Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Third Sunday before Advent (Remembrance)

8 November 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 do join us for **refreshment**s at the back of church.

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 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home;

2 Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748) based on Psalm 90

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.

Act of remembrance

Minister Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew and whose memory we treasure;
and all those who have lived and died
in the service of humankind.

The Ode

Minister They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.
All **We will remember them.**

Two minutes of silence is kept.

Minister Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Kohima Epitaph

Minister When you go home tell them of us and say:
for your tomorrow we gave our today.

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 Let us confess to God
the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil divisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.`

All **O King enthroned on high,**
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through 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.**

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, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,

that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

First reading Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice, who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

4 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel (1697–after 1768)
translated by Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813–1897)

Gospel reading Matthew 25.1-13

All/choir Alleluia!

Deacon 'It is my Father's will,' says the Lord,
'that I should loose nothing of all that he has given to me.
And I should raise it up on the last day.'

All/choir Alleluia!

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

All/choir Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their

lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

Affirmation of faith

Minister Let us declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **We believe in God, the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Minister In joy and hope we pray to the Father.

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.**

Minister Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Peace

Minister Jesus said,
'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.'

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

1 Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle-flame,
with tenderness enfold it.

2 Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.

3 Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.

4 Give thanks for strong — yet tender — hands,
held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short, let hands speak out,
the heights of love expressing.

5 Reach out in friendship, stay with faith
in touch with those around you.
Put peace into each other's hands:
the Peace that sought and found you.

Fred Kaan (1929–2009) Words: © 1989, 2001, Stainer & Bell Ltd, London, England

Table prayer

Minister Together we come to worship,
individuals gathered as one in the name of the Lord.
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 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost, restores the sinner,
and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name,
for ever praising you and singing:

All/choir **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/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 Uniting our prayers
with the whole company of heaven,
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, 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!

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.

Hymn

1 How good it is, what pleasure comes,
when people live as one.
When peace and justice light the way
the will of God is done.

2 True friendship then like fragrant oil
surrounds us with delight;
and blessings shine like morning dew
upon the mountain height.

3 How good it is when walls of fear
come tumbling to the ground.
When arms are changed to farming tools
the fruits of life abound.

4 What quiet joy can bloom and grow
when people work for peace,
when hands and voices join as one
that hate and war may cease.

Ruth Duck (b. 1947) based on Psalm 133
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Motet john Rutter: A Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

Prayer after Communion

Minister God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom

and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.

Notices

Hymn

1 Who would true valour see, let him come hither;
one here will constant be, come wind, come weather;
there's no discouragement shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

2 Whoso beset him round with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound, his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright: he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have the right to be a pilgrim.

3 Hobgoblin nor foul fiend can daunt his spirit;
he knows he at the end shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, fly away; he'll not fear what men say;
he'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan (1628–1688)

Blessing

Minister God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants life everlasting;
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 Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty,
All **for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

Deacon Yours, Lord, is the kingdom,
All **and you are exalted as head over all. Amen.**

The National Anthem

All **God save our gracious King!**
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

The people and ministers depart.

Organ voluntary J S Bach: Prelude and Fugue in E minor BWV 555

Benefice Prayer to use during the vacancy

Faithful God, as we enter this time of vacancy, we place our churches of All Hallows and All Saints into your loving hands.

We give thanks for all that has gone before, for faithful ministry, friendships and service, and for the many ways your love has been shared.

As we journey through this time of change, grant us patience in waiting, wisdom in discerning and courage to embrace new possibilities.

Keep us united in faith and purpose, rooted in your love, welcoming to all, and growing together as your people.

Bless those who will guide and support us, strengthen all who serve, and help us to continue sharing your love with the communities around us.

Prepare our hearts for the person you will call to minister among us and prepare their heart for us.

Above all, remind us that you are always with us, that your Church is in your hands, and that your light continues to shine.

All this we ask in your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, Richard McInnes, Marion, Shirley Crowhurst, Margaret Townson.

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*:* Herbert Leslie Hairsine, Christopher Frederick Tredgett, Eleanor Ann Thomas, Geoffrey Bertram Woodbridge, Nora Raymond, Peggy Scott, Graham Thompson, Rose Lawrence, Ivy Mitchell, Graham McInnes, Haydn Smart, Walter Hammond, Harold Patrick, Oscar Pettifer, Edna Wooding, Alice Attewell, Lily Clipstone, William Poole, Robert Andrew, Walter MacNought, Beryl Sudborough, David Fletton, Peter Marshall, Barry Quantrill, Arthur Ambrose.

Notices

Choral Evensong for Remembrance today 18:00, All Hallows.

Bible study Monday 9 November 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel.

Tea @2 Tuesday 10 Nov 14:00, St Andrew's Hall.

Coffee morning Saturday 14 November 10:00, All Saints. This month in aid of our Scout Group, 4th Wellingborough. Please support them.

Queen Tribute Band concert Saturday 14 November 19:30, All Hallows. Tickets from Tony (07867 554476).

Informal Celtic Eucharist Saturday 21 November 9:30, All Saints.

Confirmation Service with Communion Sunday 22 November 10:00, All Saints, with Bishop Alex, the new Bishop of Brixworth.

- Please pray for all our confirmation candidates.
  Help needed – we are serving refreshments afterwards. If you could bring a cake along that would be appreciated.
  We have ***no other services*** that day.

Toy Service Advent Sunday 29 November 10:00, All Hallows. You are invited to bring a new unwrapped gift suitable for 0-18yr. These will be distributed by the Salvation Army. No other services that day.

Christmas wreath workshop Tuesday 1 Dec 19:00, All Saints. Limited numbers, tickets £30 per person, from Mel or Ellie.

Children's Society box holders, please bring your boxes either to church or to the ***coffee morning*** in aid of the Children's Society on 12 December, to which all are welcome and gifts of cakes for sale and new items for a tombola would be much appreciated.

Diary

Mon 9 Nov

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	4th Cubs
18:15-19:30	All Hallows' Hall	Brownies & Rainbows
19:30-20:30	All Saints	Bible study
19:30-21:00	All Hallows' Hall	4th Scouts

Tues 10 Nov Leo the Great

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

Wed 11 Nov Martin of Tours

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Praye
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 12 Nov

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

Fri 13 Nov Charles Simeon

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	Coffee shop
18:30-19:45	All Hallows	Junior choir practice
19:30-20:45	All Hallows	Adult choir practice

Sat 14 Nov

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
9:30-10:30	Dale End	4th Squirrels
10:00-12:00	All Saints	Coffee Morning
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	Open to the public
10:30-11:30	All Saints, Lady Chapel	Confirmation class
19:30-21:30	All Hallows	Concert: Queen Tribute Band

Sun 15 Nov 2nd Sunday before Advent

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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