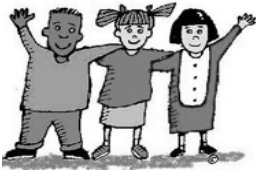




Harvest Thanksgiving
An Order for Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS, EVESHAM

Welcome to the Parish Church of All Saints, Evesham.



Children are welcome here. There is a Children's Area with toys for those who would like to take advantage of it. If your small child wants to walk around church, please accompany her/him, as the furniture can be unforgiving!



All Saints' is fitted with an induction loop system for those who use hearing aids. Set your hearing aid to 'T' to take advantage of this.



We welcome nursing mothers to feed their babies wherever they feel most comfortable doing so. If you would like more privacy than a church pew, simply use the side chapel, or you can go into Church House next door to church.



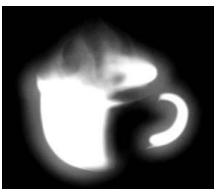
Toilets are located in Church House next door to church, These include baby changing facilities and a toilet with disabled/wheelchair access.



Please ensure your mobile phone is turned off or switched to silent or vibrate during the service. If you need to respond to a call, please do so out of the church.



Those who have been baptised may receive communion. If you would like to come and receive a blessing, then bring this service book with you as a sign of that intention. In the Anglican Church, Communion is usually administered in both kinds, bread & wine. Please let the sidespeople know if you require gluten-free bread. If you prefer not to drink wine from a shared chalice, receiving bread alone is still to have made your Communion. Please do not attempt to dip a wafer in the chalice as this simply spreads infection. It is not necessary to kneel at the altar rail, if this is difficult. It is acceptable to receive while standing. If mobility is a problem please advise the sidespeople and they will arrange for you to receive communion from your seat.



Tea and coffee will be served after the service and we invite you to join us.

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR TODAY

Time	Service/Event	Church/ Venue	Details
10.00 am	Parish Communion & Harvest Festival Followed by Harvest Lunch	All Saints	President & Preacher: Revd Canon John Green Sides: Sara & Clive Greedy Readers: Jim Jarvis, John Ellis Intercessor: Rosie Grove Coffee: Clive & Sara Greedy Music Setting: Nardone
3.00 pm	Pet Service	St Egwin's	Led by: Caroline Green

The service starts on page 4

Words of welcome and introduction

For the fertility of our soil and the soil*
from which we come

We give thanks with joy and wonder

Presentation of elements representing soil and our historic heritage

For the openness of our fields and the air that supports insects and
which we breathe

We give thanks with joy and wonder

Presentation of elements representing fields and pollinators

For the flowing of our river and the water
that irrigates, bubbles and streams

We give thanks with joy and wonder

Presentation of the river and water

For the fruits of our orchards and the fruits of your
spirit that brings the harvest of Your Kingdom,

We give thanks with joy and wonder

Presentation of local fruits and the local fruits of the spirit

May we see in these elements
our need, our fulfilment
and our belonging

** Adapted from Joy Mead Harvest Thanksgiving
Wild Goose publications*

Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come.
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares therein are sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
Ripening with a wondrous power,
Till the final harvest-hour:
Grant, O Lord of life, that we
Holy grain and pure may be.

For ye know that Thou wilt come
And wilt take Thy people home,
From Thy field wilt purge away
All that doth offend, that day;
And Thine angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In Thy garner evermore.

Come then, Lord of mercy, come,
bid us Thy harvest-home;
let Thy Saints be gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
All upon the golden floor,
Praising Thee for evermore:
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Bid us sing Thy harvest-home.

Penitence

We say sorry to God for what we know is wrong in our lives and for the misuse of God's creation

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

Pause

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our weaknesses
and assure us of his eternal love
In Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

To God Be The Glory

**To God be the glory, all glory in the highest
and peace to his people who dwell here below.
Our heavenly Father, our Lord and our Sov'reign,
to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow.
We worship and adore you, we bow here before you
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise.
All glory and honour and glad adoration
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

**Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father
We praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb.
The sin of the world you have taken up on you,
Have mercy upon us, the Great I am.
For holy, you meet us, yet lowly, you greet us
The Lord in the highest, the Holy One.
All glory to the Father, the Son, and the Spirit,
From ages ever-lasting, the Three in One.**

Prayer for today: The Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season. Grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well being, 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 forever
Amen.

Listening and responding to God's Word

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it,² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a

dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

At the conclusion of the reading, the reader may say

Holy wisdom, holy word
Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4 4-9

At the conclusion of the reading, the reader may say

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love
Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside
Refrain

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia. Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. Gather the fruit for eternal life. Alleluia.

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

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6 25-35

at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Revd Canon John Green

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that Creation is a gift of God,
an expression of our Creator's goodness.**

**We believe that as human beings we are part of this creation
and that we share in a special way in the creative power of God.**

**We believe that the resources of our land and waters and air
are precious gifts from our Creator,
to be used and looked after with loving care.**

**We believe that there is a rhythm to God's creation,
like a drum beat;**

**When we lose the beat, or the drum is damaged,
the music is out of tune.**

*(Pacific Women's 'Consultations on Justice,
Peace and the Integrity of Creation'.)
from Prayers and Poems, Songs and Stories, WCC 1988.*

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit. We pray for our church, our world and our community.

Lord, you have blessed us beyond our deserving
Accept our offering of thanks and prayer

We share God's Peace

To grow all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole .
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Hymn

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The president takes the bread and wine.*

Let all creation dance
in energies sublime,
as order turns with chance,
unfolding space and time
for nature's art
in glory grows,
and newly shows
God's mind and heart.

God's breath each force unfurls,
igniting from a spark
expanding starry swirls,
with whirlpools dense and dark.
Though moon and sun
seem mindless things,
each orbit sings:
"Your will be done."

Our own amazing earth,
with sunlight, cloud and storms
and life's abundant growth
in lovely shapes and forms,
is made for praise,
a fragile whole,
and from its soul
heav'n's music plays.

Lift heart and soul and voice:
in Christ all praises meet
and nature shall rejoice
as all is made complete.
In hope be strong.
All life befriend
and kindly tend
creation's song.

Eucharistic prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

(or)

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and *singing*:

**O Lord of hosts all holy,
our God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory,
and your eternal light.**

**The angels sing Hosanna,
the earth repeats the same.**

**O Lord in highest heaven
we glorify your name.**

**How blest is the believer
who comes to find your grace,
and seeking you in repentance
is greeted by your face.**

**The angels sing Hosanna,
the earth repeats the same.**

**O Lord in highest heaven
we glorify your name.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with [N and] all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,

where the new creation is brought to perfection
in 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

Remain standing

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, we have gathered many grains
and made them into this one bread.
We look for your Church to be
gathered from the ends of the earth
into the kingdom.

Silence is kept

Christ is the bread which has come
down from heaven
Lord, give us this bread for ever.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Silence is kept

Agnus Dei

One of the following may be used as the bread is broken

**O Lamb of God, our Lord most holy,
who redeems us from our sin.
Have mercy on us, meek and lowly,
make us clean and pure within,
grant us your peace we humbly pray,
as we who worship you today
receive your body and your blood,
renewed in faith by heav'nly food.**

Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the righteous,
but of the poor in spirit.
It is made ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before,
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.
These are the gifts of God for the People of God.
Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

Hymn during Communion

For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for these gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom. By your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices may be given

Hymn

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
In hymns of adoration;
To thee bring sacrifice of praise
With shouts of exultation.
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
The hills with joy are ringing,
The valleys stand so thick with corn
That even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day,
Thy bounteous hand confessing,
Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay
The first-fruits of thy blessing;
By thee the souls of men are fed
With gifts of grace supernal;
Thou who dost give us daily bread,
Give us the bread eternal.

We bear the burden of the day,
And often toil seems dreary;
But labour ends with sunset ray,
And rest is for the weary;
May we, the angel-reaping o'er,
Stand at the last accepted,
Christ's golden sheaves for evermore
To garners bright elected.

O blessed is that land of God,
Where saints abide for ever;
Where golden fields spread fair and broad,
Where flows the crystal river:
The strains of all its holy throng
With ours today are blending;
Thrice blessed is that harvest-song
Which never hath an ending.

Closing Commission and Prayer

May we always walk gently upon the Earth,
in right relationship,
nurtured by your love,
open to the wind of the Spirit,

taking only what we need,
always open to the needs of others,
making choices that bring wellbeing,
living with generosity,

striving for justice,
honouring all with reverence,
reconciling and peacemaking,
mindful of those who will come after,
recognising our proper place as part of your creation.

Grant us the strength and courage, Lord,
for such a radical transformation into your Kingdom.
Amen.

Blessing

God of harvest,
gardener supreme
you place us at the centre
feed us, equip us and
having provided for us
look to a different harvest
a fruitfulness of lives
in service to you
and others.

May the beauty of this world,
And the love that created it,
be expressed through our lives
And be a blessing to others,
Now and always
Amen

Dismissal

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.

Amen.

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Weekly Intercessions for week beginning 25th September 2022

Those who are sick, particularly this week we mention:

Nancy Clifford, Jean Creswell, Holly Davis, Eric Holder, Kate Smith. Samuel Palmer,
David Warren

Those who have recently died:

Her Majesty The Queen, Margaret Sliwinski

Year's Mind:

Philip Hodges, Joyce Wilson, Bob Bailey, Robert Prew

Notices

St Egwin's Services

The Pet Service (originally planned for Sunday 18th September) takes place **today** at 3.00 pm in St Egwin's. Next Sunday (2nd October) will be Harvest Festival.

Children's Work

Rosie intends to hold a meeting in Church House on Wednesday 28th September at 7.30 pm to discuss our plans for working with children over the coming year. Anyone who is interested or thinks they have something to contribute is welcome to attend. Please speak to Rosie if you're thinking of joining her.

Harvest Flowers

Thank you to everyone involved in decorating the Church for Harvest. Last week, we omitted to include a request in the pew sheet for donations to provide the flowers, but this would still be very much appreciated if possible. Thank you.

Fundraising

All Saints PCC are starting to look at ways to raise funds for both the Church and Food Bank - we are hoping to have a bottle tombola and raffle at the Christmas market the weekend of 26/27 November. If you have any bottles you would like to contribute-it can be anything from shampoo to Champagne! It must be unused and within date please. See Sara Greedy for more details. Thank you.

Keep warm

With the colder weather not far away we will be having a box of blankets available in church from 2 October. This will help those who feel the cold to stay warm whilst in church.

See over for events and services for the week ahead.

Events and Services for the week ahead

Monday 26th September

6.30 pm Yellow Scarf, Church House

Wednesday 28th September

All day Yellow Scarf, Church House

7.00 pm Street Pastor Training, Church House Meeting Room

7.30 pm Children's Church Meeting, Church House Lounge

Thursday 29th September

10.00 am Communion by extension in All Saints. Led by Caroline Green

5.30 pm Yellow Scarf, Church House, Lounge and upstairs meeting room

Friday 30th September

2.00 pm Tea Service in All Saints

Sunday 2nd October

16th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion in All Saints.

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Holy Communion in All Saints.

President & Preacher: Revd Canon John Green

Sides: David Hall, Amy Hall-Cook

Intercessions: Lee Fisher

Readers: Clive Greedy, Amy Hall-Cook

Coffee: Carol Sheehan, Rosie Grove

10.00 am Holy Communion & Harvest Festival in St Egwin's

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