

CHURCH of St. MARY the VIRGIN, WARE

ORDINARY TIME SERVICE BOOK



This order of service will guide you through today's worship.

Words in green speech bubbles are intended to help children through the service. They may be helpful too if you are less familiar with St Mary's.

***Coffee, juice and biscuits are served in the Hall after the service.
Please stay for a while if you can.***

The Gathering

Welcome & Notices – including any Banns of marriage

We gather & settle down to share news & sometimes pray for those getting married.

Hymn

Please stand

The Greeting

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you**

After the hymn we greet each other in the name of Jesus, and pray together

Prayer of Preparation

Please kneel or sit

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Introduction

EITHER

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Saying SORRY

At the beginning of the service we say sorry for the things that get in the way of our relationships with God and with other people.

We pray together, for ourselves and also for the hurtful and difficult things in our world.

OR

A 'Kyrie' form of confession will be used which includes the following responses (which may be said or sung)

Lord have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ have mercy.**

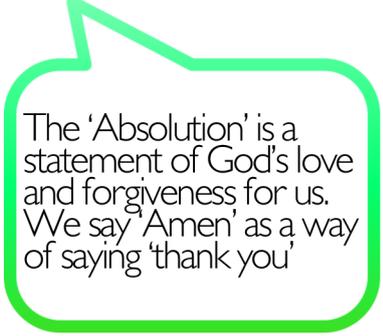
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

Absolution

Words of absolution are said, and all respond

All **Amen**

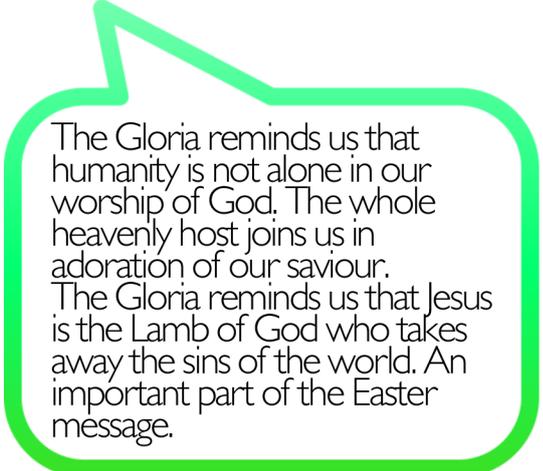


The 'Absolution' is a statement of God's love and forgiveness for us. We say 'Amen' as a way of saying 'thank you'

Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand

All **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.
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.
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.**



The Gloria reminds us that humanity is not alone in our worship of God. The whole heavenly host joins us in adoration of our saviour. The Gloria reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. An important part of the Easter message.

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading(s)

Please sit

At the end of each reading

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

Please stand

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

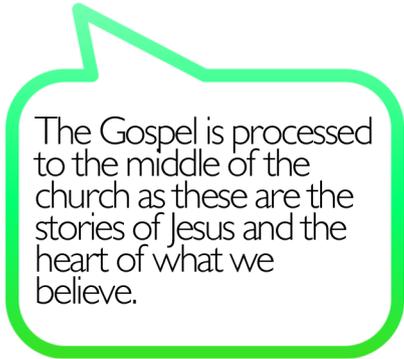
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

And at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**



The Gospel is processed to the middle of the church as these are the stories of Jesus and the heart of what we believe.

Sermon/Talk

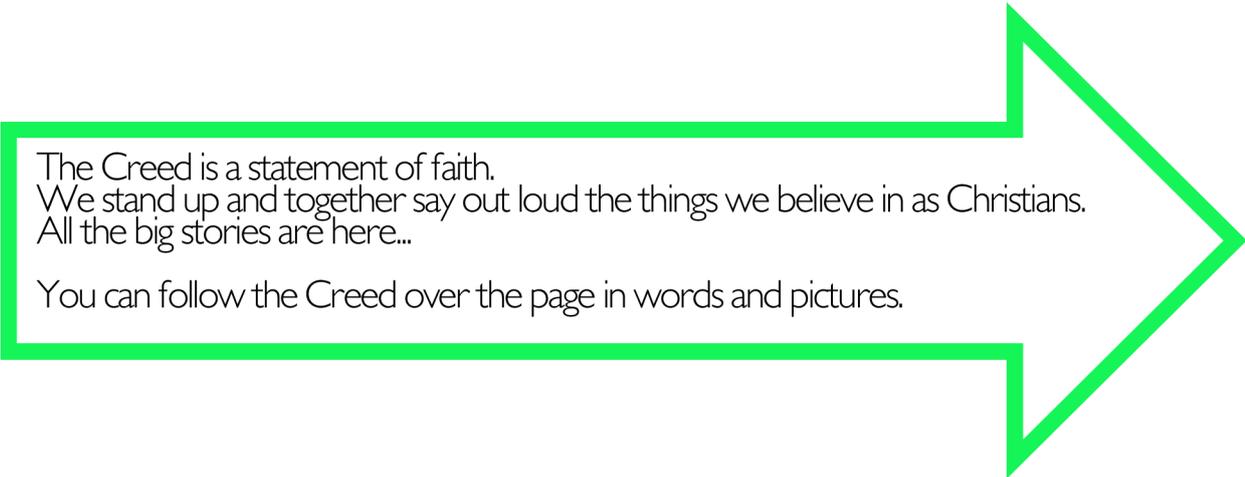
Please sit



This is where one of the people leading the service will talk in more detail about the readings from the Bible and the Gospel that you heard earlier.

The Creed

Please stand



The Creed is a statement of faith.
We stand up and together say out loud the things we believe in as Christians.
All the big stories are here...

You can follow the Creed over the page in words and pictures.

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

CREATION

**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.**

CHRISTMAS

**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.**

**GOOD
FRIDAY**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

EASTER

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.**

ASCENSION

**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.**

PENTECOST

**THE CHURCH
WORLDWIDE**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

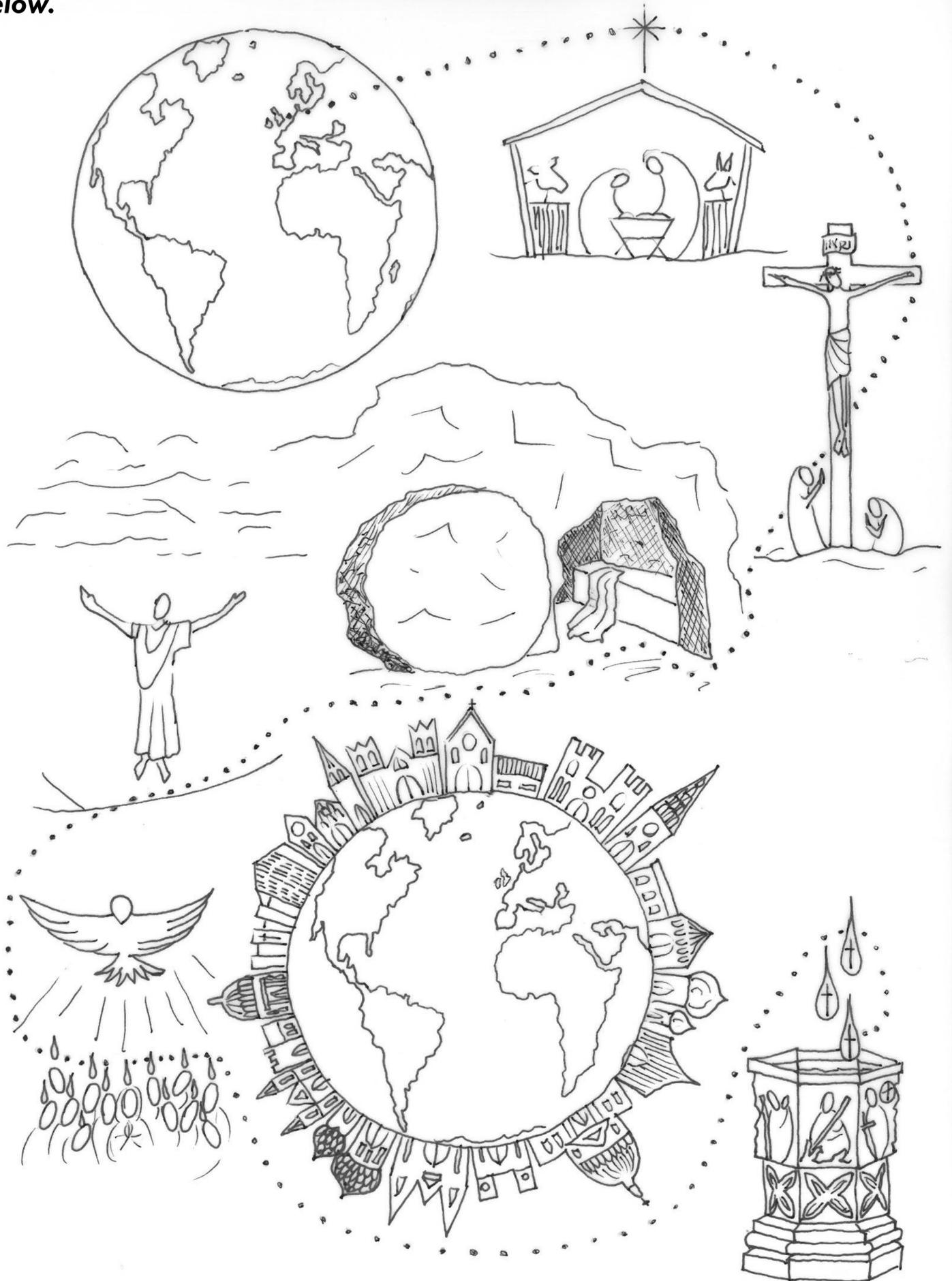
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

**BAPTISM - OUR
PART IN THE
CHURCH**

As you listen to The Creed, you can follow the prayer through all the stages below.



Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit

During the prayers these responses may be used

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.**

In our prayers we pray for:

- The Church
- The World
- Our community, families and friends
- People who are ill or in trouble
- Those who have died

We share these prayers together so be ready to join in the responses

If a different response is to be used it will be announced

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Now we begin to prepare to share the bread, wine and blessing of Communion.

Please stand

The Peace

Introduction

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace by shaking hands with those around you, a wave, a smile or a hug.



“PEACE BE
WITH YOU”

Hymn

During the hymn bread and wine for communion is brought to the altar and the table is prepared.

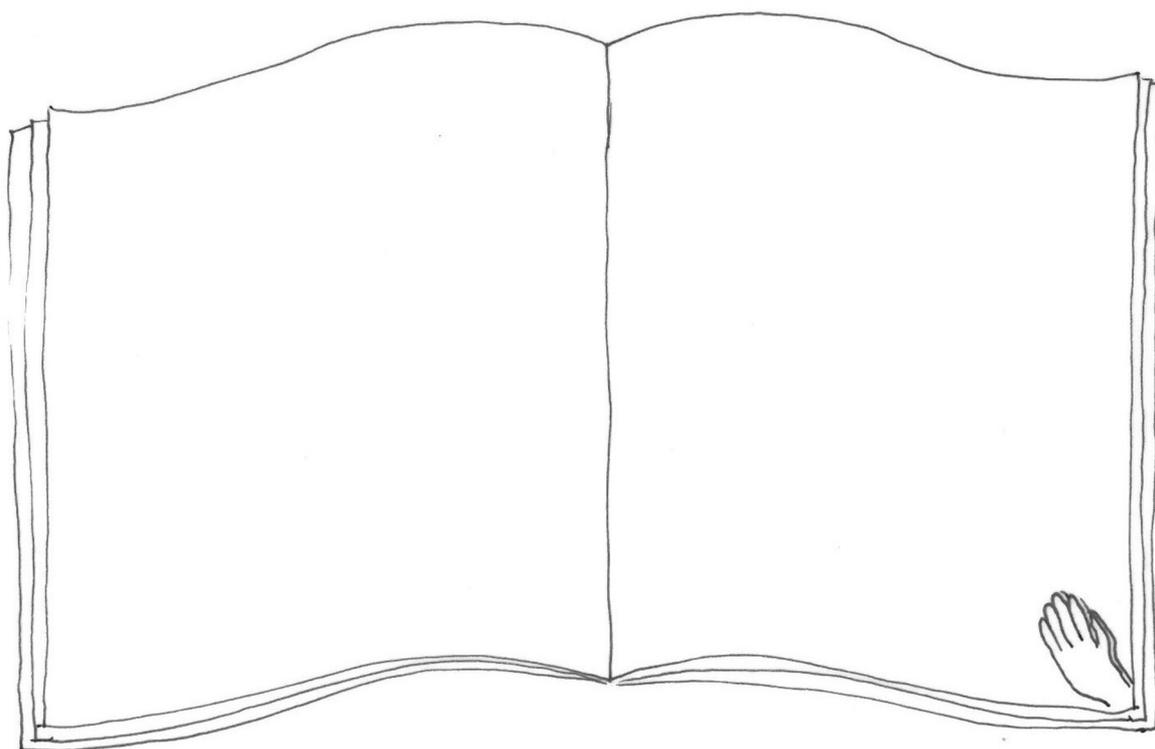
A collection is taken to enable the work of St Mary's Church. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the pews, please use them if you can. Like all churches we rely on voluntary giving for everything we do, so every donation makes a difference. Thank you for your offering.

You may notice that some people do not put anything in to the plate, or offer a small token – this is because they make their weekly offering through their bank as part of our planned giving scheme. If you would like to find out more, one of the people who welcomed you as you arrived will be able to help you.

Thanksgiving

All **Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The thanksgiving prayer is from the Book of Revelation – right at the end of the Bible. Revelation is a vision (like a dream) of heaven. You can say this prayer as loud as you like.



The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

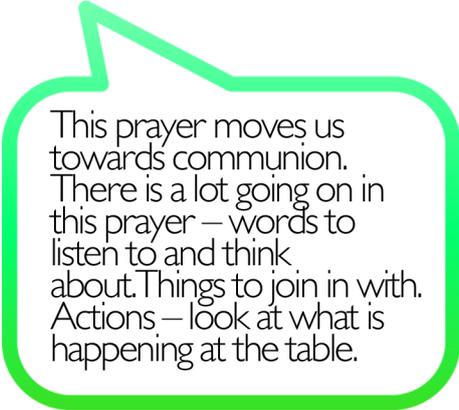
All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**



This prayer moves us towards communion. There is a lot going on in this prayer – words to listen to and think about. Things to join in with. Actions – look at what is happening at the table.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



The President is the person leading the service.

The president recalls the Last Supper, all respond with the acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith

All **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly

All **Amen**

OR

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer

Please kneel or sit

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

This is the prayer that Jesus taught us and has been said in this church for over 800 years.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**

The bread is broken to prepare it for sharing with the congregation.

The word "consecrated" means that it has been blessed by a priest.

Giving of Communion

Words of introduction are said

During Communion

If you normally receive the bread and wine at communion you are welcome to do so here. Otherwise please come forward for a blessing, just bow your head when you come to the rail as a sign to us. If we're not sure we'll ask you, please do not be embarrassed if that happens.

As everyone receives communion The Agnus Dei may be sung

EITHER

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

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

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

OR

All **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

The choir may sing an anthem or other music and there will be a hymn you can join in with.

This is an opportunity for personal prayer and reflection.

While everyone is going up for Communion, you might want to sit and pray, draw or do one of the worksheets. You will find paper, pens and worksheets in the Children's Corner at the back of the church.



Prayer after Communion

We pray quietly for a few moments and then the post communion prayer for the week may be said, followed by

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

At this point in the service we may hear from the children who have been taking part in Children's Church

Hymn

Blessing

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Sending Out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Please stand

At the end of the service we are sent out to be like Jesus in our everyday lives.

How can you be like Jesus this week?

What is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time covers the periods between Christmas and Lent and between Easter and Advent in the Church Year.

The Church Year is also referred to as the liturgical year and is the annual cycle of seasons and days observed in commemoration of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

ADVENT – The Church Year begins with the first Sunday of Advent and is followed by the four weeks leading up to Christmas. This is the first penitential season in the calendar, the other being LENT. The liturgical colour of Advent is Purple.

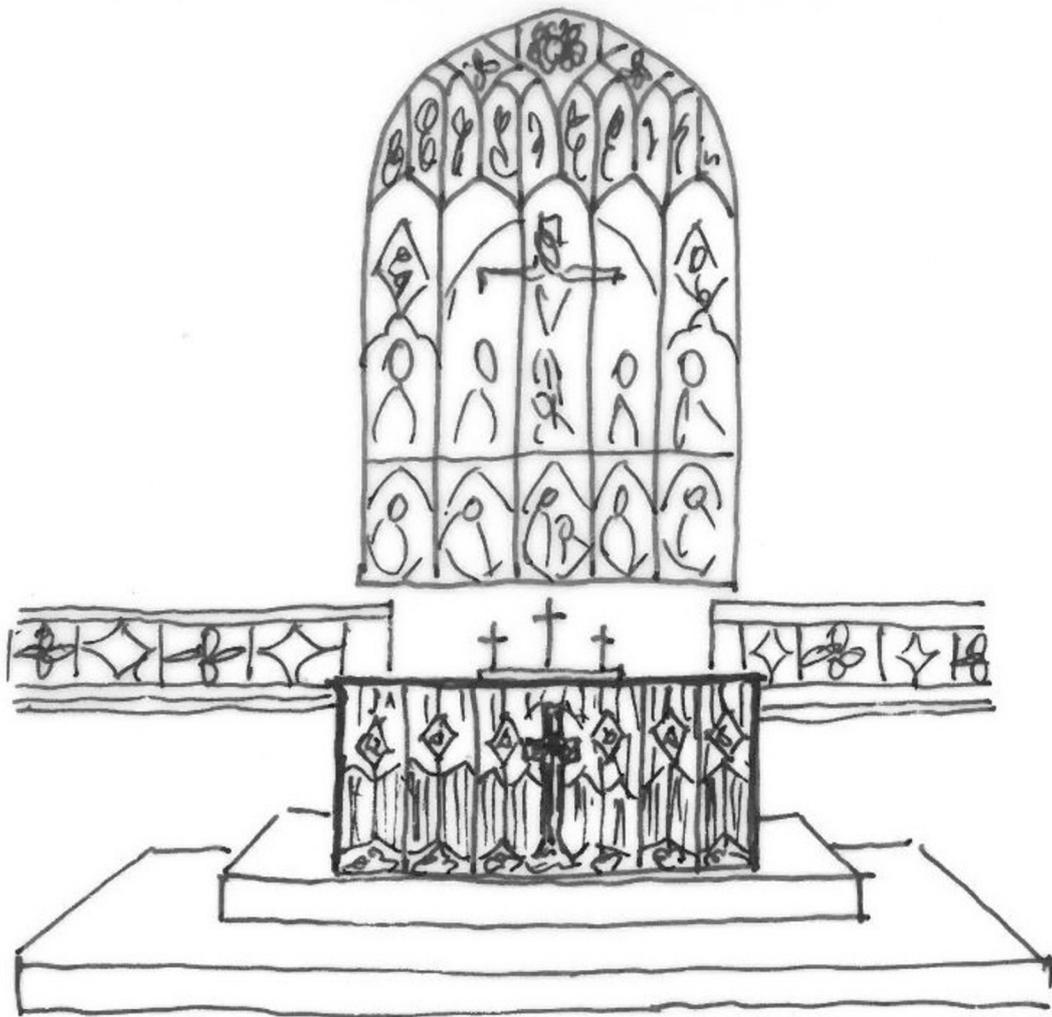
CHRISTMAS – The Christmas season starts on Christmas Day and continues through Epiphany, the Baptism of Christ to Candlemas or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The liturgical colours are White & Gold.

ORDINARY TIME – The first season of Ordinary Time begins on the day following Candlemas and runs to Ash Wednesday. Green is the liturgical colour used for this season.

LENT – The second penitential period of 40 days, which covers Ash Wednesday through Holy Week to Easter Eve. Purple is the colour for Lent.

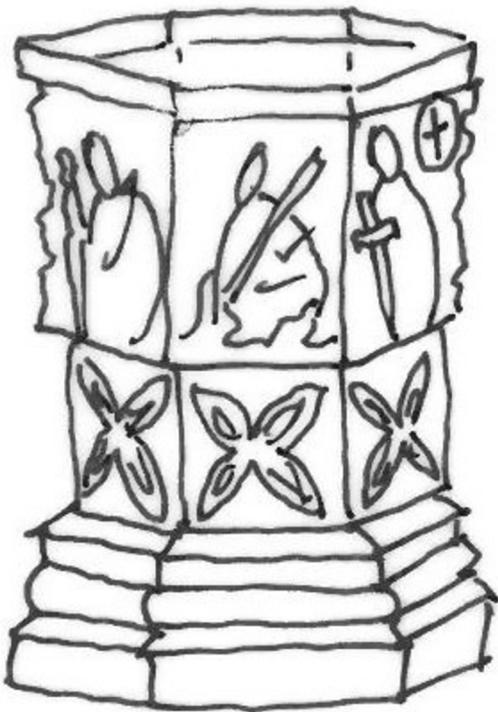
EASTER – Is celebrated from Easter Day through Ascension Day and finishes at Pentecost. Like Christmas, White or Gold are the colours of this season, except for Pentecost when Red is the liturgical colour. Red is also used to celebrate Saints and Martyrs.

ORDINARY TIME – This second season of Ordinary Time covers the twenty-two weeks after Trinity Sunday and includes All Saints' Day and the Sunday before Advent. Green is again the liturgical colour.



The High Altar

This is the original altar at St Mary's. The Eucharist is celebrated here at 8am on Sundays and on some special occasions. At a wedding the couple are brought to the High Altar for the final blessing.

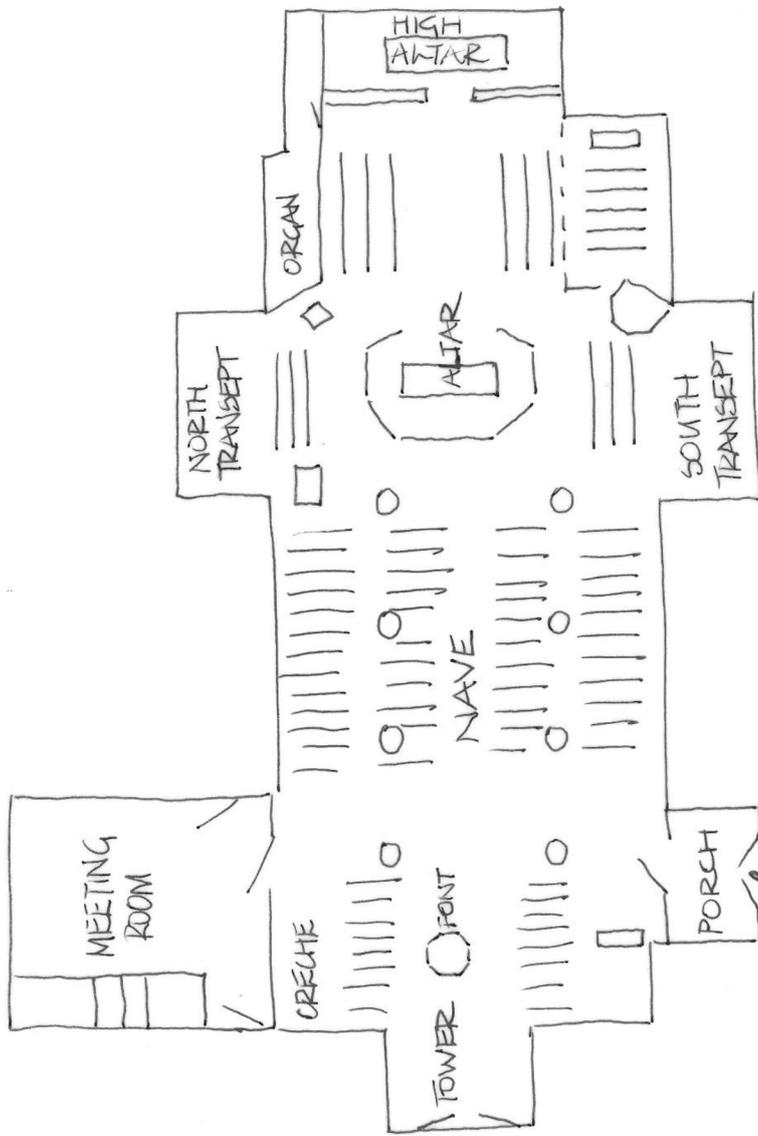


The Font

The font is used for Baptism. Water is poured onto the head of the person being baptised as a way to show their faith.

The Font is often placed near the entrance to the church, as ours is, as a sign that at baptism we enter into the family of the church.

THIS IS A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF YOUR CHURCH



INTO CHURCH!

PUT A DOT TO
SHOW WHERE
YOU ARE
SITTING

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