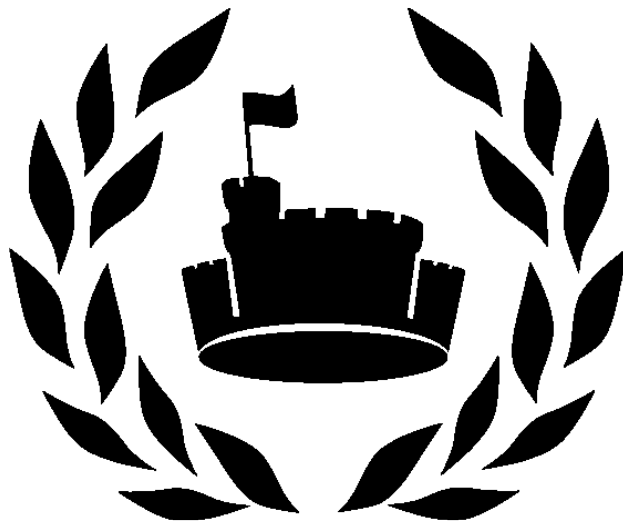


Parish of Central Windsor

Come and Sing Choral Evensong

**according to
The Book of Common Prayer**



Windsor Festival

**11th October 2026
5.30pm**

**A warm welcome to
All Saints' Church
for our service this evening**

Organ music before the service: Unter der Linden grüne (Sweelinck)

Please stand for:

THE OPENING HYMN

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For thy church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above
offering up on every shore
this pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

The Opening Sentence and Introduction are said:

Dearly beloved....

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation,

**Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from
thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and
desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us
miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their
faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy
promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter
live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Preces and Responses are sung by the choir (W. Smith, arr R. Marlow)

V. O Lord, open thou our lips
R. **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

V. Praise ye the Lord.
R. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

The appointed Psalm is sung

PSALM 67

¹GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

²That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.

³Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

⁴O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

⁵Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

⁶Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

⁷God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

A Lesson of the Old Testament is read

The First Lesson is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 26 1-5

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

26 ¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

Here endeth the Lesson: **Thanks be to God**

The Magnificat (Stanford in C) *is sung by the choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed,
for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

A Lesson of the New Testament is read

The Second Lesson is taken from the Gospel of John

John 4 31-36

⁴ ³¹ The disciples were urging Jesus, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ ³² But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ ³³ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ ³⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

Here endeth the Lesson: **Thanks be to God**

The Nunc Dimittis (Stanford in C) *is sung by the choir*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed *is said*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Christ, have mercy upon us.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the King.

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. And bless thine inheritance.

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only
thou, O God.**

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee;
Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our
hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just
works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world
cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy
commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear
of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the
merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils
and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem: O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving (Sir William Harris)

This anthem was dedicated to James Gordon and the Choir of the Parish Church of St John
the Baptist. James Gordon was Director of Music. (1952-62)

Prayers of Intercession are said, ending with

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Hymn before sermon

**Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:
*for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.***

**Let us blaze his name abroad,
for of gods he is the God:
*Refrain:***

**He with all commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:
*Refrain:***

**He the golden-tressèd sun
caused all day his course to run:
*Refrain:***

**And the hornèd moon by night,
mid her spangled sisters bright:
*Refrain:***

**All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need:
*Refrain:***

**Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:
*Refrain:***

John Milton (1608-1674)

SERMON

**Glory to thee, my God, this night,
for all the blessings of the light:
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thy own almighty wings.**

**Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
the ill that I this day have done;
that with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**

**Teach me to live, that I may dread
the grave as little as my bed;
teach me to die, that so I may
rise glorious at the awful day.**

**O may my soul on thee repose,
and with sweet sleep my eyelids close;
sleep that may me more vigorous make
to serve my God when I awake.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, angelic host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

FINAL BLESSING

Voluntary: March in G (H Smart)

**You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you for private
reflection or to give to a friend.**

If you are visiting today or attending for the first time, we hope that you have felt
“at home” here, that you will be refreshed by today’s service of worship
and that you will return in the future.
We shall be delighted if you decide to make our
church community your spiritual home.



If you would like to know more about the Christian faith,
please ask! You can also find out more by following the
“Faith & Life” section on the Church of England website:
churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe

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