



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HERTFORD

Service rota October - December 2017

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Thank you for being part of our Readers' and Intercessors' Team. Your role is a vital part of our worship at All Saints and is greatly appreciated.

NB

If the date of your reading or praying is inconvenient please arrange an exchange with a friend and please let Martin Penny know (Drawer 41 in the Choir Vestry), or email office@allsaintshertford.org **by 9.00 am on the day before** so that the service sheet is correct and Jo and the Churchwardens know who to expect. There are copies of this rota in the vestry and at the back of church.

Notes on Reading at Parish Communion

All readings are taken from the Common Worship Lectionary. At Communion the congregation will have a copy of the reading printed in front of them, taken from the New Revised Standard Version. Please use this version if possible. We also advise that you practice at home.

Please introduce your reading as printed on the service sheets with "*A reading from N*" or "*A reading from the letter of Paul to N*" and end with "*This is the word of the Lord.*" At Evensong please end with "Here endeth the first/second lesson".

The Gospel at Communion is introduced by "*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N*", and ends with "*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*"

Please be at the lectern ready to start reading your lesson as soon as the previous hymn, psalm, collect, etc., is finished.

Notes on leading Prayers at Parish Communion

There is a high standard of leading prayers at All Saints, but people may find it helpful to bear in mind the following points.

- **Be at the lectern as soon as the Creed is finished.**
- Prayers should last for no more than five minutes.
- Remember the point of prayers is to pray and not to preach or to tell God what you have read about in your newspaper. He knows already!
- Avoid lengthy introductions. The prayer should be directed to God throughout (obviously!) which means avoidance of phrases such as "Let us pray for....."
- You could check a few days beforehand who the preacher is that day and ask them what they will be preaching about. This information is available in the blue folder at the back of church. If a preacher's name is not indicated it will be Jo.
- Avoid being controversial. One should pray for the Prime Minister, for example, without giving any indication of how you personally vote.
- Be sure to look at the pew sheet and note the names of the sick and departed, checking pronunciation if any names appear uncertain in how they should be read.

October 1st	Harvest Thanksgiving / Trinity 16	
<i>Family Service</i>	Special Order of Service	
<i>Choral Communion</i>	Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2. 1-13 Matthew 21. 23-32 Intercessions	Mrs Helen Harvey-Wright Mrs Dorothy Toyn Mr Nick Hassell Mrs Janet Bird
October 8th	17th Sunday after Trinity	
<i>Parish Communion</i>	Isaiah 5. 1-7 Philippians 3. 4b-14 Matthew 21. 33-46 Intercessions	Dr Chris Gripton Mrs Rosemary Graves Dr Fiona Gripton Mrs Helen Harvey-Wright
<i>Evensong</i>	Isaiah 61. 1-3 Mark 1. 4-11	Mr Leon Ajao Revd Doug Loveridge
October 15th	18th Sunday after Trinity	
<i>Family Eucharist</i>	Matthew 22. 1-14 Intercessions	Mr Andrew Fletcher Mr Geoff Oates
<i>Choral Evensong</i>	Romans 3. 21-end John 3. 11-21	Mr Andrew Belfield Miss Isabel Hurley
October 22nd	19th Sunday after Trinity	
<i>Parish Communion</i>	Isaiah 45. 1-7 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10 Matthew 22. 15-22 Intercessions	Mrs Sandra Weeden Mrs Angela Hiscock Dr Graham Jones Mrs Helen Harvey-Wright
<i>Evensong</i>	Ezekiel 36. 22-28 Acts 2. 1-4	Dr Julia Gough Miss Sam Bowden
October 29th	Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday	
<i>Parish Communion</i>	Nehemiah 8. 1-4a (5-6) 8-12 Colossians 3. 12-17 Matthew 24. 30-35 Intercessions	Mrs Maria Oldland Mr Martin Bird Mrs Kay Povey-Richards Mr Andrew Povey-Richards
<i>Said Evensong</i>	Ephesians 2. 19-end John 15. 17-end	Mrs Mary Penny Mr Julian Royals
November 5th	All Saints Sunday	
<i>Family Service</i>	Special Order of Service	
<i>Choral Communion</i>	Revelation 7. 9-17 1 John 3. 1-3 Matthew 5. 1-12 Intercessions	Mrs Rosemary Bolton Ms Ann-Marie Parker Mr Edwin Godfrey Mrs Mary Penny

November 12th	3rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	
<i>Service at War Memorial</i>	Special Order of Service	
<i>Remembrance Service</i>	Special Order of Service	
<i>Evensong</i>	Isaiah 53. 1-6 Matthew 4. 17-22	Mrs Janet Oldham Mr Malcolm Hollow
November 19th	2nd Sunday before Advent	
<i>Family Eucharist</i>	Matthew 25. 14-30 Intercessions	Miss Soraya Gracias Mr Leon Ajao
<i>Choral Evensong</i>	Isaiah 61. 10-62.5 Luke 14. 7-14	Mrs Janet Bird Mrs Dorothy Toyn
November 26th	Sunday next before Advent Christ the King	
<i>Family Eucharist & Memorial Service</i>	Matthew 25. 31-46 Intercessions	Revd Gerry Booker Mrs Janet Bird
<i>Evensong</i>	Genesis 4. 1-13 Colossians 3. 5-17	Dr Julia Gough Mrs Helen Harvey-Wright
December 3rd	Advent Sunday	
<i>Family Service</i>	Special Order of Service	
<i>Advent Carol Service</i>	Special Order of Service	
December 10th	2nd Sunday of Advent	
<i>Parish Communion</i>	Isaiah 40. 1-11 2 Peter 3. 8-15a Mark 1. 1-8 Intercessions	Dr Chris Gipton Mr Andrew Povey-Richards Dr Fiona Gipton Mrs Dorothy Toyn
<i>Choral Evensong</i>	1 Kings 22. 1-28 Romans 15. 4-13	Mr Geoff Oates Mr Leon Ajao
December 17th	3rd Sunday of Advent	
<i>Family Eucharist</i>	John 1. 6-8, 19-28 Intercessions	Mr Andrew Fletcher Mr Martin Bird
<i>Nine Lessons & Carols</i>	Special Order of Service	

December 24th**4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve***Parish Communion*2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16
Romans 16. 25-27
Luke 1. 26-38
Intercessions**Mrs Angela Hiscock
Mr Martin Bird
Mrs Rosemary Graves
Mr Geoff Oates***Blessing of the Crib*

Special Order of Service

*Midnight Eucharist*Isaiah 52. 7-10
Hebrews 1. 1-12
John 1. 1-14
Intercessions**Dr Graham Jones
Mrs Mary Penny
Mr Nick Hassell
Revd Doug Loveridge****December 25th****Christmas Day***Family Eucharist*Luke 2. 1-14
Intercessions**Mr Andrew Belfield
Mr Geoff Oates***Said Evensong*Isaiah 65. 17-25
Philippians 2. 5-11**Dr Julia Gough
Mr Leon Ajao****December 31st****1st Sunday of Christmas***Parish Communion*Isaiah 61. 10-62.3
Galatians 4. 4-7
Luke 2. 15-21
Intercessions**Mrs Maria Oldland
Mrs Rosemary Bolton
Mrs Kay Povey-Richards
Mr Andrew Povey-Richards***Said Evensong*Isaiah 35
Colossians 1. 9-20**Mrs Sandra Weeden
Mr Edwin Godfrey**