

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR



All Age Eucharist

All Saints' Day

Sunday 1st November 2026

Welcome to St John's - it's good to see you!

You will find everything you need for the service in this booklet. Please join in with the text in **bold**.

Coffee and tea will be available after the service. Do feel welcome to stay for a Fairtrade brew and a natter.

A particular welcome to you if you are trying us out for the first time or if you are visiting the area. Don't be shy about introducing yourself!

There's a wealth of toys and games on offer in the children's area at the back of church and various activities for older children too. As this is an all-age service, all ages are warmly encouraged to get involved with any activities that form part of the service.

It's a great joy to have our Choristers, Juniors, Adults and Pop-up Choir with us this morning to lead our music.

The first part of today's service will be led by Philip, the Director of Music with Matthew, the Vicar, taking over to preside over the Eucharist.

The greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you

HYMN medley

Oh when the saints go marching in,
Oh when the saints go marching in,
I wanna be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.

I'm gonna sing, sing, sing,
I'm gonna dance, dance, dance,
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna dance, allelu!
When the gates are open wide,
I'll be standing by your side,
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna dance, allelu!

The confession, absolution and collect for the day

We say sorry to God, we hear about God's forgiveness and we pray the special prayer for today.

Saint or Ain't

We play the new gameshow format, Saint or Ain't...

Litany of the Saints

A musical set of prayers today. The response is:

Saints of God in glory,
Be with us, rejoice with us, sing praise with us,
And pray with us now.

The Gospel Reading

We hear a reading from St Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 5, Verses 1-12

This is the first part of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, usually known as the Beatitudes.

There will be a period of reflection on the Gospel Reading.

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

The Offertory Hymn – *a collection will be taken and the altar will be prepared*

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

**2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
*All are welcome...***

**3 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
*All are welcome...***

**4 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
*All are welcome...***

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.
After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

All Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

All Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

All Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
All 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Choir sings the Agnus Dei as the bread is broken

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion

You are very welcome to come up to the altar, as directed by the sidespeople, and take Communion if you usually do or just come for a blessing.

During Communion, the choir will sing the motet, Blest are the pure in heart by Antony Baldwin.

1 Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with all,
their pattern and their King;

3 Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

After Communion

A prayer is said and notices are given.

Final 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?
Here I am, Lord...

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?
Here I am, Lord...

The Dismissal:

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All: Amen.

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises.

All: Amen.

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

All: Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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