



Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

23 August 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.

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

Hymn

- 1 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.
- 2 All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee hour by hour;
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and pow'r.
- 3 All for Jesus! at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Saviour, we receive thee
in thy holy sacrament.
- 4 All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
all for Jesus! thou hast died,

all for Jesus! thou art with us,
all for Jesus, glorified!

5 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be;
till at last the flock is gathered
one in love, and one in thee.

W. J. Sparrow Simpson, 1887

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.

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 Brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate,
let us call to mind our sins.

**All God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong
that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Minister The almighty and merciful Lord
 grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
 time for amendment of life,
 and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Gloria

**All sing Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
 of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
 We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
 Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
 you bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,
 receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,
 at God's right hand in majesty most high:
 who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:
 with all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

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Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said.

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

First reading Exodus 1.8 - 2.10

Now, a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them

to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second reading Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

1 There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus *Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

2 Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain:

3 When I stand in glory I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever in that holy place.

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Gospel reading Matthew 16.13-20

All say Alleluia!

Deacon Welcome with meekness the implanted word
that has the power to save your souls.

All say Alleluia!

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

All say Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.

This response may be included:

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

All Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Peace

Minister God has called us to live in peace.

cf 1 Corinthians 7.17

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
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

- 1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2 Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?
- 3 Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898)

Table prayer

Minister Blessed be God,
 who feeds the hungry,

who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

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 truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord
walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known
in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

All sing **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

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 sing Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!
Jesus is the Lord God almighty.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!
Jesus is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.**

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 With confidence we pray, as our Saviour taught us.

**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 sing Glory, glory, glory to the Lord!
 Glory to the Lord God almighty.
 Glory, glory, glory to the Lord!
 Glory to the Lord God almighty.**

**Who was, and is, and is to come.
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord!**

Giving of Communion

Minister God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.**

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

Organ voluntary C. S. Lang: Horsley (There is a green hill far away)

Communion hymn

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
 like the wideness of the sea;
 there's a kindness in his justice
 which is more than liberty.
 There is no place where earth's sorrows
 are more felt than up in heaven;
 there is no place where earth's failings
 have such kindly judgement given.
- 2 For the love of God is broader
 than the measure of our mind,
 and the heart of the Eternal
 is most wonderfully kind.
 But we make his love too narrow
 by false limits of our own;
 and we magnify his strictness
 with a zeal he would not own.
- 3 There is plentiful redemption
 through the blood that has been shed;
 there is joy for all the members
 in the sorrows of the Head.
 There is grace enough for thousands
 of new worlds as great as this;
 there is room for fresh creations
 in that upper home of bliss.

Second half of tune:

- 4 If our love were but more simple,
 we should take him at his word;

and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814–1863)

Prayer after Communion

Minister God of all mercy,
 in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
 and given us your healing:
 grant that we who are made whole in Christ
 may bring that healing to this broken world,
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
 Christ to the world with joy we bring;
 Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
 Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
- 2 King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
 kingship with him his servants gain;
 with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
- 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
 this world of time to consecrate,
 our world of sin by grace to heal,
 Christ's world in Christ to re-create.
- 4 Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
 he claims our minds, to search his ways;
 he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
 he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.
- 5 We are his Church, he makes us one:
 here is one hearth for all to find;

here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

James Quinn, SJ (1919–2010)

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Blessing

Minister The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The people and ministers depart.

Organ voluntary

C. S. Lang: Prelude on St Anne (O God our help in ages past)

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Our prayers are asked for

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Carol, Kay G, Jo Thraves, Glennis Eades, Rita Hawkes, Ann, Audrey and Liz Coxall, Richard McInnes, Sue Mutlow.

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: Edith Sadler, Keith Henry James, Dorothy Coles, Marion Grace Brooks, May Tuplin, Helen Hubbard, Freda Kingham, William Denny, Jonathan Merville Thomas, Reginald Gordon Smeaton, Edward Smart, Steven Ray Butterfield, Edward Francis Murray Samson, Geoffrey Hole, William John Everden.

Notices

If you would like to be confirmed, please speak to Rev Paula, Canon John, or Rev Jess. Preparation classes start in October, confirmation 22 November, All Saints.

Ride and Stride is back with a twist – renamed Ride, Stride and Drive 12 September 10:00-18:00. Those taking part are asked to seek sponsorship. Half of the money will go the Historic Churches Trust and the rest to All Saints. Sponsorship forms are available at the back of church along with a rota so that we can ensure that the church is open for the event.

Knit & Natter coffee meet and chat Wednesday 26 August 10:00, All Hallows' Hall.

Joint benefice eucharist Sunday 30 August 10:00, All Saints. No other services that day.

Our next Bible Studies on St Mark's Gospel:

Monday 14 September 19:30, All Saints Lady Chapel;

Tuesday 15 September 14:00, All Hallows' Hall (n.b. change of date).

All welcome.

Informal Celtic Eucharist Saturday 19 September 9:30, All Saints.

Diary

Mon 24 Aug Bartholomew

9:00-9:30 Zoom

Morning Prayer

18:30-19:15 All Saints

Organ lesson

Tues 25 Aug

9:00-9:30 Zoom

Morning Prayer

9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

Wed 26 Aug

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

Thur 27 Aug Monica

9:00-9:30 Zoom

Morning Prayer

11:15-12:00 Midlands Care Home

Care Home Communion

Fri 28 Aug Augustine

9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

Sat 29 Aug Beheading of John the Baptist

9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

10:30-12:30 All Hallows

open to the public

Sun 30 Sun Trinity 13

10:00-11:00 All Saints

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