



All Saints'  
Church  
— Child's Hill —

Parish Eucharist  
ADVENT



## **Welcome to All Saints'**

For over 160 years a community has gathered at All Saints' to worship God and to demonstrate faith at work in our daily lives. Our members come from across the city and from all walks of life and all are welcome to join us as we grow together in our relationship with God and one another. As a church we serve the parish of Child's Hill which goes from Dunstan Road in the North to the Hendon Way / Finchley Road Junction in the South, and from Golders Hill Park in the East to Dershingham Road in the West. All Saints' is open Monday through Thursday as a sacred space for prayer, reflection, and hospitality.

We have our roots in the Catholic traditions of the Church of England, but our worship is contemporary and engaging. Today's service is designed to help us celebrate life, to comfort us where we hurt, and to challenge us where we have grown complacent. Children are an important part of our community. They are always welcome in the service, but there is also a Sunday School during term time which meets in the hall.

Further information about All Saints' can be found on our web site:  
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Priest in Charge

*Please stand as the choir and clergy enter.*

## Hymn

*The hymn number is displayed on the hymn board,  
and can be found in the blue hymn book.*

## The Gathering

*Priest* The Lord be with you,  
*All* **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome may be said.*

*All* **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of  
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The children are invited forward to light the Advent wreath.  
A prayer is said, at the end of which everybody responds:*

*All* **Amen.**

*The children process out to the hall.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*Priest* When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden  
in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore  
in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed, through negligence,  
through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Kyrie

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us.

*All* **Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us.**

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy upon us.**

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us.

*All* **Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us.**

## The Absolution

*Priest* Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Collect

Let us pray.

*The Collect is said, and all respond.*

*All* **Amen.**

## The Readings

*All sit for the readings. Each reading is concluded:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*Please stand for the hymn.*

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and can be found in the blue hymn book.*

*Please remain standing for the Gospel.*

## The Gospel

*Priest* The Lord be with you,  
*All* **and also with you.**

*Priest* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*  
*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read, at the end the priest concludes.*

*Priest* This the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

*After the sermon a period of silence is kept.*

## The Creed

*Priest* Let us stand to declare our faith in God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All Stand.*

*All* **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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel for the prayers.*

*The following response will be used:*

*All* Lord in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude.*

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

### **The Peace**

*Please stand for the peace.*

*Priest* 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.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Priest* Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **Hymn**

*During the hymn a collection is taken. If you are a UK taxpayer, please  
complete a gift-aid envelope provided in your pew.*

*The gifts are received and the table is prepared.*

*Please remain standing.*

## The Eucharist

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

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Priest* It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise...  
...singing:

<i>All</i>	<b>Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.</b>	<i>or</i>	<b>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.</b>
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**Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

*Priest* 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

*Priest* 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 [*N 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.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All are invited to say the Lord's prayer in their mother tongue.*

*Priest* 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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Priest* 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

*All*    **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**    *or*    **Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**    **Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**    **Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace.**

### Invitation to Communion

*Priest*    Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### Prayer of Humble Access

*All*    **We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*All are invited to come forward to the rail, standing or kneeling as you prefer. If you normally receive the bread or wine in your own church, then please put your hands out to receive.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms and let the priest know your name when he or she approaches.*

## Prayer After Communion

*Priest* Let us pray.  
*The prayer for the day is read, and all respond:*

*All* **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

### Hymn

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and can be found in the blue hymn book.*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

*Please remain standing.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you,  
*All* **and also with you.**

*Priest* 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.**

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

*Please remain standing while the clergy and choir depart.*

*Please stay after the service for refreshments.*

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