



The Conversion of St Paul

Sunday 25 January 2026, 11am

President: **The Revd Nicol Kinrade**

Preacher: **The Ven Fiona Gibson**

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**

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Music before the Service

A Shepherd's Song Op.36 – *Henry Hackett*

Organist: David Cook

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand.

**We sing the glorious conquest,
Before Damascus' gate,
When Saul, the Church's spoiler,
came breathing threats and hate;
The ravening wolf rushed forward
Full early to the prey;
But lo! the Shepherd met him,
and bound him fast to-day!**

**O glory most excelling
That smote across his path!
O light that pierced and blinded
The zealot in his wrath!
O voice that spake within him
The calm, reproving word!
O love that sought and held him
The bondman of his Lord!**

**O wisdom ordering all things
In order strong and sweet,
What nobler spoil was ever
Cast at the victor's feet?
What wiser master builder
E'er wrought at thine employ,
Than he, till now so furious
Thy building to destroy?**

Lord, teach thy Church the lesson,
Still in her darkest hour
Of weakness and of danger
To trust thy hidden power.
Thy grace by ways mysterious
the wrath of man can bind,
And in thy boldest foeman
Thy chosen saint can find!

John Ellerton (1826-93) Tune: Ellacombe

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.

Prayer of Preparation

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

Prayers of Confession

We were once dead through the trespasses and sins in which we lived,
but now we are together with Christ.

Through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father,
to whom we humbly confess our sins.

Cf Ephesians 2.1,5,18

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.

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 Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -
 - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; 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

Let us pray

Almighty God,

who caused the light of the gospel

to shine throughout the world

through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:

grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion

may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;

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.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Jeremiah 1.4-10

Read by David Risley

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’

Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’ But the Lord said to me,

‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”;

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord.’

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

Sung by Dorothy Lawrence



God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. **R/**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. **R/**

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R/**

Second Reading Acts 9.1-22

Read by John Price

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply

came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 19.27-end

Please stand and face the Gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter answered Jesus, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Ven Fiona Gibson, Archdeacon of Ludlow and Bishop of Taunton designate

The Nicene Creed

Please 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.**

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Jane Cruse

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

Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange 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.

**And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.**

**He left his Father's throne above —
so free, so infinite his grace —
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Tune: Sagina

The Preparation of the Table

Almighty Father,
as we celebrate this holy sacrament of our redemption
may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith;
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **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,
our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this day he called to his service
the blasphemer and persecutor of your Church.

Saul, who had resisted your grace,
became Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.

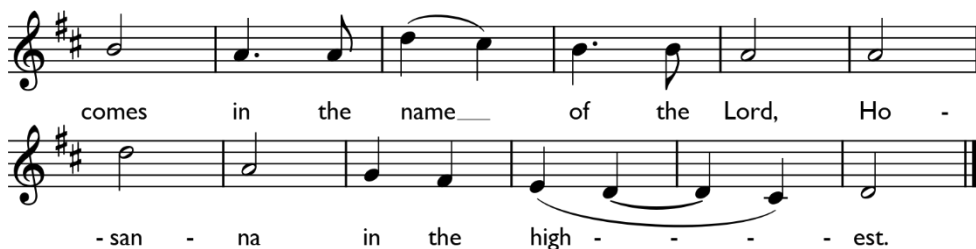
Because he was faithful and true in his ministry,
you made him an example of patient service,
to instruct in the way of eternal life

all those who heard his preaching and believed your word.

Now, therefore, he who became your chosen instrument
for the salvation of the nations

has made us also eager to proclaim your mercy,
and sing in union with all the powers of heaven
the joyful hymn of your praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, —
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
in the high - - - est. Bles - sed is he who



Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 and as we follow his example and obey his command,
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us his body and his 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.
 Therefore, heavenly Father,
 we remember his offering of himself
 made once for all upon the cross;
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,
 and with this bread and this cup
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.
 Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us,**
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

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, 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

What child is this? – Music 'Greensleeves' Trad. English melody

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
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

Final Hymn

Please stand.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) Tune: St. Denio

The Blessing

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

May Christ who called Paul to his service,
and to preach the good news to the world,
strengthen you to witness to his grace and love.

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

Festal March Op.30 – *Henry Hackett*

You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Notices

A warm welcome

We are looking for new people to join our Welcoming team. The role involves welcoming people before the Sunday service, providing any assistance and answering general queries, and assisting with the Offertory. If you could offer one Sunday every one or two months, we would love to hear from you. We will provide you with training, including Safeguarding, and arrange for a Basic DBS check. Please speak to the Vicar or a Churchwarden.

A Wolf Hall Weekend at All Hallows

On Saturday 6 June, All Hallows will be hosting part of a spectacular Wolf Hall weekend event. As a thank-you to All Hallows by the Tower for hosting Wolf Hall Weekend, the organisers would like to extend a private, congregation-only invitation to attend one full day of the event at a significantly reduced rate.

This one-day ticket gives access to all talks and discussions, held within the church, alongside our visiting expert historians, famous writers, and celebrity speakers.

Congregation one-day ticket is £195, which includes refreshment, lunch and pre-performance drinks. (standard full-weekend ticket: £495)

A limited number of these tickets have been set aside exclusively for members of the All Hallows' congregation and are offered in appreciation of the church's generosity in welcoming us into this extraordinary space.

Tickets are limited and allocated on a first-come basis.

Organiser David Holland says, 'We would be delighted to welcome parishioners to join us for the weekend, and to share something of what Wolf Hall Weekend has become since its beginnings in 2024.'

For a more information on speakers, exhibitions and the evening performance of Hilary Mantel's *The Mirror and the Light* please visit wolfhallweekend.com

Two Cities Eco Tip

Do you know how green your bank is? Check it out at <https://bank.green>. If yours isn't so good, maybe it's time to change?

Taizé music practice

Thank you to Olaf who leads a music practice once a month after the service of Taizé Prayers. The next practice will be after the service on Wednesday 11 February. Everyone is welcome to join in, and the practice will finish by 8pm.

The Week Ahead

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 26 January

8.30am Morning Prayer
11am Myddelton Service
4.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 27 January

8.30am Morning Prayer
4.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 28 January

8.30am Morning Prayer
6pm Taizé Prayer

Thursday 29 January

8.30am Said Eucharist
4.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 30 January

8.30am Morning Prayer
4.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 31 January

10.00am Morning Prayer
4.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 1 February: Candlemas

11am Parish Eucharist; Preacher: The Revd Nicol Kinrade

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**.

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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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