

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son
Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your
blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those
inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those
who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:1-3. 15-18

A reading from the book of Daniel.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream:
I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter:
"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever."

PSALM Psalm 149

R *My mouth, O God, shall speak
of wisdom [and my heart shall
meditate on understanding].*

Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation
of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful
in their king.

Let them praise his name in
the dance;
let them sing praise to him with
timbrel and harp. **R**

For the Lord takes pleasure in
his people
and adorns the poor with victory.
Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful on their beds. **R**

Let the praises of God be in their
throat
and a two-edged sword in their
hand;
To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;
To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;
To inflict on them the judgement
decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:11-end

*A reading from the letter of Paul to
the Ephesians.*

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and

power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.*

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this
table
as strangers and pilgrims here on
earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of
your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

November 2nd 2025 – All Saints Sunday

Parish of the Harwich Peninsula

All Saints 900: at 3pm today there is a special concert with 'Choral Tradition' and the 'Harwich Village Band': A celebration of Nine Centuries in music and spoken word. Free. See the posters for more information. All are welcome.

LLM: Local Licensed Ministers in the diocese of Chelmsford are likely to lead worship and preach; they may teach and encourage other lay ministers; they pay attention to the connections between faith and daily life; they are expected to minister beyond their parish boundaries, and they commit to serving for 5 years. In 2026 Julie Teatheredge and Liz McLeod will both be training for this ministry. Do pray for them as they study and prepare.

Local Ministry and the Parish Share 2026: Parish Share is the amount the diocese of Chelmsford seek from us for the ministry we get each year; that includes 2 priests with their housing, stipends and all the support the diocese give with safeguarding, training, etc. For 2025 the request is £56,010. By September this year we had paid £6,600. A leaflet from the diocese explaining the figures is in each church this Sunday.

Remembrance Sunday: there is no 10.30am service at All Saints on Sunday the 9th November as the service takes place at the Dovercourt War Memorial, then 3pm at St Nicholas.

St Nicholas Cleaning Party: an afternoon of cleaning is being arranged by Janet ready for the Remembrance Sunday services on either Thursday 9th or Friday 10th November. If anyone is able to help on either of these days, please contact Janet on 07960 576978. Thank you.

Salvation Army Foodbank: are desperate for plastic bags for people to use when collecting food. You are welcome to put them in the collection box in each church.

School Harvest Services: we have been delighted to host St Michael's School at St Michael's; All Saints School at All Saints and Harwich Community School at St Nicholas' in the past two weeks.

Advent Calendars: there is an Advent Calendar that is specifically Christian from the Meaningful Chocolate Company. They are £5 each and can be ordered from Ian.

Leading Your Church Into Growth (LYCIG): over the next few weeks you may hear members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Ministry Team talk about LYCIG. Both have had an introduction to it and we will share with the congregations. It involves us growing in 3 dimensions – numerically, spiritually and in service of the community. It seeks to do this by Prayer; Presence (being where things are happening already); Persuasion (helping people understand the Christian faith; Proclamation (evangelism) and Perk, making what we already do a little better and more explicitly Christian.

COP30: From 10 to 21 November 2025, the rainforest city of Belém in Brazil will host COP30. Leaders and representatives from around the world will gather in the shadow of the Amazon rainforest to discuss the progress we've made as a global community on tackling the climate crisis and what more we still need to do. This will include government officials, faith leaders, activists and organisations like Tearfund. Please pray that the planet, God's creation, will be protected.

Baptised in October: Max Peter Timothy Davis. **Thanksgiving in October:** Theodore William Morrison

Married in November: Christopher Salisbury and Gemma Mountain; Rory Harman and Tiffany Tynan

Departed in September/October: Peter Oakley; Sheila Honeywood; Stacey Clark

St Michael's worship 9am each Sunday (Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

All Saints worship 10.30am each Sunday (Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays)

St Nicholas worship 10.30am each Sunday (Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

You should be able to access the hearing loop in each building – please let us know if you cannot

1st Sunday of every month: Prayer Book Evensong at St Nicholas at 5pm

3rd Sunday of every month: Prayer and Praise at St Michael's at 5pm

4th Saturday of every month (except August and December): Messy Church in the Esplanade Hall from 2-4pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information please visit our social media:

www.harwichparish.co.uk or www.achurchnearyou.com or our Facebook pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/> All Saints Church Dovercourt or St Nicholas Church Harwich or St Michael's Church Ramsey or Messy Church at the Esplanade Hall