

# ALL SAINTS, EVESHAM

## Weekly Newsletter with Readings and Notices for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 The Second Sunday of Lent

Services for Today		
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>President &amp; Preacher:</b> Revd Dr Colin Butler
10.00 am	<b>Parish Communion</b>  <b>Service book:</b> Ordinary Time	<b>President &amp; Preacher:</b> Revd Dr Colin Butler Sides: Roberta Matthews, Sue Lloyd-Cowley Readers: Roberta Matthews, Jayne Fleetwood Intercessions: Clive Greedy Coffee: Rosie Grove, Sue Lloyd-Cowley

### Hymn

At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
king of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty word.

At his voice creation  
sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces,  
all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders,  
in their great array.

Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it

spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious,  
when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant  
with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures,  
to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead,  
to the Father's breast;  
filled it with the glory  
of that perfect rest.

Name him, brothers, name him,  
with love as strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder  
and with bated breath:  
he is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue

all that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
crown him as your captain  
in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you  
in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

### **Collect**

Almighty God, you show to those  
who are in error the light of your  
truth, that they may return to the  
way of righteousness: grant to all  
those who are admitted into the  
fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are  
agreeable to the same; through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

### **A reading from the book of Genesis**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go  
from your country and your kindred  
and your father's house to the land  
that I will show you. I will make of  
you a great nation, and I will bless  
you and make your name great, so

that you will be a blessing. I will bless  
those who bless you, and the one  
who curses you I will curse, and in  
you all the families of the earth shall  
be blessed." So Abram went, as  
the Lord had told him, and Lot went  
with him. Abram was seventy-five  
years old when he departed from  
Haran. *Genesis 12.1-4a*

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

What then are we to say was gained  
by Abraham, our ancestor according  
to the flesh? For if Abraham was  
justified by works, he has something  
to boast about, but not before  
God. For what does the scripture  
say? "Abraham believed God, and it  
was reckoned to him as  
righteousness." Now to one who  
works, wages are not reckoned as a  
gift but as something due. But to one  
who does not work but trusts him  
who justifies the ungodly, such faith  
is reckoned as righteousness.  
For the promise that he would  
inherit the world did not come to  
Abraham or to his descendants  
through the law but through the  
righteousness of faith. For if it is the  
adherents of the law who are to be  
the heirs, faith is null and the  
promise is void. For the law brings  
wrath, but where there is no law,  
neither is there transgression.  
For this reason the promise depends  
on faith, in order that it may rest on  
grace, so that it may be guaranteed  
to all his descendants, not only to

the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Romans 4.1-5, 13-17*

### **Gradual hymn**

○ Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

○ let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within.  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

○ let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
○ speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
○ speak, and make me listen  
thou guardian of my soul.

○ Jesus, thou hast promised

to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
○ give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

○ let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
○ guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

### **Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You

must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*John 3.1-17*

### **Offertory Hymn**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

### **Hymn**

I lift my eyes up, to the mountains  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from You  
Maker of heaven, Creator of the  
earth

Oh how I need you Lord  
You are my only hope  
You're my only prayer  
So I will wait for you  
to come and rescue me  
Come and give me life

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see that we have  
no power of ourselves to help  
ourselves: keep us both outwardly in  
our bodies, and inwardly in our  
souls; that we may be defended from  
all adversities which may happen to  
the body, and from all evil thoughts  
which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord..

**Amen**

### **Hymn**

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my love be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and  
sound  
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

# Services and Events for the week ahead

## **Monday 2nd March 2026**

- 10.00 am Contemplative Worship in All Saints,  
led by Revd Dr Prajna Lad  
7.00 pm PCC meeting.

## **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

- 9.30 am Stay and Play, All Saints  
10.30 am Holy Communion, Greenhill Park Care Home.  
Revd Caroline Green  
2.00 pm Bringing death to life. Rosie Grove

## **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

- 10.00 am Service of Worship, Led by Elaine Majors.  
2.00 pm Funeral of Valerie Green, All Saints & Waterside  
Cemetery. Led by Lindsay Ladbrook.

## **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

- 10.00 am Citizens Advice drop-in surgery, Church House  
2.00 pm Tea Service in All Saints

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

- 8.00 am Morning Prayer led by Julie Westlake  
10.00 am Holy Communion, All Saints  
President; Revd Canon John Green  
Preacher: Julie Westlake  
Sides: Colette Arbuthnot, Chris Spriggs  
Readers: Colette Arbuthnot, John Inwood  
Intercessions: Lindsay Ladbrook  
Coffee: Pam & Jim Osborne

*All events/services in All Saints' Church unless otherwise stated*

# Notices

**We welcome Revd Dr Colin Butler MBE** to lead our service this morning, Colin is a retired army chaplain and parish priest who lives happily in Pershore.

## **Spring Quiz**

All Saints spring Quiz will take place on Friday 20 March, the usual fun evening. Teams of up to 6, £5 per person. Bring your own snacks. A bar will be provided by the Red Lion. Book early to avoid disappointment. [events@evesham.church](mailto:events@evesham.church)

## **Bringing death to life**

Each Wednesday through March there will be a session addressing different aspects relating to death. See poster on the back page for more information. All are welcome to come along and learn about things that are relevant.

## **Weekly intercessions for week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

### **Those who are sick, particularly this week we mention:**

Pippa Hodges, Ann Linehan, Marjorie Testar, Hilary Earnshaw, Morris Hall, Frank Hilderband,

**Those who have recently died:** Jim Jarvis, Amanda Palmer, Elizabeth Tamm, Valerie Green, Florence Baines, David Hirst, Norma Tigwell

**Year's Mind:** May Hopkins, Hilda Golding, Robert Haines, Peter Collett, Michael Hughes, Frank Tandy, Pat Gibbs, Muriel Jones, Joyce Ruff,

## Bringing death to life:

**Everything you ever wanted to know about death  
but were afraid to ask**

It has been suggested that once we reach the age of 60,  
our every third thought is of death and yet we rarely talk about it or prepare for it.

Join us on a Wednesday afternoon during March for a cup of tea and piece of cake.

Over the course of four weeks, we will explore some of the issues that arise and have the opportunity to listen to and talk with  
experts about different aspects of death and bereavement .

**Wednesday 4th March, 2.00 pm**

**What does it mean to have a good death?**

*Clinical Nurse Specialists in Palliative Care and Memory Loss  
and Care Navigators*

**Wednesday 18th March, 2.00 pm**

**Practicalities: What do I need to do now?**

*An experienced funeral director*

**Wednesday 11th March, 2.00 pm**

**Planning for the future: legacy and legal considerations.**

*Quality Solicitors from Parkinson Wright*

**Wednesday 25th March, 11.30 am**

**Choosing how we say goodbye.**

*A Church of England minister authorised in funeral ministry.*

There is no charge but there will be an opportunity to make a donation towards refreshments and heating.  
For more information contact Rosie Grove on 01386 339847

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