



## Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 May 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 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*
- 2 For the beauty of each hour  
the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light:
- 3 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled:
- 4 For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
- 5 For thy church which evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love.

*Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835–1917)*

## 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

Minister 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/choir Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive, receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit.

In the glory of God the Father. Amen. [x2]

## 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,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

## **First reading Acts 17.22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

'The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

'Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Second reading 1 Peter 3.13-22**

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the

righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

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| 1 Blest are the pure in heart,<br>for they shall see our God;<br>the secret of the Lord is theirs,<br>their soul is Christ's abode.  | 3 Still to the lowly soul<br>he doth himself impart,<br>and for his dwelling and his throne<br>chooseth the pure in heart. |
| 2 The Lord, who left the heavens<br>our life and peace to bring,<br>to dwell in lowliness with men,<br>their pattern and their King; | 4 Lord, we thy presence seek;<br>may ours this blessing be;<br>give us a pure and lowly heart,<br>a temple meet for thee.  |

*John Keble (1792–1866) and others*

## Gospel reading John 14.15-21

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they

know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.'

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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.**

Minister 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 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?
- 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?
- 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.*
- 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 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/choir Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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.

Minister Great is the mystery of faith.

**All/choir Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

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 Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, bread of life, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us your peace [x4].

## 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 hymn

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:

*Donald Fishel (b. 1950)*  
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## Motet Christopher Tye: O come, ye servants of the Lord

O come ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name.  
From early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim.  
His laws are just, and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known.  
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

## Prayer after Communion

Minister God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

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 Name of all majesty,  
fathomless mystery,  
King of the ages  
by angels adored;  
power and authority,  
splendour and dignity,  
bow to his mastery,  
Jesus is Lord!
- 2 Child of our destiny,  
God from eternity,  
love of the Father  
on sinners outpoured;  
see now what God has done  
sending his only Son,  
Christ the beloved One,  
Jesus is Lord!
- 3 Saviour of Calvary,  
costliest victory,  
darkness defeated  
and Eden restored;  
born as a man to die,  
nailed to a cross on high,  
cold in the grave to lie,  
Jesus is Lord!
- 4 Source of all sovereignty,  
light, immortality,  
life everlasting  
and heaven assured;  
so with the ransomed, we  
praise him eternally,  
Christ in his majesty,  
Jesus is Lord!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) Words: © Timothy Dudley-Smith in Europe and Africa. Oxford University Press*

## 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

Minister Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*The people and ministers depart.*

**Organ voluntary** C. S. Lang: Prelude on "St Fulbert"

## 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, Ann, Audrey and Liz Coxall.

**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:** Ida Clark, Beryl Binstead, Freda Sanders, Fred Hodson, Arthur Victor Payne, Mary McAlpine, McLeish Cokes, Walter Green, Ian Cundy, Mandy Lawrence, Nellie Howarth, Charles Harris, Leonard Johnson, Florence Griffin, Leslie Murdin, Jack Donald, Ivy McNamie, Jean Cobb, Tom Bellamy, Betty Abbott, Betty Saxby, Anthony Murray Brown, Pam and Paul Dollimore, Olga White, Albert Bass, Ann Tobin, Jean Roberts.

## Notices

**The next Bible Study on St Mark's Gospel:**

tomorrow 19:30, All Saints Lady Chapel. All welcome.

**Prayerbook Society Evensong** today 18:00, Easton Maudit. This replaces any evening service we would have otherwise today.

**Tea @2** Tuesday 12 May 14:00, St Andrew's Hall.

**Ascension Day Service** Thursday 14 May 19:30 All Saints.

**Informal Celtic Eucharist** Saturday 16 May 9:30, All Saints.

**Tea & Cake Concert** Saturday 16 May 16:00, All Hallows. Sandra Taylor sings Barbra Streisand songs.

**Wellingborough Inter Faith Group - Global Cafe** Saturday 16 May 11:30, Victoria Centre, Palk Road. No charge, donations invited.

**Angie Milne's installation** Angie, who was our Ordinand, is moving into her first incumbency as Rector of the Yardley Hastings Benefice. She will be installed on Friday 22 May at 19:00 at St Mary Magdalene church, Castle Ashby. All are welcome to attend the service. Please do pray for Angie as she begins this next stage of her ministry.

**Mon 11 May**

|             |                         |                                |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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          | 4 <sup>th</sup> 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          | 4 <sup>th</sup> Scouts         |
| 19:30-20:30 | All Saints' Lady Chapel | Bible Study                    |

**Tues 12 May**

|             |                   |                    |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 9:00-9:30   | Zoom              | Morning Prayer     |
| 9:30-12:00  | All Hallows' Hall | coffee shop        |
| 11:15-12:15 | Park House        | Car Home Communion |
| 14:00-15:00 | At Andrew's Hall  | Tea @2             |

**Wed 13 May**

|             |                   |                    |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 9:00-9:30   | Zoom              | Morning Prayer     |
| 9:30-12:00  | All Hallows' Hall | coffee shop        |
| 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 14 May Ascension**

|             |                |                         |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 9:00-9:30   | Zoom           | Morning Prayer          |
| 14:00-16:00 | All Hallows    | Handbell practice       |
| 18:15-19:30 | St Mary's Hall | 4 <sup>th</sup> Beavers |
| 19:30-20:30 | All Saints     | Ascension Day Service   |

**Fri 15 May Julian of Norwich**

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|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 9:30-12:00  | All Hallows' Hall | coffee shop           |
| 18:30-19:45 | All Hallows       | junior choir practice |
| 19:30-20:45 | All Hallows       | adult choir practice  |

**Sat 16 May**

|             |                   |                           |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 9:30-12:00  | 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        |
| 16:00-17:00 | All Hallows       | Tea & Cake concert        |

**Sun 17 May 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

|             |                   |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 9:15-10:15  | All Saints        | Sung Eucharist    |
| 11:15-12:15 | All Hallows       | Sung Eucharist    |
| 18:00-18:30 | Zoom              | Compline          |
| 19:30-21:30 | All Hallows' Hall | Pegasus Explorers |

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