

## Notices

We hope you will join us on Saturday 13th December at 6pm for our **Carol Service** with Revd Carolyn Bailey

As part of the **Christmas Tree Festival** on December 20th in Church, there will be a **Memory Tree** where you can remember your loved ones. Decorations will be there to add a name and possibly a small photo if you wish. The tree will be in church from December 16th, and you can add to it for just those 9 days before Christmas when the Church is open. If you want to use your own small ornament that's ok too. The tree will be stripped and removed from Church on January 6th so if you want to reclaim your decoration please do so in that time.

We are looking for volunteers to steward and help on Sat 20th Dec between 10am and 5pm for the **Holbeach Community Christmas Fayre**. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

There are many **opportunities for friendship and fellowship** at All Saints. I would like to thank in particular everyone who has helped with welcoming, stewarding and serving refreshments on Saturdays, Sundays and school holiday weekdays in the last few months. I am starting to prepare rotas for 2026. It would be wonderful to have a few more people willing to do any of these roles to help us. Even if you only want to commit to having your name on a rota once every 2 or 3 months, that would be really helpful. Just let me know when you see me at a service or contact me by phone: 07944 248851 or email: gill.graper@googlemail.com Gill Graper

Due to antisocial behaviour within the building when it is unattended the PCC regret that the church will now only be open for visitors and private prayer at the following times:

### Term Time

Weekdays 9am-3pm

Saturdays 10am-12pm

Sundays for Services Only

We are sorry for any inconvenience that this reluctant decision has caused.

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## All Saints Church, Holbeach Advent 2 7th December 2025



**We are an inspiring and inclusive place of worship at the heart of the community. We hope and pray that you will find this place a blessing to you, a place of worship, a place to encounter God, a place of community and above all, a place of welcome.**

*Gluten free wafers available on request.*

**Do join us for refreshments after the 10.30 service.**

### Today

#### 11.00am Café Church

*Leader and Preacher* ALMs

**Hymns 527** On Jordan's Bank

**Sheet** Prepare Ye The Way of The Lord

**438** Make Way, Make Way

**949** Wait For The Lord

**Sheet** Advent Song

#### 6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

*Leader and Preacher* Revd Carolyn Bailey

**Please note: This church has a hearing loop installed. Please place any donations to the church in the plate on the way into church.**

### For your Prayers

**For the Sick** Ruth, Raymond & Anastasia Winter, Matti Corrado, Sarah Abiss, Julie, Roger Qusted, Harry Pollard, Ann Onyett, John Bambury, Matthew Watkins, Andrew Dean, Mick Walker, Nicki Thomson, Revd Barbara Hutchinson, Marion Goodman

#### The Recently Departed

#### In Memoriam

### The week ahead

Tuesday 9th - All Day - UAH Christmas Concert Rehearsals & Evening Concert

Wednesday 10th - 9.30am - Holy Communion

Thursday 11th - 10.00am - HPA School Christmas Service

Thursday 11th - 2.00pm - Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 12th - 2.00pm - Mothers Union

Saturday 13th - 6.00pm - Carol Service

### Services for 14th December - Advent 3

10.30am Holy Communion

16.00pm Christingle

**COLLECT**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are grievously hindered, in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy, may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Isaiah 11.1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.  
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**PSALM 72.1-7, 18-19**

1 Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.  
2 May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.  
3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.  
5 May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.  
6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.  
7 In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.  
18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.  
19 Blessed be his glorious name for ever;  
may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

**SECOND READING Romans 15.4-13**

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**GOSPEL Matthew 3.1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

**POST COMMUNION**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world, and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him, with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.