19-end

**All Alleluia!**

Minister I am the first and the last, and the living one;  
I was dead and behold, I am alive for evermore.

**All Alleluia!**

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

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

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 Let us pray to the Father,  
who loved the world so much  
that he sent his only Son to give us life.

*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.

## Peace

Minister The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. 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.

*We share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

## Preparation of the table

## Hymn

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.
- 3 In every insult, rift and war,  
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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## Table prayer

Minister With this bread that we bring

**All we shall remember Jesus.**

Minister With this wine that we bring

**All we shall remember Jesus.**

Minister Bread for his body, wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.

**All We shall remember Jesus.**

## 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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter

to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women  
the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
say for ever the hymn of your glory:

**All 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 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 Seeking the salvation of the world,  
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 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

Minister Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All**        **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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

## Communion hymns

Chorus

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.*

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth:  
he is the King of creation:
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth  
Jesus has died and has risen:

- 3 We have been crucified with Christ:  
now we shall live for ever:
- 4 God has proclaimed the just reward:  
life for the world, alleluia:
- 5 Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour:

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- 1 The day of resurrection!  
 Earth, tell it out abroad;  
 the Passover of gladness,  
 the Passover of God;  
 from death to life eternal,  
 from earth unto the sky,  
 our God hath brought us over  
 with hymns of victory.
- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil,  
 that we may see aright  
 the Lord in rays eternal  
 of resurrection-light;  
 and, listening to his accents,  
 may hear so calm and plain  
 his own 'All hail', and, hearing,  
 may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful,  
 and earth her song begin,  
 the round world keep high triumph,  
 and all that is therein;  
 let all things seen and unseen  
 their notes of gladness blend,  
 for Christ the Lord is risen,  
 our joy that hath no end.

*St John of Damascus (c.675–c.750)  
 translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)*

## Prayer after Communion

Minister Lord God our Father,  
 through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
 you have assured your children of eternal life  
 and in baptism have made us one with him:  
 deliver us from the death of sin  
 and raise us to new life in your love,  
 in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
 by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **We thank you, Lord,  
 that you have  
 fed us in this sacrament,  
 united us with Christ,  
 and given us a foretaste  
 of the heavenly banquet  
 prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

## Notices

## Hymn

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied —  
for every sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3 There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine —  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)*  
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## Blessing

Minister The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead  
our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect  
in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that  
which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*The people and ministers depart.*

**Organ voluntary** Geoffrey Bush: Toccata in B flat

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# Diary

## Mon 13 Apr

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

## Tues 14 Apr

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 15 Apr

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee
10:30-13:00	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15-12:45	All Hallows	Holy Communion
19:00-20:30	All Hallows	Bell ringing
19:00-20:30	All Hallows' Hall	Guides

## Thurs 16 Apr

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> Beavers

## Fri 17 Apr

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 18 Apr

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 19 Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

9:30-10:15	All Saints	Sung Eucharist
10:15-11:00	All Hallows	Sung Eucharist
18:00-18:30	Zoom	Compline
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, Geoff and Diane Johnson.

**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:** Frederick Lambert, George Hacksley, Jean Butler, Sharon Keevil, Margaret Stephenson, Ricky Biggs, Frank Gadd, William Bellamy, Elspeth Gordon, Ian Cox, Baby Kevin Thomas, Ernest Fensome, Baby Dodkins, Angela Pelling, Marjory Riley, Olive Butler, Graham Spencer, Michael Thompson, Charles Saunby, Rose Lymn, Benjamin Walker, James Scobie, Ken Metcalf.

## **Notices**

**Bible Study on St Mark's Gospel** tomorrow 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel.

**Tea @2** Tuesday 14 April 14:00, St Andrew's Hall.

**Concert of The King's Men** Sunday 26 April 17:00, All Hallows. Tickets: adult £20, under 16 £5, from Tony (07867 554476 / TonyE1960@aol).

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