



## Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Third Sunday of Easter

19 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.*

***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 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King.  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
- 2 The Lord of Life is risen for ay:  
bring flowers of song to strew his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say:
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory  
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
- 4 Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing to-day with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:

*Cyril Argentine Alington (1872–1955, Words: © Hymns Ancient & Modern Ltd*

## 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/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,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

## **First reading Acts 2.14a, 36-41**

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?'

Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Second reading 1 Peter 1.17-23**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:  
Alleluia.
- 2 Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
Alleluia.
- 3 On the third morn he rose again  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
Alleluia.
- 4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee  
Alleluia.

*Finita iam sunt praelia (Latin, probably 17th century) translated by Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

## Gospel reading Luke 24.13-35

### All/choir Alleluia!

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

### All/choir Alleluia!

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

### All Glory to you, O Lord.

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him.

And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus

asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

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| 1 Jesus lives! thy terrors now<br>can, O death, no more appal us;<br>Jesus lives! by this we know<br>thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.<br><i>Alleluia.</i>       | 4 Jesus lives! our hearts know well<br>naught from us his love shall sever;<br>life nor death nor powers of hell<br>tear us from his keeping ever.<br><i>Alleluia.</i> |
| 2 Jesus lives! henceforth is death<br>but the gate of life immortal:<br>this shall calm our trembling breath,<br>when we pass its gloomy portal.<br><i>Alleluia.</i> | 5 Jesus lives! to him the throne<br>over all the world is given:<br>may we go where he is gone,<br>rest and reign with him in heaven.<br><i>Alleluia.</i>              |
| 3 Jesus lives! for us he died;<br>then, alone to Jesus living,<br>pure in heart may we abide,<br>glory to our Saviour giving.<br><i>Alleluia.</i>                    |  |

*Jesus lebt! mit ihm auch ich  
Christian Fürchtegott Gellert (1715–1769)  
tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897)*

## 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.

Deacon 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 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/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

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| 1 This joyful Eastertide,<br>away with sin and sorrow.<br>My Love, the Crucified,<br>hath sprung to life this morrow:                                | 2 My flesh in hope shall rest,<br>and for a season slumber:<br>till trump from east to west<br>shall wake the dead in number:  |
| <i>Chorus Had Christ, that once was slain,<br/>ne'er burst his three-day prison,<br/>our faith had been in vain:<br/>but now hath Christ arisen.</i> | 3 Death's flood hath lost its chill,<br>since Jesus crossed the river:<br>Lover of souls, from ill<br>my passing soul deliver: |

*George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)*

## Motet J. S. Bach: Up, up, my heart (words by G. W. Daisley)

Up, up, my heart, with gladness sing what was done today.  
How bitter was our sadness, what joy now lights our way.  
My saviour low was laid, but as to mourn we stayed,  
his grave bonds did he rend and to the skies ascend.  
Deep in the grave they laid him, loud laughed the fiends in glee.  
But as in thought they made him their own, lo, Christ is free.  
Now his victorious cry rings out, and far and nigh  
he waves his banners bright, victorious after fight.  
He brings us to the portal which leads to heaven's fold.  
Whereon there words immortal stand all inscribed in gold:  
Who lacked with me renown, he wears in heaven the crown;  
who chose with me to die, he sits with me on high.

## Prayer after Communion

Minister Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
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 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the Paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.
- 2 How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
and crushed the serpent's head;  
and brought with him, from death's domains,  
the long-imprisoned dead.
- 3 From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
alone our Leader bore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where he hath gone before.
- 4 Triumphant in his glory now  
his sceptre ruleth all,  
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,  
and at his footstool fall.
- 5 While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
his mercy we implore,  
into his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.

6 All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run.  
Alleluia! Amen.

*Chorus novæ Jerusalem. St Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028) translated by Robert Campbell (1814–1868)*

## 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** Leon Boellmann: Toccata in C minor

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## Diary

### Mon 20 Apr

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

### Tues 21 Apr **Anselm**

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

### Wed 22 Apr

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	Knit & Natter
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 23 Apr **George**

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
11:15-12:00	Midland Care Home	Care Home Communion
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> Beavers

### Fri 24 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 25 Apr **Mark the Evangelist**

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 26 Apr **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

9:15-10:15	All Saints	Sung Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Sung Eucharist
17:00-19:30	All Hallows	Concert: The King's Men
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, Ann, Geoff and Diane Johnson, 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 the past two weeks:** Peggy Willard, Mary Gormand, Phyllis Neville, Edward Pendred, Hugh Williams, Betty Thomas, Doris Plackett, Arthur Elliott, Edna Benbow, Laura Tilley, Ida Fair, Phyllis Biggs, Peter Strickland, Trudie Strickland, Kate Coles, Phyllis Anderson, Janet Anderson, Bill Soames, Phyllis Byles, Ruby Meeks, Frank Steele, Gregory Owen, Anne Soper, Terry Jeffrey, Sylvia Patrick, Ian Mullis, Susan Bailey, Abigail O'Keeffe, John Steele, Kay Carey, Audrey Radford, Molly Marland, Eric Poole, William Barker, Henry Renk, Susan Haines, Mavis James, William Wooding, Robert Worley, Tim Gatenby, Norman Haynes, Hilda Cherry, Ethel Pettifer, Joan Woodcock, Eileen Moore, Marie Lucas, Laurie Wright, Arthur West, Beatrice Worley, John Osborne, Irene Branston.

## Notices

**Morning prayer is cancelled** on Monday 20 April only.

**Knit & Natter** Wednesday 22 April 10:00-12:00, All Hallows' Hall. All welcome for a coffee and chat.

**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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