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Requests for Baptisms and Marriages, including Banns

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Churchwardens

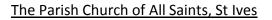
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John the Evangelist

Services for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00

NEXT SUNDAY 3 January The Feast of the Epiphany

10.15 Parish Eucharist The Vicar Followed by refreshments provided by The Mother's Union

Welcome to All Saints today

If you are new or just visiting, please note that wherever indications for posture are given in this booklet, they are 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 speak to a steward.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK:

Ella Nairn, Mick Bacon, Cheryl Cook, Anna Mogford, Ethel Cooper, Gary James, Sophie Phillips, Cyril Whitfield, Elaine Bunnett, Anne Spencer, Audrey, Philip, Muriel, Christopher, Paul, and Fr Jeff Vaughan

THE DEPARTED:

Gerald Hazell, Pamela Norman.

YEAR'S MIND:

Andrew Bates (28th), Dennis Ellacott (31st),

¶ The Gathering

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

Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled: Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem: Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born King.

NOTICES

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed until Monday 4 January.

Mothers Union

Instead of a meeting in January, The Mothers' Union at All Saints will be celebrating the induction of Chris Holt as Branch Leader by serving drinks and finger food to the congregation after the Epiphany Service on Sunday morning, 3 January 2016. The meeting on 4 February will be in Church at 2.30 p.m. Our speakers will be Revd and Mrs Charles Dixon 'Two Weddings and an afternoon in prison'

¶ Remain standing for The Blessing

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Grace from the eternal Father be with you; grace from the Word made flesh be with you; grace from the Spirit of truth be with you; And the blessing of God almighty, t the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

¶ Remain standing for The Recessional Carol

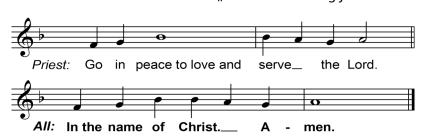
Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born; And God sent out salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Words: African-American, compiled by John Wesley Work, Jr. (c.1872—1925) Tune: African-American Spiritual



Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come Offspring of a Virgin's womb! Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel:

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!Light and life to all he brings,Risen with healing in his wings;Mild he lays his glory by,Born that man no more may die,Born to raise the sons of earth,Born to give them second birth:

Words: Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788), adapted by George Whitefield (1753), Martin Madan (1760) and the editors of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861)
Tune *Mendelssohn*: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809 - 1847), adapted by William Hayman Cummings (1831 - 1915)

¶ Remain standing for The Invocation

⁺ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit **Amen.**

¶ Remain standing for the Greeting

The Lord be with you and also with you.

¶ Remain standing for The Penitential Rite

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

¶ Remain standing for The Dismissal

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Lord, have mercy:



Lord Jesus, you came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved. Christ, have mercy:



Lord Jesus, you are the Saviour of the world. Lord, have mercy.



May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, **†** and cleanse you from all your sins that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ Remain standing for The Gloria

Tune God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen: from Bramley and Stainer's Christmas Carols New and Old (1871)

All Glory be to God on high, his peace on earth proclaim; To all his people tell abroad the wonders he has done, The grace and glory of the Lord, we bless his holy name: *We sing glory to God on high, God on high, We sing glory to God on high.*

In songs of thankfulness and praise our hearts their homage bring, To worship him who reigns above, the Father, Lord of love. This is our God and heavenly King, whose name we praise today: Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, And darkness glow with new-born light, No more shall night extinguish day, Where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee Eternal praised and glory be, Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

Words Veni, Redemptor gentium: St Ambrose of Milan (340—397), translated by John Mason Neale (1818—1866) and others Tune *Puer nobis nascitur*: melody Anon., probably 15th century, adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571—1621), harmonised by George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848—1934)

¶ Please stand for The Post Communion Prayer

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

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the Word made flesh proclaimed by your apostle John may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries, ever abide and live within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ The Dismissal

¶ Remain standing for **The Acclamation**

This is the message we have heard, the message we proclaim: that God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

¶ 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).

The Distribution of the Sacrament

After the bell is rung please come forward in turn as directed by the 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: please keep your hands down and your head bowed as an indication that this is your preference.

¶ Please join in singing The Communion Hymn

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest thy virgin-birth: Let every age adoring fall, Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will, But of the Spirit, thou art still The Word of God, in flesh arrayed, The Saviour, now to man displayed.

O equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now, The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate. O Christ the Father's only Son, O Lamb enthroned on high, O Jesus who for sinners died and reigns at God's right side, In your great mercy hear our cry, as we call out to you:

Most high and holy is the Lord, most high his heavenly throne. Where God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit reigns. For ever one in glory now, you rule o'er heav'n and earth.

¶ Remain standing for **The Collect**

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

Merciful Lord,

cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate 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 (Exodus 33: 7–11a)

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

¶ Remain seated for the Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 117)

and join in singing the response

Response and Chant: MHE



O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him, all you peoples! (*Response*)

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. (*Response*)

¶ Remain seated for The Second Reading (1 John 1)

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

¶ Please stand for The Gospel Acclamation

and turn towards the Gospel reader



Cantor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory. (*John 1: 14*)All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (as above)

¶ Remain standing for **The Gospel Reading** (John 21: 19b–25)

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with The Blessed Virgin Mary, your beloved disciple John 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. **Amen.**

¶ Remain standing for The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

¶ Remain standing for The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated 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. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Tune Ding dong! Merrily on high: Thoinet Arbeau (1520-1595)

Holy, holy, Lord, the God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full, are full of your glory. *Gloria, Hosanna in the highest.* Blest is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord of heav'n, the God of life and love.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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. Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

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

¶ Please sit for The Sermon

The Revd Mark Amey, Vicar

¶ Please stand for The Nicene Creed

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.

It is customary to bow for the next two lines

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. ¶ Please sit or kneel for The Intercessory Prayers

To the bidding Lord, in your mercy *please respond by saying* **hear our prayer.**

and at the end of the prayers: Incarnate Lord, accept these our prayers for the sake of your most holy name. Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

¶ Please stand for The Peace

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.' *John 14.27* 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

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.

For John, your loved disciple, exiled to Patmos' shore, And for his faithful record, we praise you evermore; Praise for the mystic vision his words to us unfold. Instil in us his longing, your glory to behold.

Apostles, prophets, martyrs and all the noble throng Who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song: For them and those whose witness is only known to you, By walking in their footsteps we give you praise anew. 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.

Words: Jerry D. Godwin (b.1944), based on *From all thy Saints in warfare* by Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823—1913)
Tune *King's Lynn*: Traditional English melody, arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872—1958)

¶ Remain standing for The Prayer over the Gifts

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches. Amen.

¶ Remain standing throughout The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

for he is the Word before all creation, the Life made manifest, the Light who shines in the darkness. He is the living Bread who has come down from heaven, the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He stands among us in his risen power, and shows us his hands and his side. With joy we worship him as our Lord and our God.