



## Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

17 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.*

*We serve refreshments before the service, feel free to take your drink to your pew for the start of the service.*

*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 entrance. Alternatively you can scan the QR code on the last page.*

### Hymn

- 1 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice  
tell all the world he is your choice. *Alleluia.*
- 2 O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. *Alleluia.*
- 3 They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful hearts and true. *Alleluia.*
- 4 O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then. *Alleluia.*
- 5 Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim. *Alleluia.*

6 Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light. *Alleluia.*

7 So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one. *Alleluia.*

*George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883–1958)*

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## 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 What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

*cf 1 Corinthians 2.9*

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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

## 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, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**All**      **Amen.**

## First reading Acts 1.6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**      **Thanks be to God.**

## Second reading 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But

rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now:  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty Victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal Light;
- 3 The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love,  
and grants his name to know.
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is given:  
their name, an everlasting name,  
their joy, the joy of heaven.
- 5 They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above;

their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

*Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)*

## **Gospel reading John 17.1-11**

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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 Lord  
who has conquered death.

*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 now reigns at God's right hand.  
He is the Prince of Peace!

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 At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now:  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.
- 2 Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious,  
when from death he passed:
- 3 Name him, Christians, name him,  
with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder  
and with bated breath:  
he is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted, and adored.
- 4 Surely, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

*Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)*

## Table prayer

Minister Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**All/choir Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
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 Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

## 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

- 1 Christ bids us break the bread  
and share the cup he gave,  
in token of the blood he shed  
for those he died to save.
- 2 It was for us he came,  
to bear, by human birth,  
a crown of thorn, a cross of shame,  
for every child of earth.
- 3 The Saviour crucified  
in glory rose again:  
we here remember him who died,  
ascended now to reign.
- 4 Our hearts his word obey,  
in thankfulness and love:  
we feed on Christ by faith today  
and feast with him above.
- 5 O Christ, once lifted up  
that we might be forgiven,  
we take the bread and drink the cup  
and share the life of heaven.

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## Motet Felix Mendelssohn: Above all praise and Majesty

Above all praise and majesty, Lord,  
thou reignest evermore.

## Prayer after Communion

Minister Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
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

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|---|---|
| 1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,<br>Saviour, Master, King!<br>Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,<br>hear us as we sing: | 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,<br>victim crucified!<br>death is through the cross defeated,<br>sinners justified: |
| Chorus<br><i>Yours the glory and the crown,<br/>the high renown, the eternal name.</i>  | 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever<br>high in heaven above!<br>sin and death and hell shall never<br>stifle hymns of love:   |
| 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,<br>Son of Man on earth!<br>power and majesty concealing<br>by your humble birth:           | 5 So, our hearts and voices raising<br>through the ages long,<br>ceaselessly upon you gazing,<br>this shall be our song:      |

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## Blessing

Minister May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit;  
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** J. S. Bach: Gigue in G

## 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:** Peter Gadd, Harry Howarth, Alice Farrell, Lorraine Williams, Leslie Charles Tite, Eileen Fairey, George Cook, Don Hardman, Leslie Cherry, Eric Jennings, Albert Rainbow, Wyn Morby, Harry Phillips, Wellington Gunpot, Ruth Thankful.

# Diary

## Mon 18 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

## Tues 19 May Dunstan

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

## Wed 20 May Alcuin of York

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 21 May

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
13:30-15:00	All Saints Lady Chapel	Crafty Cuppa Group
14:00-16:00	All Hallows	Handbell practice
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> Beavers

## Fri 22 May

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

## Sat 23 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

## Sun 24 May Pentecost

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

## Notices

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

**Joint Benefice Eucharist** Trinity Sunday 31 May 10:00 All Saints. We will have no other services in our benefice that day.

**Choir Festival Evensong for RSCM *Music Sunday*** 14 June 18:00, All Hallows. Various church choirs celebrate church music together. Everyone welcome.

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