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**Service of the Word for
Christian Unity Week**

Sunday 24 January 2021

11.00 am

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER

Shining Christ's light on Tower Hill since AD 675

Introduction

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

All **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

All **From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn - *Sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields*

**Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea,
Day by day his sweet voice sounding,
Saying, 'Christian, follow me':**

**As of old Saint Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for his dear sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, 'Christian, love me more'.**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
That we love him more than these.**

**Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.**

Mrs C. F. Alexander (1818-1895)

Prayers of Confession

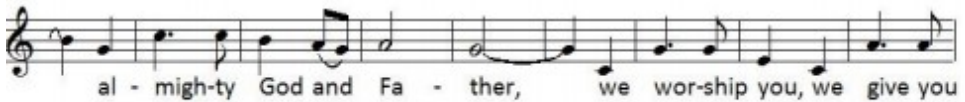
We have come together as God's family to pray for the recovery of the unity of Christ's Church and for the renewal of our common life. The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion. In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.

Silence is kept.

All Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

The Gloria



you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive
 our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
 - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men.

The Collect

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18.1-10a

Read by Ian Robertson

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on - since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.'

Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 1: 10-13

Read by Barbara Oakley

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Christ'. Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul?

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 15: 1-17

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Sophia Acland

Music

'Tui amoris ignem' - (Come, Holy Spirit, and kindle in us the fire of your love)

Sung by the All Hallows Taizé choir

The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Howard Redgwell

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.' Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant it that peace and unity which is according to your will.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We share the Peace using the British Sign Language (BSL) sign.

Final Prayer

God of power and love, by your Holy Spirit, draw the scattered flock of Christ into a visible unity and make your Church a sign of hope to our divided world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons in one God, inspire you to live as one, that you may witness to the perfect unity of his love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

One in heart and one in mind, and empowered by the Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn - *Sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields*

**Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
brothers and sisters, with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

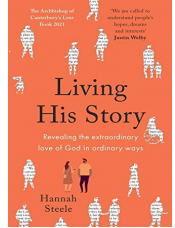
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LENT 2021

On **Ash Wednesday, 17 February**, we commit to the humble path of Christ, who shows us how to find a way in the wilderness through the 40 days of Lent. It is a journey of deepening relationships - relationship with Christ, with one another and with our world, as we learn to live our response to Christ's invitation to follow on the way of the Cross, together. All are welcome to join our services on Zoom at 12.30pm and for Taizé Prayer at 6pm. *Further details to follow.*

LENT COURSE/LENT BOOK

For our Lent Course this year we will be using **“Living His Story: revealing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways”** by Hannah Steele, the **Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book 2021**.



“How can we convey the love of God to our neighbours in a post-Christian world that has largely forgotten the gospel of Jesus Christ? In Living His Story, Hannah Steele uncovers liberating and practical ways of sharing the gospel story afresh.”

Our **Zoom Lent Course Groups** will meet on **Sundays at 12.30pm**, led by Martin Carr and Rev'd Katherine Hedderly and, for those who would like to meet during the week an identical group will meet on **Tuesdays at 4pm**, led by Rev'd Sophia Acland. Each week we will reflect on a chapter of the book. **Dates for the sessions are: Either: Sundays 21 & 28 February, 7, 14 & 21 March, 12.30pm Or: Tuesdays 24 February, 3, 10, 17 & 24 March, 4pm**

In preparation for our Lent Course, please obtain your own copy of the book at £7.99 from either SPCK [HERE](#) or Amazon [HERE](#).

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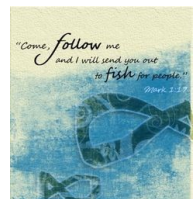
Wednesdays 24 February, 10 & 24 March, 6pm on Zoom

As we journey through Lent we will have the opportunity to walk the way of the Cross in these reflective online services on Christ's Passion, with images, reflections, silence and prayer. Zoom details to follow.

LENT 'ONLINE' QUIET DAY: FOLLOW ME

Saturday 27 February, 10am-4pm

Taking time to reflect and discover God's call to us is an important part of our Lenten journey. In this year when our lectionary focuses on the Gospel of Mark, we will be using this gospel through the day to renew our own call to be a disciple and explore the adventure, challenge, and wonder of that call for each of us. With opportunities to meet up on Zoom throughout the day, for *worship, prayer, reflection and sharing*, the day will also include time for you to *walk/exercise, take part in a creative activity at home, listen to music, read, write* and allow the world around you to inform your prayerful discovery. Please email vicar@ahbtt.org.uk if you would like to take part in the day.

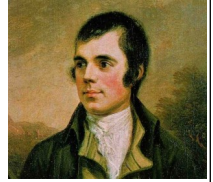


Notices

CELEBRATE BURNS NIGHT WITH ALL HALLOWS

Monday 25 January, 6.30-7.30pm

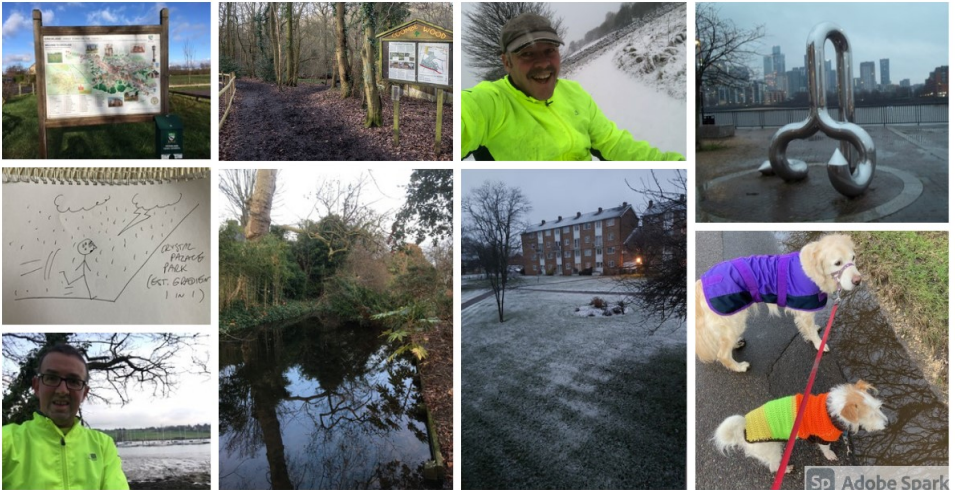
Join All Hallows' friends for an evening of poetry, whisky tasting (bring your own!) and a Scottish quiz, in honour of the great poet. Haggis optional. All welcome - join us on Zoom [HERE](#). Meeting ID: 829 3651 9885 Passcode: 752907 Dial in 0131 460 1196



LOVE FEBRUARY, LOVE GETTING ACTIVE!

Weekend of 13-14 February

The All Hallows Runners are inviting everyone - non-runners and runners - to celebrate Valentine's day weekend differently by stepping out and loving the outside. Let's get those feet moving and see where it takes us - it would be great to see themed photos too! Do send your pics to martingcarr@hotmail.co.uk and we'll include them in the newsletter - see below for our January activities.



JUST SHARE ONLINE EVENT - Water: Global issues for today's world Tuesday 23 February, 6pm on Zoom

Water is at the core of sustainable development and is critical for socio-economic development, energy and food production, healthy ecosystems and more. Water is at the heart of adaptation to climate change, serving as the crucial link between society and the environment. Water is also a rights issue - as the global population grows, there is an increasing need to balance the competing commercial demands on water resources so that communities have enough for their needs. Speakers include: Claire Seaward (WaterAid), Canon Dr Edmund Newell (Cumberland Lodge), David Lloyd Owen (Envisager Ltd), Mark Lane (Worshipful Company of Water Conservators). To register, click [HERE](#).

REGULAR SERVICES AT ALL HALLOWS

We are sorry that All Hallows is closed during the current lockdown and there are no public services in the church at this time. However, all our services will continue online via Zoom and you are most welcome to join us - please see below for details.

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am

We will be holding our regular weekly service on Sundays at 11am on Zoom.

ONLINE MORNING PRAYER

Wednesdays at 8.30am on Zoom

We meet online for Morning Prayer to enjoy a time of prayer and peace at the start of the day. The service lasts about 20 minutes and we use the 'Daily Prayer' app as we pray (www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray).

ONLINE TAIZÉ SERVICE

Alternate Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom

We hold an online service of Taizé prayer every two weeks, with the music of the Taizé community, bible readings, prayers, reflections and silence.

The next service is on Wednesday 3 February.

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You can find more details about our services on our website:

www.ahbtt.org.uk/online-worship

There are shortcuts to Zoom services and events in our weekly emails, but if you would like us to email a clickable link for a particular service, contact parish@ahbtt.org.uk

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WEEKLY EMAIL

Are you receiving our weekly parish emails? If not, you can keep up to date with all our news and events by signing up on our website - go to www.ahbtt.org.uk enter your email address in the 'Join our Mailing List' box and click 'Subscribe'.

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GIVING TO ALL HALLOWS

Our regular income has been significantly reduced because of the pandemic and we are relying on your support to help us at this challenging time. You can donate by credit card using this QR code on your phone or at www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate. You can also pay by bank transfer (email parish@ahbtt.org.uk for details) or sending a cheque to the church office. Thank you.



THE TEAM AT ALL HALLOWS

Vicar:	The Rev'd Katherine Hedderly
Associate Vicar:	The Rev'd Sophia Acland
Licensed Lay Minister:	Martin Carr
Operations & Finance Manager:	Angie Poppitt
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