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The Parish Church of All Saints St Ives

25 January 2015 The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

SERVICES TODAY

10.15	Sung Parish Eucharist	The Vicar
16.30	Ecumenical Service at Th	e Free Church



Services and events for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00

26 Mon	09.30	Said Eucharist					
	19.30	Bell-ringing Practice					
27 Tues	09.30	Healing Eucharist					
	14.30	'Be Still' Meditation Group Meets in Church					
29 Thurs	09.30	Eucharist					
	11:30	Funeral of Ellen Wheeler in Church					
	19.30	Choir Practice					
30 Fri	09.30	Reconciliation Eucharist					
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NEXT SUNDAY 1 February: Feast of the Presentation of Christ							

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10.15	Parish Eucharist	The Vicar
12:00	Soup lunch	

Wordsearch for the under 15's or to do at home if you are older!

Welcome to All Saints today

If you are new or just visiting, please do stay in Church after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Throughout this booklet, where indications for posture are given please treat them as being for guidance only. Should it suit you better to adopt an alternative posture, please feel free to do so.

Large Print Copies are available, as are Gluten Free Wafers. Please ask a steward.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: David Yeandle, Mick Bacon, William Carlson, Cheryl Cook, Ethel Cooper, Michael Dunlop, Sophie Phillips, Jean Read, Ben Wilson, Mary Leggett, Cyril Whitfield, Chris Stephens, Bryan Cooksey, Audrey, Philip, Jane, Goretti, Muriel, Christopher, Vera, Fr Jeff Vaughan.

THE DEPARTED: Janice Fernandez, Ellen Wheeler, Simon Allard, Leonard Evans, Eric Baddeley, Colin Flack

YEAR'S MIND: Beryl Monk(28th), Thelma Merriman(30th)

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ANNAIS CHRISTIANITY DAMASCUS GALILEE GOD HEBREW JERUSLALEM JESUS PARABLES PAUL PENTECOST PERSECUTING SAUL TEACHING

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FO THE WEEK

Be deeply suspicious of those who claim they want to return to 'the good old days'. They almost certainly want to go back to a time that exists nowhere outside their heads.

The imagery of the Bible is a story of increasing complexity. It begins in a garden and ends in a city. It begins with two individuals, and ends with an innumerable crowd of people. And along the way, it celebrates both the high and low points of human existence.

Perhaps nowhere is the power of God more evident in the powerful transformation of Saul into Paul, We are not all fortunate to have a Damascus road experience, you may even think 'thankfully'! But like Saul we are also on a journey and are all capable of being changed or transformed.

For most of us this process will start from within, trying to do the right thing in some small way, day by day. Eventually we may find that is are no longer a conscious push but that God is leading and encouraging us into a brighter new future. We look back and see how far we have come on the journey and often can be amazed. Where we really so narrow, minded, bigoted, selfish, obsessive? And the answer hits us that it might have been so but we are no longer the same person.

Being made a new creation in Christ is an option for all us and we should be grateful that the ways of the past do not condemn our future but in Christ we have constant love and forgiveness in abundance. Furthermore, the opportunity for a marvellous new beginning. Let us commit anew to all that pleases Christ and have the conviction and courage to spread the Good News

How aware are we of the generosity that God pours out on us day by day? And do we by our actions demonstrate that gratitude? Do we actively listen for Christ and are we prepared for Him to tell us where to go!

The Gathering

¶ Please stand when the bell is rung to sing The Processional Hymn

A heavenly splendour from on high, A light too great for mortal eye, Deprives the hunter of his prey And turns his threatening wrath away.

In darkened eyes, an inward light Begins to shine upon his sight, As in his heart he hears the call To follow, and surrender all.

The Christ, for sinners crucified, Whose risen power he had denied, Now claims this servant for his own, And bids him make the gospel known.

The nations listen to his voice, And in the peace of Christ rejoice; The Church on earth his praises sing, Who led the Gentiles to their King.

Blest Paul, the convert of the Lord, May heaven's light to us afford A blindness to the lures of sin, That we with thee a crown may win.

To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, From saints on earth and saints in heaven Let everlasting praise be given. Amen.

Words: George Bourne Timms (1910—1997) Tune

¶ Remain standing for The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

¶ Remain standing for The Penitential Rite

We were once dead through the trespasses and sins in which we lived, but now we are alive together with Christ. Through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father, to whom we humbly confess our sins.

Open our eyes to your presence in our midst. Lord, have mercy.



Turn our hearts from selfish ends. Christ have mercy.



Draw us into your company on the way. Lord, have mercy



NOTICES

Shaping our Future,

Feedback and comments may be made to Fr Mark or The Diocesan Secretary. Mr Paul Evans, Bishop Woodford House, Barton Road, Ely. Cambs, CB7 4DX paul.evans@ely.anglican.org

Funeral Janice Fernandez

For all long standing members of the congregation that knew Janice, her Funeral will take place at Cambridge Crematorium on January 29th at 9:45

Social Event Sunday February 1st

We will be serving Soup and a Roll immediately after the service on Sunday February 1st.. All proceeds to Church Funds.

Mothers Union

The Next Mothers Union Meeting will be held in Church on Friday February 6th at 2:30pm This is so that we can benefit from the heating provided for the Food bank. The Leader for this meeting will be Mrs Ena Rose. The Speaker will be Mrs Barbara Richmond on Hatching Matching and Dispatching—The work of a Registrar.

Baby News Members of the congregation who remember Father Ivan and Bobbie will be pleased to know that their daughter Rebecca has recently given birth to a daughter.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself? With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice? With the help of God, I will.

¶ Remain standing for The Blessing

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Please bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May Christ who called Paul to his service, and to preach the good news to the world, strengthen you to witness to his grace and love. And the blessing of God Almighty the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you evermore. **Amen.**

¶ Remain standing for The Dismissal

Then go in peace to love and serve the Lord, In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Grand Jeu

Pierre du Mage (c.1676—1751)

The Priest says

May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

\P Remain standing for The Gloria

Setting: Mass of S Thomas: David Thorne

If you are new or this setting is unfamiliar you please join in with the response only



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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest. Amen, amen, amen.

Let us pray

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

¶ Please sit for The First Reading (Jeremiah 1: 4–10)

At the end the reader says This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

¶ Remain seated for the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 67)

Response and Chant: Martin Everett



O God, be gracious and bless us, and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth, and all nations learn your saving help. *(Response)*

Let the nations be glad and exult, for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. *(Response)*

The Dismissal

¶ Remain standing for **The Notices**

¶ Remain standing for The Final Hymn

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest, Your holy name, O Jesus, for evermore be blessed. You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown And ever shine in splendour reflected from your throne.

We praise you Lord, for Peter, so eager and so bold: Thrice falling, yet repentant, thrice charged to feed your fold. Lord, make your pastors faithful to guard your flock from harm And hold them when they waiver with your almighty arm.

Praise for the light from heaven and for the voice of awe:Praise for the glorious vision the persecutor saw.O Lord, for Paul's conversion we bless your Name today.Come shine within our darkness and guide us in the Way

Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son And sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One, Till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne, Ascribe all pow'r and glory and praise to God alone. Amen.

Words: Jerry D. Godwin (b.1944), based on *From all thy saints in warfare* by Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823—1913) Tune *Thornbury*: Basil Harwood (1859—1949)

Affirmation of Commitment and Dismissal

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers? With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? With the help of God, I will. Foremost of Gamaliel's pupils, Pharisee of Christian fame, Great Apostle of the gentiles, We as gentiles bless thy name.

Loyal Jew, yet born a Roman, Citizen, yet slave of Christ, Wealth, position, kindred, freedom, To thy Lord were sacrificed.

Still today we need thy teaching, Stern yet loving, hard yet true: Only those who share his Passion Can their lives in Christ renew.

Paul the fiery, Paul the saintly,Worship with us at thy feast;May our love to Christ be strengthened,And our faith through thee increased;

Till, when faith no more is needed,There where faith and sight are one,We in heaven shall praise the FatherIn the Spirit through the Son. Amen.

Words: Amy Sayle (written in 1950) Tune *Marching*: Martin Shaw (1875—1958)

¶ Please stand for The Prayer after Communion

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words Let us pray

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** The earth has yielded its fruit, for God, our God has blessed us. May God still give us his blessing, till the ends of the earth revere him. *(Response)*

¶ Remain seated for The Second Reading (Acts 9: 1–22)

At the end the reader says This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

> ¶ Please stand and turn towards the Gospel reader for The Gospel Acclamation



¶ Remain standing for The Gospel Reading (Matthew 19: 27–30)

The Lord be with you and also with you. Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel the reader says This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

¶ Please sit for The Sermon

The Vicar

¶ Please stand for The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ? I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

¶ Please sit or kneel for The Intercessory Prayers

The Priest introduces the prayers:

*To the bidding '*Lord, have mercy.' *Please respond by saying '***Christ, have mercy.'**

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer after which he says a concluding prayer to which the people respond **Amen.**

¶ Remain standing for **The Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

¶ Remain standing for **The Invitation to Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

¶ Please sit or kneel for The Lamb of God

While the Altar Party receives the Sacrament, the choir leads the singing of the 'Agnus Dei' (Lamb of God). Please join in singing:

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.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Please come forward when directed by a steward. Anyone who has been baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and wishes to receive the love of the Lord Jesus in their life, is welcome to come forward to receive Communion at this service. Alternatively you may wish to come for a blessing: if this is your preference please keep your hands down and your head bowed to indicate this.

¶ Please join in singing the **Communion Hymn**

Paul the preacher, Paul the poet, Fearless fighter for the truth, Mystic, pioneer, and prophet, Builder of the Church's youth; Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Apostles Peter and Paul and with all the apostles and saints, together may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

¶ Remain standing for The Lord's Prayer

Please feel free to use either the words printed below or a more familiar form if this is something you are more comfortable with. The important thing is not what you say but that you understand and mean what you say.

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to pray:

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.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

¶ Please stand for The Peace

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

¶ Remain standing to sing The Offertory Hymn

during which a collection is taken for the mission and upkeep of the Church. The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

> Lord of glory, in our darkness Shine upon us with your light As, when walking to Damascus, Saul beheld the vision bright: Filled with fear he learned your gospel, Then proclaimed it with delight.

He who served you in the Spirit, Preached to Roman, Greek and Jew, And with burning love and passion Lived a message that was true; Paul, apostle to the nations, Held the whole wide world in view.

Now rejoicing at his memory, In this consecrated place; We recall the truths he taught us And the hope of saving grace. So, we worship you, Lord Jesus, Reigning King of time and space.

¶ Remain standing for The Prayer Over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands For the praise and glory of his name For our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Almighty Father,

as we celebrate this holy sacrament of our redemption may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith; by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ Remain standing throughout The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For on this day he called to his service the blasphemer and persecutor of your Church. Saul, who had resisted your grace, became Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. Because he was faithful and true in his ministry, you made him an example of patient service, to instruct in the way of eternal life all those who heard his preaching and believed your word. Now, therefore, he who became your chosen instrument for the salvation of the nations has made us also eager to proclaim your mercy, and sing in union with all the powers of heaven the joyful hymn of your praise:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith:



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.