



Holy Communion with Baptism

All Hallows Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

6 September 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. A particular welcome to Esmée and her family as they celebrate her baptism.

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 Soldiers of Christ, arise,
 and put your armour on,
 strong in the strength which God supplies,
 through his eternal Son;
 strong in the Lord of Hosts,
 and in his mighty power:
 who in the strength of Jesus trusts
 is more than conqueror.
- 2 Stand then in his great might,
 with all his strength endued;
 and take, to arm you for the fight,
 the panoply of God.
 To keep your armour bright
 attend with constant care,

still walking in your Captain's sight,
and watching unto prayer.

3 From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down,
and win the well-fought day;
that, having all things done,
and all your conflicts past,
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
and stand entire at last.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788) based on Ephesians 6.10-18

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.

Introduction

Minister Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism
as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit,
and made clean.

Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.

**As children of God,
we have a new dignity,
and God calls us to fullness of life.**

Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer. 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.

Reading Romans 13.8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
 the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God;
 from death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
 our God hath brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
 the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection-light;
 and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
 his own 'All hail', and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful, and earth her song begin,
 the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
 let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
 for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

St John of Damascus (c.675–c.750) translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

Gospel reading Matthew 18.15-20

All/choir Alleluia!

Cantor 'I am the Light of the world,' says the Lord.
'Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.'

All/choir Alleluia!

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

All/choir Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

Presentation of the baptism candidate

The minister invites the baptism candidate, parents and godparents to join them.

Minister Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.

We thank God for Esmée
who has come to be baptised today.
Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.

So I ask you all:
Will you support Esmée as she begins her journey of faith?
All We will.

Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?
All We will.

The minister asks the parents and godparents:

God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and godparents,
you speak in support of Esmée today.
Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?

Parents and godparents reply:

We will.

Minister Will you support her on her journey of faith?
We will.

The Decision

Minister We all wander far from God and lose our way.
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask you:
Do you turn away from sin?

Parents and godparents reply:

I do.

Minister Do you reject evil?
I do.

Minister Do you turn to Christ as saviour?
I do.

Minister Do you trust in him as Lord?
I do.

Signing with the Cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross using the oil of Chrism on the forehead of the candidate, saying:

Minister Esmée,
Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed of Christ crucified.
You are his forever.

**All Stand bravely with him against all powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

Minister May almighty God
 deliver you from the powers of darkness,
 restore in you the image of his glory,
 and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

Prayer over the water

The minister, candidate, parents and godparents move to the font. The congregation turns towards the font.

Minister We praise you, loving Father,
 for the gift of your Son Jesus.
 He was baptised in the River Jordan,
 where your Spirit came upon him
 and revealed him as the Son you love.
 He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

 Now, Father,
 we ask you to bless this water,
 that those who are baptised in it
 may be cleansed in the water of life,
 and, filled with your Spirit,
 may know that they are loved as your children,
 safe in Christ for ever.

All Amen.

Profession of faith

Minister Let us affirm,
 together with Esmée who is being baptised,
 our common faith in Jesus Christ.

 Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
 source of all being and life,
 the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Minister Do you believe and trust in God the Son
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Minister Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

Minister This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Baptism

The minister pours water on the candidate.

Minister Esmée,
I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Minister Esmée,
today God has touched you with his love
and given you a place among his people.

God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow,
to be your guide in life,
and to bring you safely to heaven.

In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.

Together with all God's people
you must explore the way of Jesus
and grow in friendship with God,
in love for his people, and in serving others.
With us you will listen to the word of God
and receive the gifts of God.

Welcome and Peace

Minister There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Minister We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit 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 as Esmée, her
parents and godparents return to their seats.*

Preparation of the table

Hymn

1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;

that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan (1929–2009) Words: © 1968, Stainer & Bell Ltd, London, England

Table prayer

Minister Pour upon the poverty of our love,
 and the weakness of our praise,
 the transforming fire of your presence.

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 Father of all, we give you thanks
 for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

All This is our song: hosanna in the highest.

Minister The crowds came out to see your Son,
 yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

All This is our song: hosanna in the highest.

Minister Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
 he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
 This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood,
shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All This is our song: hosanna in the highest.

Minister Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

All This is our song: hosanna in the highest.

Minister Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

Communion hymn

- 1 Father, hear the prayer we offer:
 not for ease that prayer shall be,
 but for strength that we may ever
 live our lives courageously.
- 2 Not for ever in green pastures
 do we ask our way to be;
 but the steep and rugged pathway
 may we tread rejoicingly.
- 3 Not for ever by still waters
 would we idly rest and stay;
 but would smite the living fountains
 from the rocks along our way.
- 4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,
 in our wanderings be our guide;

through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

Love Maria Willis (1824–1908)

Communion motet S. S. Wesley: Lead me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness;
make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Prayer after Communion

Minister Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
 preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
 as Christ receives us on earth,
 so may he guide us through the trials of this world,
 and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
 where you live and reign,
 one God for ever and 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 holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand,
 or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command,
 assist our song, for else the theme
 too high doth seem for mortal tongue.
- 2 Ye blessèd souls at rest, who ran this earthly race,
 and now, from sin released, behold the Saviour's face,
 his praises sound, as in his sight
 with sweet delight ye do abound.
- 3 Ye saints, who toil below, adore your heavenly King,
 and onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing;

take what he gives and praise him still,
through good and ill, who ever lives.

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days till life shall end,
whate'er he send, be filled with praise.

Richard Baxter (1615–1691) and John Hampden Gurney (1802–1862)

Blessing

Minister God, who in his Christ gives us
a spring of water welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Giving a lighted candle

The minister gives the newly baptised a candle lit from the Paschal (Easter) candle.

Minister God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Esmée, receive the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

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 Johann Krebs (1713-1780): Fugue in F minor

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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: Rachael Murphy, Kenneth Nelson Maudsley, Richard Cummings, Debra O' Hanlon, Paul Lovell, Stuart Miles, Yuk Ying Tang, Miles Alexander Clarke, Geoffrey Bunker, Les Smith, Wilbert Decosta Trotman, Bob Loveridge, Howard Rainbow, Emily Underwood, Gerald Clarke, Sid Rabbitt, Catherine Boag, Beau Mae Smith, Josie Course, Terry Scholes, Iris Ash, Rosemary O'Kane.

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.

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).

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

The Cantare Singers concert 3 October 19:00, All Hallows. An evening of favourite easy music for all. Tickets: £10 adults, under 16s free, available from Tony Edwards (07867 554476 / TonyE1960@aol.com).

Canon Paula moving on: As it was announced in both churches, Canon Paula will be leaving us to become Rector of St Peter and St Paul with St Michael and All Angels, and Priest in Charge of All Saints Kettering. Her last service will be a Benefice Service at All Saints Wellingborough at 10:00 on 25 October. Please do pray for Canon Paula and her husband Chris as they prepare to move and for those who will take on additional responsibility for our churches in the vacancy.

Diary

Mon 7 Sept

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 th 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 th Scouts

Tues 8 Sept

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
11:15-12:15	Park House Home	Care Home Communion
14:00-15:00	St Andrew's Hall	Tea @2

Wed 9 Sept

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:00-10:00	All Saints	school worship
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

Thur 10 Sept

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 th Beavers

Fri 11 Sept

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

Sat 12 Sept

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
9:30-10:30	Dale End	4 th Squirrels
10:00-12:00	All Saints	coffee morning
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

Sun 13 Sept

Trinity 15

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

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