

The Parish Church of All Saints St Ives

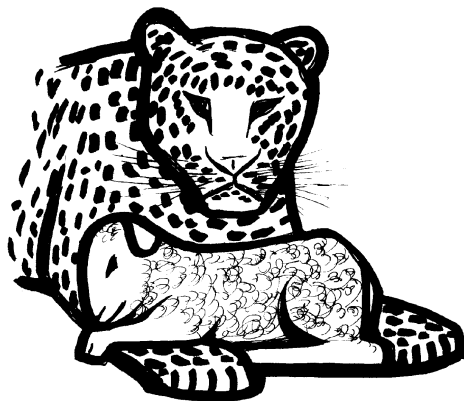
## **Welcome to All Saints today**

**7 December 2025: Second Sunday of Advent**

### **SERVICES TODAY**

**10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist**

**12.30 Holy Baptism (Alexander LING)**



### **Services and events for this Week**

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.05

8 Mon	09.30	Holy Communion
	19.30	Bell Ringing Practice
9 Tues	10.00	Community Café
11 Thurs	19.30	Choir Practice
12 Fri	10.00	Community Café
	21.00	Compline Zoom (818 0346 5483)
13 Sat	10.00	Church Decorating

### **NEXT SUNDAY 14 December:**

**The Third Sunday of Advent**

**10.15 Parish Eucharist**

**15.30 Lessons and Carols**

**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***

Hills of the north, rejoice;  
River and mountain-spring,  
Hark to the advent voice;  
Valley and lowland, sing;  
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;  
He judgment brings and victory.

Isles of the southern seas,  
Deep in your coral caves  
Pent be each warring breeze,  
Lulled be your restless waves:  
He comes to reign with boundless sway,  
And makes your wastes his great highway.

Lands of the East, awake,  
Soon shall your sons be free;  
The sleep of ages break,  
And rise to liberty.  
On your far hills, long cold and grey,  
Has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the utmost West,  
Ye that have waited long,  
Unvisited, unblessed,  
Break forth to swelling song;  
High raise the note, that Jesus died,  
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

Shout, while ye journey home;  
Songs be in every mouth;  
Lo, from the North we come,  
From East, and West, and South.  
City of God, the bond are free,  
We come to live and reign in thee!

Words: Charles Edward Oakley (1832–1865)

Tune *Little Cornard*: Martin Shaw (1875–1958)

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

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

The Lord be with you                      **and also with you.**  
Let us worship God together.        **Thanks be to God**

## **Prayers of Penitence at the Advent Wreath**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The second Advent candle is lit.*

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins:  
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.



Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God:  
teach us to forgive one another.



Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth:  
direct us in your way of righteousness.



Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, † forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, 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, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and Saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God; 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 11: 1–10)

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

¶ *Remain seated for the* **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 72)  
*and join in singing the Response*  
Response and Chant: MHE



In his days jus-tice shall flou-rish and peace till the moon\_\_ fails.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (*Response*)

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the great river to earth's bounds. (*Response*)

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (*Response*)

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. (*Response*)

¶ *Remain seated for the* **Second Reading** (Romans 15: 4–13)

*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*



Al - - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -



lu - - - ia, Al - - - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Gospel** (Matthew 3: 1–12)

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**

*Mrs Elaine Midgley (Reader)*

¶ *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**

God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts. 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.*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see;

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in your Church gathered today.***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us;

Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry,

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,

Many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

Making your kingdom come.

Words and music: Bernadette O'Farrell (b.1957)

¶ *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 (F)**

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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

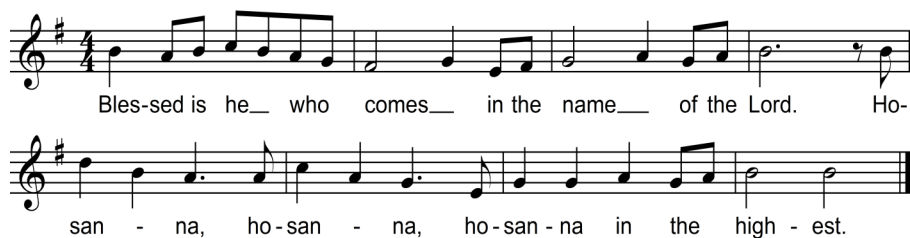
You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might

hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of  
sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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.

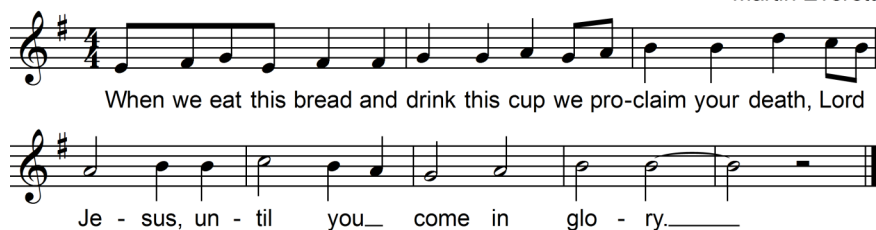
**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

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.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Christ is the bread of life

Martin Everett



Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

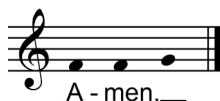
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles, the Martyrs and all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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.



¶ *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**

Hark! A herald voice is calling:

'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;

'Cast away the dreams of darkness,

O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,

Let the earth-bound soul arise;

Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,

Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,

Comes with pardon down from heaven;

Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,

One and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes in glory,

And earth's final hour draws near,

May he then as our defender

On the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit,  
While unending ages run. Amen.

Words *Vox clara ecce intonat*: Anon. (6th century),  
translated by Edward Caswall (1814–1878)  
Tune *Merton*: William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

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

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

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ¶ **The Dismissal**

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

With love and compassion,	<b>come, Lord Jesus.</b>
With judgement and mercy,	<b>come, Lord Jesus.</b>
In power and glory,	<b>come, Lord Jesus.</b>
In wisdom and truth,	<b>come, Lord Jesus.</b>

### ¶ 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* **Notices**

¶ *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* **Final Hymn**

Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling

The watchmen all the air are filling,

Arise, Jerusalem, arise!

Midnight strikes! no more delaying,

'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.

Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?

The Bridegroom comes in sight,

Raise high your torches bright!

Alleluia!



The wedding song  
Swells long and strong:  
Go forth and join the festal throng.

Sion hears the watchmen shouting,  
Her heart leaps with joy undoubting,  
She stands and waits with eager eyes;  
See her Friend from heaven descending,  
Adorned with truth and grace unending!  
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.  
Now come, thou precious Crown,  
Lord Jesus, God's own Son!  
Hosanna!  
Let us prepare  
To follow there,  
Where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices;  
From men and from angelic voices  
Be glory given to thee alone!  
Now the gates of pearl receive us,  
Thy presence never more shall leave us,  
We stand with angels round thy throne.  
Earth cannot give below  
The bliss thou dost bestow.  
Alleluia!  
Grant us to raise,  
To length of days,  
The triumph-chorus of thy praise.

Words *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*: Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608),  
translated by Francis Crawford Burkitt (1864–1935)

Tune *Wachet Auf*: melody by Philipp Nicolai,  
harmonised by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

¶ *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:

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645

J S Bach (1685–1750)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### THE SICK:

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

### YEAR'S MIND:

Jackie Fish, Eric Hebden (7th), Michael Roberts (8th)

## NOTICES

**The Mothers' Union 16 Days of Activism:** 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 this evening 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** 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!**

**Next 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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