

The Parish Church of All Saints St Ives

Welcome to All Saints' today

28 December 2025

The First Sunday of Christmas

SERVICES TODAY

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist



Services and events for this Week

Tuesday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.05

Tue 30	10.00	Community Café
Fri 2	10.00	Community Café
	12.00	Rosary Devotions
	21.00	Compline Zoom (818 0346 5483)

NEXT SUNDAY, 4 January 2026:

The Feast of the Epiphany (transferred)

10.15 Parish Eucharist

Please take this booklet with you when you leave

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK:

Sylvia Boyce, Simon Calverly, Dorothy Goodhew, Christopher Jackson, Sally Jackson, Peter Lavender, Harold Marie, Mike Tassell, Roger Vardy, Karina Woods, Brandon

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

James Garrard (priest)

YEAR'S MIND:

Tara Gardiner (27th) Andrew Bates (28th)

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¶ *Stand when the bell rings for the* **Opening Hymn**

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus who was wrapped up in silk.

***And Mary bore Jesus Christ, our Saviour for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood
It was the holly, holly, holly,
And the first tree in the greenwood
It was the holly.***

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,
and Mary bore Jesus who died on the cross..

Now the holly bears a berry as black as a coal,
and Mary bore Jesus who died for us all.

Now the holly bears a berry as blood it is red,
and Mary bore Jesus who rose from the dead.

Words: Anon. (from the Oxford Book of Carols, 1928)

Tune *The St Day (or Sans Day) Carol*: Cornish folk song,
arranged by 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.

¶ *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.

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



Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary.
Christ, have mercy.



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

We join with the angels, our voices we raise,
To give you the glory, and sing forth your praise.
We pray for the peace you alone can bestow,
To fall down like rain on your people below.

O Lord God almighty, and heavenly King,
Accept the thanksgivings and praises we bring,
For though you are mighty, the Lord God above,
For us you are also the Father we love.

Christ Jesus, Messiah, and God's only Son,
The Lamb who was slain, who now sits on heaven's throne.
Your death conquered evil and cancelled our sin,
In mercy, receive all the prayers that we bring.

All glory to God in the highest of heaven,
The Father, the Son and the Spirit be given.
To you and you only our praises we sing,
Our Lord God and Father, our heavenly King.

Words: Rev Ally Barrett (Assistant Vicar, Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge)
Tune *Away in a Manger*: William J. Kirkpatrick, harmonised by Martin Everett

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

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

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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* **Bible Readings**

Isaiah 63: 7–9 and Hebrews 2: 10–18

At the end of each the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¶ *Stand for the* **Gradual Hymn**

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds worship and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him praise,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Come have no fear, God's Son is here,
His love all loves exceeding:
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Saviour comes,
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
All tongues and peoples own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let every heart enthrone him:
Raise, raise you song on high
While Mary sings a lullaby,
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The babe the son of Mary.

Words: W Chatterton Dix (1837–1898) and the editors of English Praise (1975)

Tune Greensleeves: Traditional English melody,
arranged by Sir John Stainer (1840–1901)

¶ *Remain standing and turn to face the Gospel Reader*

Gospel (Matthew 2: 13–23)

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**

Richard Hough (Licensed Lay Reader)

¶ *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**

Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.

Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless.

Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Christ, for whom the angels sang, give the song of the kingdom to all who weep. Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed. Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern. Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you. Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary, you know us and love us.

You share our lives and hear our prayer. Glory to you for ever. Amen.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Peace**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer one other a sign of peace.

All may offer one another the customary sign of peace: a handclasp or handshake, which is an expression of peace, communion and love.

¶ 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.*

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

They lookèd up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night:
Nowell, Nowell...

And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wheresoever it went:
Nowell, Nowell...

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay:
Nowell, Nowell...

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Both gold and myrrh and frankincense:

Nowell, Nowell...

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind has bought

Nowell, Nowell...

Words: Anon. Cornish, as published in William Sandys's *Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern* (1833)

Tune *The First Nowell*: traditional English melody,
arranged by Sir John Stainer (1840–1901)

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

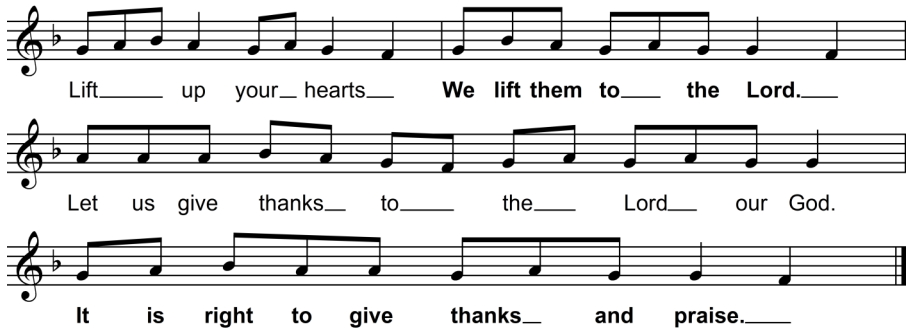
Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty father.

**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.**

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that,
through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint
Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your
peace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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





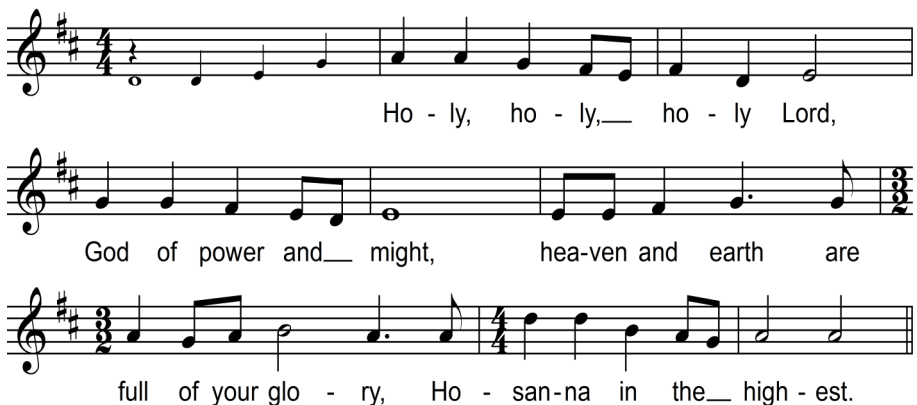
All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, everliving God.

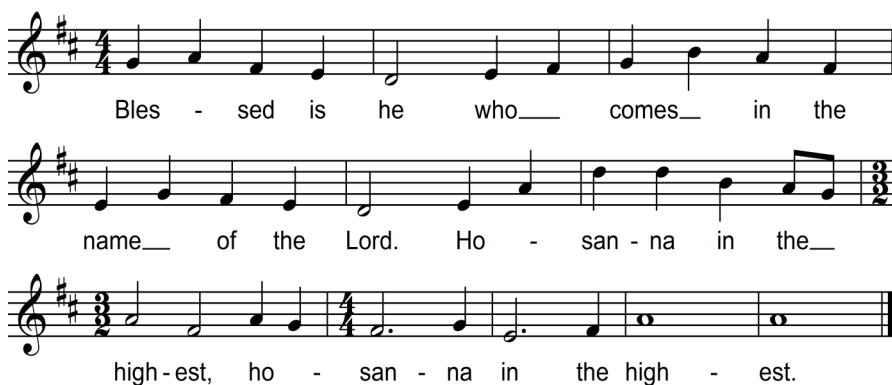
We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

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:





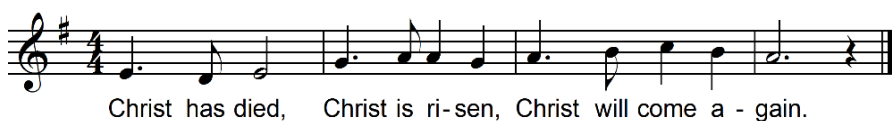
We praise and bless you, loving father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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.

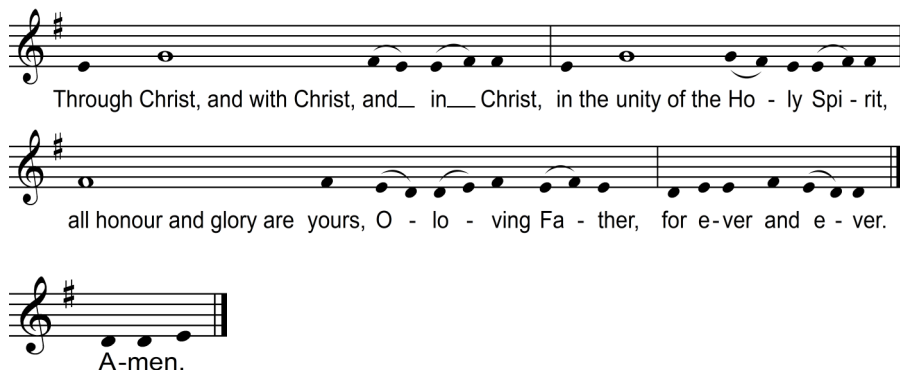
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

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.



¶ *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 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**

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**

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him. nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
A breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before.
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But only his mother in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him. poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)

Tune *Cranham*: Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

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

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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *The Dismissal*

Notices

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary,

revealed in his glory,

worshipped by angels,

proclaimed among the nations,

believed in throughout the world,

exalted to the highest heavens.

Blessed be God our strength and our salvation

now and for ever. 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 to sing the* **Final Hymn**

Unto us a boy is born!

King of all creation,

Came he to a world forlorn,

The Lord of every nation,

The Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That he all men surpasses,
That he all men surpasses.

Men only Herod then with fear was filled:
A prince,' he said, 'in Jewry!'
All the little boys he killed
At Bethlem in his fury,
At Bethlem in his fury.

Women & Children only

Now may Mary's son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us,
Unto the joys above us.

All Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Doth rend the air asunder,
Doth rend the air asunder.

Words: Latin text from the *Moosburg Gradual* (c.1355–1360),
translated by Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)
Tune *Puer Nobis Nascitur*: from *Piae Cantiones* (1582),
arranged by Martin Everett

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Noël *Joseph est bien marié*
(Joseph has married well)

Anon. [possibly by Nicolas Lebègue (c.1631–1702)]

*We wish you all happiness
for the rest of 2025
Please pray for
world peace in 2026
Thank you*

NOTICES

Distribution of the Langley Bread

Continuing a tradition from 1656, the Langley Bread will be distributed at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 January in the Corn Exchange. This tradition is open to all widows and widowers who are on the town's electoral register. For more information please see Callum or John.

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