



## **Advent Sunday**

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**Sunday 30 November 2025, 11.00am**

President:

**The Revd Dr John Barker**

Preacher:

**The Revd Nicol Kinrade**

# WELCOME

**to all who are joining us today, whether in church or online.**

All Hallows is a member of Inclusive Church and we are delighted you have joined our worship today. Please ask one of our welcomers if you need any assistance during the service. If you are able, we'd love you to join us for refreshments when the service has finished.

For those with children you will find space in the south aisle where you will be able to see and participate in the whole service. You will find some activity sheets to enable you and any children you have brought with you to engage with our service. Please ask one of our friendly welcomers if you need anything before or during the service.

We will be taking a collection during the service, and we encourage those who are UK tax payers to use one of the gift aid envelopes which are available in the pews. This will increase the value of your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you.

You can also make a debit/credit card donation to All Hallows by using the donations machine at the back of the church, by using the QR code on your phone, or via our website at [www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate](http://www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate)

**Thank you.**



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We advise you not to leave personal belongings unattended and to keep them in sight at all times. Do not leave bags on the floor by your feet, and make sure you take any valuables with you when you go up to receive Communion. For additional safety and security, 24 hour CCTV recording is in operation on these premises.

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## Music Before the Service

*Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn – Heinrich Scheidemann*

Organist: David Cook

## The Gathering

*Please stand.*

### 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**

*From the Latin, Tr E Caswall (1814-78) Tune: Merton*

### Welcome and Introduction

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

*All* **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome and introduction are said.*

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

*We light the first candle on the Advent wreath as we sing:*

**Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray;  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness  
changed for gladness on that Day.**

*Mark Earey (b. 1965) Tune: Angel Voices*

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.

May we be obedient to your call  
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for you are our light and our salvation.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## Prayers of Confession

*Please sit or kneel.*

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.



Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me



Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy spirit from me.



The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Setting: Merbecke*

## **The Collect**

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**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5**

*read by David Risley*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for **The Psalm: 122**

sung by Dorothy Lawrence

I was glad when they said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'



I was glad when they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem; **R/**

Jerusalem, built as a city  
that is at unity in itself.  
Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
as is decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.  
For there are set the thrones of judgement,  
the thrones of the house of David. **R/**

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
'May they prosper who love you.  
'Peace be within your walls  
and tranquillity within your palaces.' **R/**

For my kindred and companions' sake,  
I will pray that peace be with you.  
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek to do you good. **R/**

## **Second Reading: Romans 13.11-end**

*read by John Price*

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and face the Gospel*

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 24.36-44**

The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## **The Sermon**

The Revd Nicol Kinrade

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand.*

**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.**

**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.**

*Please sit or kneel.*



## **Prayers of Intercession**

*led by Ella Barker*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**All Hear our prayer.**

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**All Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **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  
**All And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Offertory Hymn**

*During the hymn a collection will be taken towards the ministry of this church. If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can increase the value of your gift by 25% by completing one of the Gift Aid envelopes which are available in the pews. Thank you.*

**O come, O come Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That into exile drear is gone,  
Far from the face of God's dear Son,**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high!  
Who madest all in earth and sky,  
Creating us from dust and clay:  
To us reveal salvation's way.**

**O come, O come, Adonai,  
Who in thy glorious majesty,  
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,  
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From those dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell, thy people save.**

**O come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
And bar the way to death's abode.**

**O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light,  
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.**

**O come, Desire of nations! show  
Thy kingly reign on earth below;  
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,  
Restore the ruin of our fall.**

***Verse 1 may be repeated at the close***

*Cologne 1710, based on the ancient Advent Antiphons.  
Tr T.A. Lacey 1853-1931 and Editors Tune: Veni Emmanuel*

## **The Preparation of the Table**

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

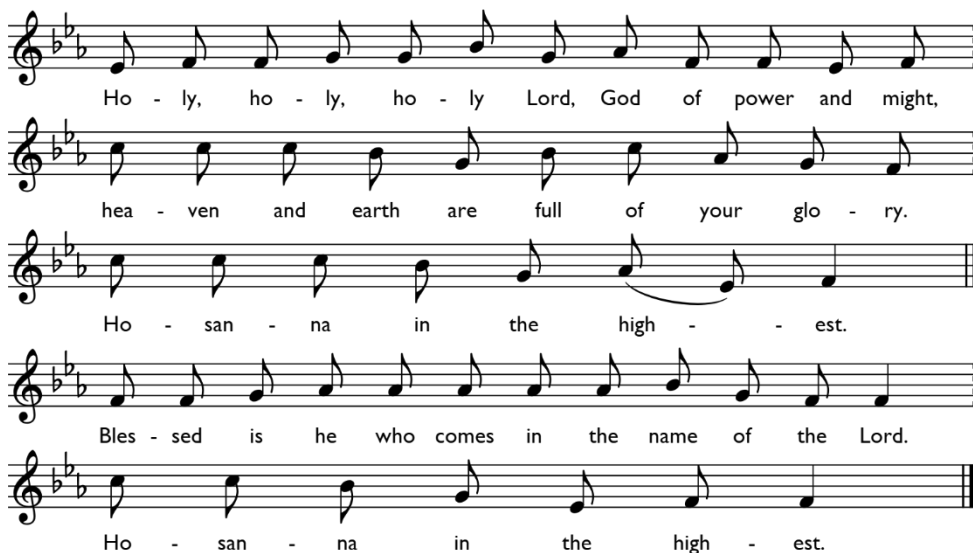
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

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  
to proclaim your glory,

for ever 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 in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;

who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction  
for the sins of the whole world;  
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

*All* **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.  
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this  
the duty and service that we owe.  
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing;  
  
through 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.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Awaiting his coming in glory,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:  
*All* **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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ,  
*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## 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.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at All Hallows. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head.*

## Music During Communion

*Agnus Dei – Peter Nardone*

## Post-Communion Prayer

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.**

**All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## **Notices**

## **The Dismissal**

*Please stand.*

## **Hymn**

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending,  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluya!  
God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing  
Shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion  
Still his dazzling body bears;  
Cause of endless exultation  
To his ransomed worshippers;  
With what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory:  
Claim the kingdom for thine own;  
O come quickly  
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!**

*Charles Wesley, 1707-88. Tune: Helmsley*

## **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

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 of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Music after the Service**

*Fantasia on "Veni Emmanuel" – Cuthbert Harris*

***You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.***



### **Environmental Sustainability Working Group**

One of the five Church of England Marks of Mission is, *'to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.'* At All Hallows by the Tower we are totally committed to supporting this objective, and do everything possible to support environmental sustainability. We've established an Environmental Sustainability Working Group, focused on actions rather than meetings. One of our primary objectives will be to prepare an application for recognition of our church for Gold status as an Eco-Church. We already hold Silver status, and if we reach Gold we will be the first church in the City Deanery to receive this award.

Dorothy Lawrence and The Rev'd Dr John Barker have both agreed to serve on the working group. If you think you may be interested to join, please do talk informally with either one or both of them to get more information.

### **Parish Giving Scheme**

All Hallows by the Tower is delighted to announce it has joined the Parish Giving Scheme. PGS allows you to set up planned giving on a monthly, quarterly or annual Direct Debit. This helps us to plan our budget accordingly, as the gifts and 25% Gift Aid are processed regularly - turning every pound you give into Christian service in this community. You can even choose the option to increase your gift annually in line with inflation (you would be contacted in advance to confirm you are happy with the increase). You give securely, and you can choose to give anonymously, if you prefer.

To sign up, please visit: <https://bit.ly/47sCrZO>

# Christmas at All Hallows by the Tower

We are looking forward to hosting a large number of carol services for local charities and companies. We hope you will join us for the following:

Thursday 11 December, 6.30pm  
**Festive Carols by Candlelight**

Wednesday 17 December, 6.00pm  
**Taizé Prayers around the Crib**

Sunday 21 December, 4.00pm  
**Nine Lessons and Carols**

Wednesday 24 December, 11.30pm  
**Midnight Mass**

Thursday 25 December, 11.00am  
**Christmas Day Eucharist**

## A busy Monday at All Hallows

We were pleased to host two significant events on Monday at All Hallows.



At lunchtime, we hosted the first 'Faith in the Public Square' conversation. Partnering with our friends from the Worshipful Company of World Traders, we welcomed the former Israeli Ambassador to London, Daniel Taub. He discussed with the Master, Richard Burge, how his faith has impacted his work. Daniel was recently awarded the 2025 Rabbi Sacks Book

Prize for 'Beyond Dispute: rediscovering the Jewish art of Constructive Disagreement'

On Monday evening we welcomed the Worshipful Company of Bakers back to All Hallows for their annual Election Service. This joyful service was led by Nicol, the Company's Chaplain. The outgoing Master, Peter Baker, read the lesson. (*A good example of nominative determinism!*)



## **The Week Ahead**

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### **Church Opening Times**

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm      Saturday-Sunday: 10am-5pm

### **Services at All Hallows**

You are welcome to join us for any of our services in church.  
Our Sunday Eucharist and Taizé services are streamed on Zoom.

#### **Monday 1 December**

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.30pm Evening Prayer

#### **Tuesday 2 December**

8.30am Morning Prayer

6pm Mission to Seafarers Carol  
Service

#### **Wednesday 3 December**

8.30am Morning Prayer

6pm Taizé Prayer

#### **Thursday 4 December**

8.30am Said Eucharist

6pm Worshipful Company of  
World Traders Carol  
Service

#### **Friday 5 December**

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.30pm Evening Prayer

#### **Saturday 6 December**

No services

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

11am Parish Eucharist; Preacher: The Revd Dr John Barker

### **Taizé Prayer – Wednesdays at 6pm**

Our weekly Taizé service takes place **in church and online**. You are welcome to join us for this meditative time of prayer, music and reflection.

If you can't attend in person and would like to join us online,  
you can view the livestream at **[ahbtt.org.uk/livestream](https://ahbtt.org.uk/livestream)**.

*Zoom links are included in our weekly email, but if you would like a link for a particular service or event please email **[parish@ahbtt.org.uk](mailto:parish@ahbtt.org.uk)**.*

### **Weekly Email**

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### **Byward Kitchen & Bar**

The Byward Kitchen is open for drinks, meals and light refreshments from 9am-3.30pm, with indoor and outdoor seating available.

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## ***The Team at All Hallows***

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