## *Notices*

The next **Hymn Singing Session** will be on Thursday 19th Nov from 2 – 2.45 pm. This is your chance to find out what hymns are planned for the next month, to sing some of your favourites and to familiarise yourself with any you either don't know or have almost forgotten. Please support this event. It is both helpful and fun. If numbers don't improve, I may not carry it on. Thanks. Kim

The last **Crochet & Cake Meeting** of 2026 will be November 21st 10am to 12pm. We will be making Christmas Decorations for our Christmas Tree.

### ***Christmas Services***

*Tues 8th Dec - Carols In The Pub*
*at The Crown - 7pm - Revd Mike Ongyerth*

*Sun 13th Dec @ 3pm*
*Christingle - Micki Carey-Slater*

*Sun 20th Dec @ 4pm*
*9 Lessons & Carols - Revd Alistair Ward*

*Thurs 24th Dec - **Christmas Eve***
*4pm - Crib Service - Micki Carey-Slater*
*9pm - Christmas Communion - Fr Mark Williams*

*Fri 25th Dec - **Christmas Day***
*No Service at All Saints, Holbeach*
*But you will be very welcome to join us at*
*St Marys, Long Sutton at 10am*
*Or*
*All Saints, Moulton at 10am*
*Or*
*St Lukes, Holbeach Hurn at 11.30am*

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

## 2 Before Advent
## 15th November 2026

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
HOLBEACH

**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 Morning Worship

*Leader and Preacher* ALMs

**Hymn** **606** Soldiers Of Christ, Arise
**275** Help Us To Help Each Other, Lord
**412** Lord Jesus, Think On Me
**238** Go Forth And Tell

***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, Roger Quested, Harry Pollard, Ann Onyett, John Bambury, Andrew Dean, Nicki Thomson, Sallyanne Sudlow, Janusz Slawinski, Margaret Mears, Val Abiss, Jeff Evans, Jeanette Andrews, Elaine Barwick

**The Recently Departed** Edna Rawett, Alan Lawson

**In Memorium** Brenda Sims, John Hall, Harry Cave, John Griffiths

## *The week ahead*

Tues 17th - 11.00am - Funeral of Edna Rawett
Weds 18th - 09.30am - Holy Communion
Weds 18th - 6.30pm - Home Bible Study
Fri 20th - 9.00am - Morning Prayer followed by Open Prayer
Fri 20th - 2.00pm - Mothers Union

***Services for 22nd November - Christ The King***

**10.30am** **Holy Communion - Revd Mike Ongyerth**
**12.15pm** **Baptisms**

# Sunday 15th November — 2nd Sunday Before Advent

**COLLECT**

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Zephaniah 1.7,12-end**

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.'
Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

**PSALM 90.1-8, 12**

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.
1 Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'
4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
12 So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**GOSPEL Matthew 25.14-30**

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

**POST COMMUNION**

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.