

The Parish Church of All Saints St Ives

Welcome to All Saints today

30 November 2025: Advent Sunday

SERVICES TODAY

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist



Services and events for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.05

1 Mon	19.30	Bell Ringing Practice
2 Tues	10.00	Community Café
4 Thurs	11.00	Mothers' Union Meeting
	19.30	Choir Practice
5 Fri	10.00	Community Café
	21.00	Compline Zoom (818 0346 5483)

NEXT SUNDAY 7 December:

The Second Sunday of Advent

10.15 Parish Eucharist

12.30 Holy Baptism (Alexander LING)

Please take this booklet with you when you leave

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 and gluten-free wafers are available.
Please ask a steward if you need either of these.*

Introduction to the Season

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church waits for the coming (adventus) of Christ, both in his incarnation and as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies therefore look forward not only to Christ's birth, but also to his final Coming, and challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement: 'Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty.' (Charles Wesley)

The characteristic note of Advent is expectation rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under relentless commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness. Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century and is now a common practice.

The Advent Wreath has four candles (three purple and one rose pink) in a ring around a white candle. The first purple candle is lit on Advent Sunday, with the others being lit on successive weeks; the pink candle is lit on the Third Sunday ('Gaudete') which signifies the rejoicing that we are at the midpoint of the season and the focus shifts from the ancient message of the prophets to the forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist. The white candle is lit on Christmas Day Itself. The new candle each week is lit during the Prayers of Penitence.

There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle. The scheme that accords best with the Common Worship Lectionary as used in the Church of England is:

- Advent 1: The Patriarchs*
- Advent 2: The Prophets*
- Advent 3: St John the Baptist*
- Advent 4: The Blessed Virgin Mary*

Each of the four Sundays thus reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. 'The Patriarchs' can naturally focus on Abraham, our father in faith, and David, Jesus's ancestor, in whose city he was born. 'The Prophets' gives an opportunity to reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was 'foretold'. John, who proclaimed the Saviour, and Mary, who bore him in her womb, complete the picture.

¶ *Stand when the bell is rung for the* **Processional Hymn**

From cosmic dust our universe expanding
Revealed your glory, Lord, in all you made.
From primal myths, our growth in understanding
Gave rise to faith, and worship unafraid.
Then came your Christ, all history fulfilling:
God of past ages, praise to you be paid.

In human care, in new collaboration,
To bring to fruit a world of love and peace;
In working for the full eradication
Of greed that spoils, so sharing may increase,
Your Spirit leads, our constant inspiration:
God of this moment, praise will never cease.

To the unknown, in this world and in heaven,
We look with faith, for all is in your care;
To where you call, that we may be the leaven
By which the kingdom grows that all may share;
Lead us, our Father, where you want and need us:
God of tomorrow, praise will fill our prayer.

Words: Andrew Body

Tune Finlandia: Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Invocation and Greeting**

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

Amen.

I welcome you with the greeting of St Paul: grace and peace to you
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Introduction**

During this Advent we are confronted again with the question so vital for us as Christians. What place are you giving Christ in your life? Do you feel close to him? Can we feel that he is near to us, and do we try to recognise him in the many forms he is present among us: in our neighbour, in nature, in the events of life, even in our troubles and his own silence? We have become vigilant to his presence, not only in our little world, but in the Church and wider society in the world. Today we pray in the eucharist: come, Lord, come: be visible and present among us.

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children.

The First candle is lit.

Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Penitential Rite**

Do we look for the lord? And when we find him, do we point him out to others? Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

We pause for a moment to reflect on our own shortcomings.

Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.



Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.



Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.



Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon
you, † pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Collect**

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and
to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in
which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the
last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the
living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him
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*

¶ Sit for the **First Reading** (Isaiah 2: 1–5)

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¶ Remain seated for the **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 122)

and join in singing the response

Response and Chant: MHE



I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing

within your courts, O Jerusalem. (*Response*)

Jerusalem is built as a city

strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord. (*Response*)

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. (*Response*)

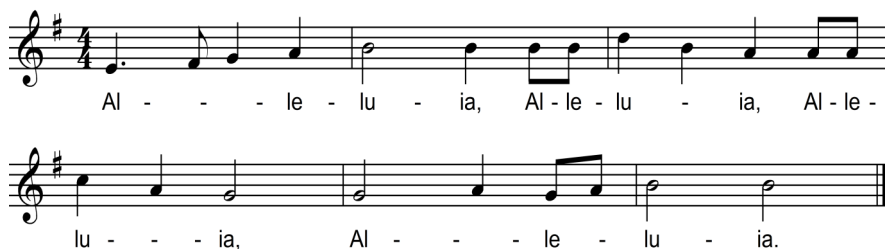
¶ Remain seated for the **Second Reading** (Romans 13: 11–14)

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

¶ *Stand for the* **Gospel Acclamation**
and turn towards the Gospel reader



Cantor: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

All: **Alleluia** (*as above*)

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Gospel** (Matthew 24: 36–44)

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 end of the Gospel the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ *Sit for the* **Sermon**

The Revd Andrew Body

¶ *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.**

Please bow for the next three 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.**

¶ Kneel or sit for the Prayers of Intercession

The priest introduces the prayers.

To the bidding Let us pray to the Lord please respond by singing:



After the prayer for the faithful departed the intercessor says:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.

Silence is kept and the priest says a concluding prayer.

¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

¶ Stand for the **Peace**

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall
break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the
shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

¶ Remain standing for the **Offertory Hymn**

*A collection is taken for the mission and upkeep of the Church.
The Altar is prepared and gifts of bread and wine are placed on it.*

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning
Of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watch fires
Of a hundred circling camps;

They have builded him an altar
In the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence
By the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

***Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.***

He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men
Before His judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him!
Be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom
That transfigures you and me:
As he died to make men holy,
Let us live to make men free;
While God is marching on.

Words: Julia Ward Howe (1819–1910)

Tune *Battle Hymn*: attributed to William Steffe (1830–1890)

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Prayer over the Gifts**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

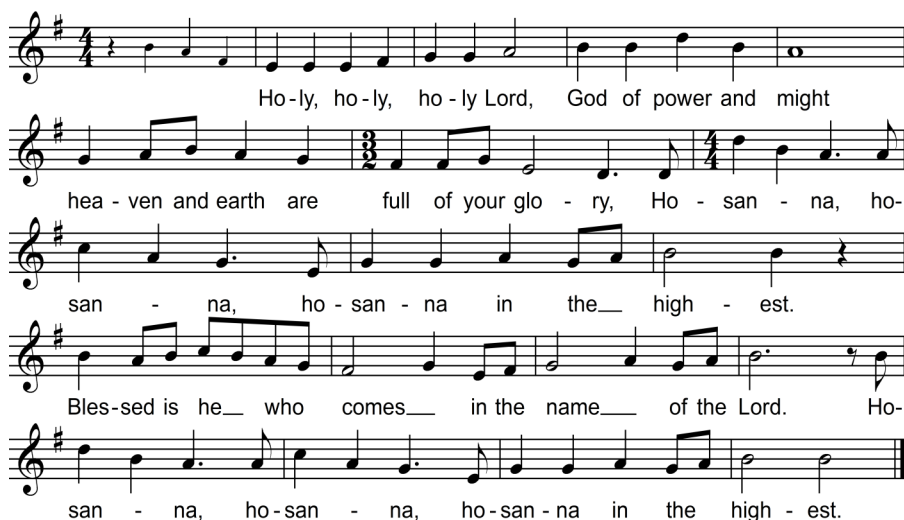
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

¶ *Remain standing throughout the* **Eucharistic Prayer (A)**



It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, for ever praising you and singing:



Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. (*as above*)

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

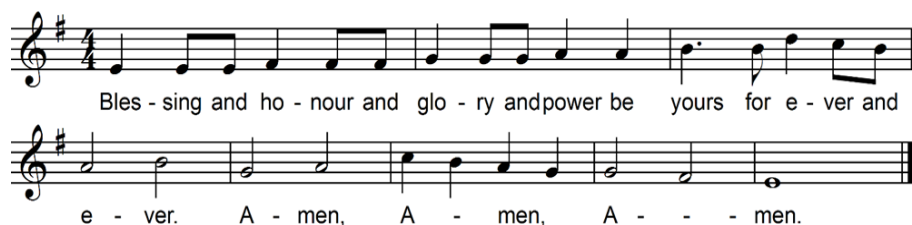
Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus.



Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven we worship you Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:



¶ *Remain standing for the* **Lord's Prayer**

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

**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**

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.**

¶ Kneel or sit for the **Lamb of God**

Lamb of__ God, you take a-way the sin__ of the
world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of__
God, you take a-way the sin__ of the world, have mer - cy on
us.____ Lamb of__ God, you take a-way the
sin__ of the world, grant us__ peace,__ grant us__
peace,__ grant____ us peace._____

Distribution of the Sacrament

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 receive communion at this service. The Chalice is there for those who wish to receive it.

There is no compulsion about this. If you are worried about receiving the Chalice, please remember that making your Communion in one kind is entirely valid.

We ask you not to dip the wafer into the chalice.

Alternatively you may wish to come for a blessing: please keep your hands down and your head bowed to indicate that this is your preference.

¶ *Remain kneeling or seated for the* **Communion Hymn**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,
Reign in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Tune *Cross of Jesus*: Sir John Stainer (1840–1901)

¶ *Stand for the* **Prayer after Communion**

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ *The Dismissal*

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Final Hymn**

Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace,
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy belovèd name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702–1751)

Tune *Bristol*: melody and bass from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes* (1621)

by Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1588–1635)

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Acclamation**

With love and compassion **come, Lord Jesus.**

With judgement and mercy **come, Lord Jesus.**

In power and glory **come, Lord Jesus.**

In wisdom and truth **come, Lord Jesus.**

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Dismissal Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Solemn Blessing**

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

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

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Notices**

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Dismissal**

As we await our coming Saviour,

Cantor All



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. A-men.

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*
(Come now, Saviour of the heathen)

Samuel Scheidt (1587–1654)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK:

Sylvia Boyce, Simon Calverly, Christopher Jackson, Sally Jackson,
Peter Lavender, Harold Marie, Philip Parker, Mike Tassell, Karina
Woods, Brandon and Elizabeth

THE DEPARTED:

Peter Ball, Ian Midgley and Philip Compton

YEAR'S MIND:

Geoffrey Greenwood (3 December)

BIRTHDAY:

Izzie Rose (5 December)

NOTICES

A Big Thank You...

To everyone who was involved in organising and running last night's concert
by the Bedford Gallery Quire.

The Mothers' Union 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and Abuse

The 16 Days of Activism campaign against gender-based violence, to
highlight the fact that 1 in 3 women worldwide will experience domestic
abuse in their lifetime, runs from 25 November until 10 December. There is
a branch in the south aisle on which we will be hanging prayers for the
victims and you are very welcome to write and add a prayer on the leaves
provided.

Christmas Concert at the Free Church

The Harmonia Singers, conducted by Kirsty Body, will be performing at the Free Church on Sunday 7 December at 7.00 p.m. Tickets on the door at £10 each (£5 for under 18s) in aid of WaterAid.

Church Decorating for the Service of Lessons & Carols

This will take place on the morning of Saturday 13 December, in time for the Lessons and Carols the following day.

Christmas Day Lunch

St Ives Office of Huntingdon Volunteer Centre with The Free Church are holding a Christmas Day Lunch for anyone in St Ives who would otherwise be on their own. Booking is essential. To book your place or make a donation please contact St Ives Volunteer Office on 01480 301462 between 12.30 and 15.00, Monday to Thursday. Numbers are limited for this so please book early. No Booking—No Lunch!

Clearance of Books

Fr Mark is downsizing his library before moving! There are some boxes of books near the North door: please help yourselves—there is no charge as such, but donations for the organ fund will be gratefully received!

Christmas Services: please share with family & friends!

Sunday 14 December:

15.30 Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve:

15.30 Nativity Service

23.30 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day:

10.00 Sung Family Eucharist with Carols

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