



ALL SAINTS

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*The Church of England
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WELCOME

Sunday, 3rd December 2023

Advent Sunday

Some of our Parish Officers

Rector & Rural Dean of Northampton

The Reverend Oliver J Coss BSC MA FRSA SSC

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This Sunday at All Saints' Church...

HOLY COMMUNION at 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Oliver Coss, Rector

The Order for Holy Communion begins on Page 236 of the *Book of Common Prayer*

The Collect, Epistle & Gospel can be found on the middle pages of this pewsheet.

CHORAL EUCHARIST at 10.30 a.m.

Service from the Purple 'Choral Eucharist during Advent' booklet

Music of the Mass: Lowther in F – James Lowther (b.1991)

Organ Prelude: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645* – J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Hymns: From the *New English Hymnal*: 1, 15, 16, 3

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9; Mark 13.24-37

The Sermon: The Reverend Oliver Coss, Rector

The Anthem: *Awaken, Lord, and hasten* – J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Awaken, Lord, and hasten. The joy and blessings give;

The old man in us chasten, That our new man might live;

On earth to serve thee truly, and banish thoughts unruly, as Thou our sins forgive.

Organ Postlude: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661* – J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Today we pray for the Royal Foundation of St. Katharine at Ratcliffe and their Master, The Venerable Roger Preece.

We pray for the sick and those in need, and among them: Francesca, Jean, Kathleen, Aiden, Mary, Julie, Sally, Ivan, Greta, Rosemary, Johnny, Albert, Christopher, Christine, Matt, Kelechi, Bob, Elliot, Barbara, Jeff, Meg, Maria, Tom and Sue.

We pray for the recently departed Peter, Michael, Ruth, Asama'u, Heather, Peter, Annette, Richard, Alison and Audrey and for those whose year's mind falls at this time.

This Week at All Saints

MONDAY 4TH DEC **12:30PM** **Mass** (*Lady Chapel*)

St. John Damascene

Today we pray for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Freemen of Northampton. Cllr Stephen Hibbert (mayor); Cllr Paul Joyce (deputy mayor).

TUESDAY 5TH **10:30AM** **Mass** *at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre*

Today we pray for our Parish Priest, The Reverend Oliver Coss.

WEDNESDAY 6TH **12:30PM** **Holy Communion** (*Lady Chapel*)

St Nicholas, bishop

Ember Day

5.30PM **Choral Evensong**

Stanford in D

Rheinberger, *Salve Regina*

Archer +

Psalm 77

Today we pray for our Churchwardens Mrs Alison Mills & Dr Robin Sheppard. For Tom, Barbara, Kim, and John our Deputy Wardens. For the members of our Parochial Church Council.

THURSDAY 7TH **12:30PM** **Mass** (*Lady Chapel*)

St. Ambrose, bishop

1:10PM **Lunchtime Live** *with Richard Tanner*

5.30PM **Choral Evensong**

Gibbons in F

Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Plainsong +

Psalm 40

Today we pray for our congregations, on Sundays, during the week, and our civic congregation. For Katie Steel, our parish administrator.

FRIDAY 8TH **12:30PM** **Mass** (*Lady Chapel*)

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ember Day

Today we pray for our musicians and for Jem Lowther (Director of Music), Laurence Caldecote (Assistant Organist).

SATURDAY 9TH

Father Oliver's Rest Day

Ember Day

Today we pray for the Servants of the Sanctuary, who serve the altars at All Saints' Church.

SUNDAY 10TH DEC **8.00AM** **Holy Communion** (*BCP 1662*)

ADVENT II

9.15 AM **Morning Prayer** (*Chancel*)

10.30AM **Choral Eucharist** (*Nave*)

Matthias, *Missa Brevis*

Guest, *Zion at Thy Shining Gates*

Items for the Pewsheet must reach the Parish Office by Thursday.

Morning Prayer is celebrated each weekday at 9am in the Chancel.

Sign up to the e-newsletter here: http://eepurl.com/ds_68b and receive early news of forthcoming events, pictures of past events, and a summary of our parish activities

Readings and Prayers for Today

INTROIT

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be
put to shame. Nor let my enemies
exult over me; and let none who hope
in you be put to shame.

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace that we
may cast away the works of darkness
and put upon us the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life, in
which thy Son Jesus Christ came to
visit us in great humility; that in the
last day when he shall come again in
his glorious majesty to judge both the
quick and the dead, we may rise to the
life immortal; through him who liveth
and reigneth with thee and the Holy
Spirit, now and for ever.

First Reading

Isaiah 64.1-9

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Here endeth the epistle. *or* This is the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13.24-37

The Lord be with you
All And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

or

The holy gospel is written in the thirteenth chapter of the gospel according to St Mark, beginning at the twenty-fourth verse.

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

‘In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may

find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

INTRODUCTION TO 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, as we wait for the coming of thy Son our Lord, preserve us in watchfulness and faith, that when he shall appear he may not find us asleep in sin but active to serve him and joyful to praise him; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing ...



The Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
takes place on Sunday 17th December at 6.00pm

Sunday, 24th December 2023
ADVENT 4 - CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Communion at 8am
Choral Eucharist at 10.30am
Midnight Mass at 11.30pm

Monday, 25th December 2023
CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion at 8am
Choral Eucharist at 10.30am

PARISH NOTICES

Please keep handbags and personal belongings close to you, especially when receiving communion



The **new code** for the **toilets** in the Narthex is C01685. Please remember to turn the handle to the left.



It is possible to receive communion with an **ultra-low gluten host**. Please speak to a sidesperson.

Thank you to those performing sidesmen's duties today, and ensuring all receive a warm welcome at the door and during worship, and to those who took part in **Coffee & Clean**. The next is on Thursday 14th December at 10am.

Special **Carol Services** will be taking place with Quinton House School in church at 6pm on Monday 11th December, and with West Northamptonshire Council at One Angel Square at 2pm on 13th December. All welcome!

Lunchtime Live will return on Thursday 7th December 2023 at 13:10, with an organ recital given by Richard Tanner of Rugby School. He will be seasonally performing the spectacular *La Nativité du Seigneur* by Olivier Messiaen.

The **Parochial Church Council** meets next on Thursday 14th December at 7.30pm. **Deanery Synod** meets on Wednesday 7th February 2024.

New photographs of our **parish officers** have been added to the Narthex noticeboards, which we hope presents something of a pleasing update. We have also had some work down on our **Parish Website**, which has been updated, refreshed, and made compatible with most mobile devices. We would love to hear your feedback on the new site, and the content that you'd find it helpful to see there. As ever, our Social Media channels continue to advertise worship and events at All Saints.

Welcome to All Saints' Church. Today is **ADVENT SUNDAY**, the beginning of a season of fasting, penance, and preparation for Christmas. You can find, on the previous page of this sheet, a reminder of our Carol Service and Christmas service times. There's also a couple of copies of the flier tucked into this sheet – please ensure they find their way into the hands of people who don't already come to church.

Please speak to God and not to each other before worship begins. Please help us maintain an atmosphere of prayerful quiet as musicians rehearse & the church is made ready for worship.

After today's service, there will be **free coffee and biscuits** available to the congregation. This will be repeated each first Sunday of the month. Our thanks to the Bistro and our churchwardens for making this possible. We'll gather in the John Clare Lounge – where there'll also be some items for sale in aid of the Church Clock.

Our collections for **Castle Hill Church Foodbank** continue; thank you for your continuing generosity. They especially request children's cereals, long life milk, brown & white long grain rice and microwavable food (non-perishable). Thank you to Kim Zambo for transporting your donations.

Our Bishop Norman is retiring on 31st March 2024. Beforehand, he'll be making his last pastoral visit to All Saints' Church as we mark Candlemas on Sunday 4th February. This is a great opportunity for us to run a class for **Confirmation Candidates**. If you are interested in being baptised and/or confirmed on this occasion, please have a word with Fr Oliver. Classes will commence later this autumn, and are open to young and old, and those who simply wish to deepen their Christian discipleship.

Ways to give to All Saints' Church

We hope that your visit to All Saints' has been enriching, and that in response to God's generous provision you'll be able to help support the mission and ministry of this place. Here are some of the ways you can give:

Cash, coins & cheques Simply place your donation in one of the collection plates used during services, or in the wall safe in the Narthex by the main door.

If you're a UK tax-payer we can claim 25% of the value of your donation from His Majesty's Government in GiftAid. Simply place your donation in one of the yellow gift envelopes marked 'All Saints' Church'. Please ensure you fill in all the boxes on the envelope, otherwise it'll make it difficult to fully process your donation.

Chip & pin or Contactless You can donate to us using the Giving Station at the back of the Nave. Simply follow the steps on screen to select your amount, and use your contactless debit or credit card, or ApplePay or Google Pay compatible device to complete the transaction.

If you're a UK tax-payer you can tell us through the Giving Station, and we'll be able to claim a further 25% of the value of your donation.

Direct Giving by Standing Order We're grateful for all donations, but if you'd like to make a regular donation you can complete a standing order form so that each week, month or year, your donation can be automatically processed by your bank. Please speak to a sidesperson, who will provide you with the relevant form and GiftAid declaration.

Giving via your mobile device If you'd like to give using your phone or tablet, just scan this QR code to be taken to our PayPal Giving Fund page. Your GiftAid can also be automatically processed via PayPal. There's also a link to our Giving Fund available on the front page of our Parish Website.

