

The Parish Church of All Saints, St Ives
Welcome to All Saints today



Christmas Day 2025

Services and events for this Week

NEXT SUNDAY, 28 December:
The First Sunday of Christmas

10.15 Parish Eucharist

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Victims of Violence;

Those who will be spending their first Christmas alone;

Those in prison and their families

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THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: James Garrard (priest)

YEAR'S MIND: Tara Gardiner (27th), Andrew Bates (28th)

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**May the peace of the Christ Child
be with you all this Christmas**

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

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.

'Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Shall come the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Words: Edmund Sears (1810–1876)

Tune Noel: Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842–1900)

¶ *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.

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

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, King of peace: to you be praise and glory for ever. The new light of your incarnate Word gives gladness in our sorrow, and a presence in our isolation. Fill our lives with your light, until they overflow with gladness and praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

The final candle in the Advent Wreath is lit

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.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father.

Lord, have mercy.

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 in excelsis**

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:

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:

Words: Ally Barrett (Assistant Vicar, Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge)

Tune *God rest you merry*: from Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old* (1875), harmonised by Sir John Stainer (1840–1901)

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

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

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

¶ *Sit for the* **Bible Readings**
(Isaiah 9: 2–7 & Titus 2: 11–14)

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

¶ *Stand for the* **Gradual 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.***

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 (1756),
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* **Gospel** (Luke 2: 8–20)

The Gospel reader says:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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* **Address**

The Vicar

¶ Stand for the **Profession of Faith**

(from the Athanasian Creed)

God, of the being of the Father, the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;
fully God and fully human; human in both mind and body.

As God he is equal to the Father, as human he is less than the Father.
**Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh, but by taking humanity into God;
**truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**The Word became flesh and lived among us; we have seen
his glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father, full of
grace and truth.**

¶ Kneel or sit for the **Prayers of Intercession**

*To the bidding Holy God,
please respond by saying* **hear our prayer.**

¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

¶ Stand for the **Peace**

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and his name shall be
called the Prince of Peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*During the following Carol a collection is taken to benefit local charities..
The Altar is prepared and gifts of bread and wine are placed on it.*

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Offertory Hymn**

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

***Come and worship
Christ the new-born King,
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.***

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant Light:

Come and worship...

Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star:

Come and worship...

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear:

Come and worship...

Though an infant now we view him,
He shall fill his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him;
Every knee shall then bow down:

Come and worship...

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854)

Tune *Iris*: Traditional French melody, arranged by Martin Shaw (1875–1958)

¶ *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. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

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 power and might,
heaven 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 heaven, the God of life and love.**

Gloria, Hosanna in the highest.

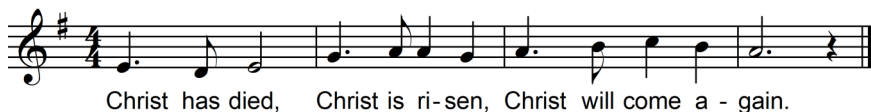
We praise and bless you, loving father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary 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 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**

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**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**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**

*While the Altar Party receives the Sacrament,
the choir leads the singing of the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God).
Please join in singing the response at the end of each verse:*

Choir: Jesus, Lamb of God, the Word made flesh;
Jesus, Son of God come down on earth:



Hear our prayer, have mer-cy, hear our prayer, have mer-cy, give us your peace.

Choir: Jesus, King of glory, Prince of peace;
Jesus, shining in our darkened world:

All: Hear our prayer, have mercy...

Choir: Jesus, King of angels, Lord of joy;
Jesus, born to save the world from sin:

All: Hear our prayer, have mercy...

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 will be offered for those who wish to receive in both kinds. 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 acceptable.

Intinction is the practice of dipping the bread wafers into the wine.

This has implications for those who are gluten intolerant because traces of gluten are more likely to enter the wine.

We therefore 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**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Words: Anon, (American, c.1885)

Tune: William J Kirkpatrick (1838–1921). arranged MHE

¶ Stand for the **Prayer after Communion**

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray.

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen.

¶ *The Dismissal*

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

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

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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**

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him...

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the Highest:
O come, let us adore him...

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him...

Words: Anon. (18th century), translated by Frederick Oakley (1802–1880)

Tune *Adeste Fideles*: Anon. (from *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782)

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

God sent his angels from glory to bring to shepherds
the good news of Jesus's birth.

Amen. We thank you, Lord.

You have heard his story, the story of God's own Son.

Amen. We thank you, Lord.

May he fill you with joy to bring this good news to others today.

Amen. We thank you, Lord.

Go in the peace of Christ

Thanks be to God

Organ Voluntary

Noël with Variations:

Où s'en vont ces gais bergers

(Where are these happy shepherds going?)

Nicolas-Antoine Lebègue (c.1631–1702)

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