

## God made low

Prophets promised long ago  
A King would come to bring us hope  
And now a virgin bears a son  
The time to save the world has come

Humble shepherds run in haste  
To see the One the angels praised  
In cattle stall they find a girl  
Who holds the hope of all the world

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The Christ is born, Hallelujah!  
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As He sleeps upon the hay  
He holds the moon and stars in place  
Though born an infant He remains  
The sovereign God of endless days

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For all our sins one day He'll die  
To make us sons of God on high  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
The promises have all come true

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## Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there a thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

# St. Andrew's & St. Michael's Partners Together in the Gospel

Alwalton, Orton Wistow, Orton Northgate, Orton Southgate & Chesterton  
30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 • The First Sunday of Christmas

## Praise Service



Malcolm Ingham writes,  
Exhausted from Christmas? Catching your breath before New Year? I hope that this morning brings you some stillness and peace as we remember together the one whose birth draws us in wonder to Christmas and counts the years as a new one approaches.

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>		
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>		
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.45pm	Power Point at St. Andrew's Rectory
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.45pm	Fellowship Group – details from Ian Kirkpatrick or David Alvey
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 10.30am	Chesterton Holy Communion (BCP) Alwalton Family Service (CW)

### Our Verse for the Year 2018

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”  
Galatians 5:25

**Please take home, read and recycle**

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Please give notices to Malcolm by 10am on Wednesday to ensure inclusion on the notice sheet



St. Andrew's, Alwalton  
learning, loving & living for Christ

## WELCOME, NOTICES & INTRODUCTION

God is the strength of his people  
and their glory  
**Lord, in your name we rejoice,  
In your truth we exult.  
Because of your love we can hold  
our heads up high.**

Praise the Lord forever and ever.  
**Amen and amen!**

WE SING: MP 83 Come and join  
the celebration

CONFESSION From Isaiah 63  
**God our Father,  
we have strayed from your ways;  
we have been stubborn and have  
turned away from you.  
You are the one who has always  
rescued us;  
look upon us from heaven where  
you live in holiness and glory;  
show your love for us,  
show your power,  
show your mercy.  
For our sake, who love you –  
for our sake, who are your  
people,  
return to us and forgive;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

ABSOLUTION from Isaiah 53  
We receive God's forgiveness  
through our Lord Jesus Christ: he  
covers our weaknesses and  
carries our sorrows; he was  
pierced for our transgressions and  
crushed for our iniquities; he took  
our punishment upon himself to  
bring us peace: by his wounds we  
are healed. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
As our Saviour taught us, so we  
pray  
**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.**

WE SING: God made low

CREED From Isaiah 44  
We believe in one God who made  
all things:  
Did he stretch out the heavens,  
spread out the earth, and form us  
in the womb?  
**He did!**

Is he the Lord almighty,

our king and our redeemer?  
**He is!**

Are we his own people,  
called by his name?  
**We are!**

Does he pour his Spirit on us  
as on a dry and thirsty land?  
**He does!**  
**We believe in one God,  
the Almighty, Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS

WE SING: CS 22 In the bleak  
midwinter

PRAYER BEFORE GOD'S WORD

READING Isaiah 61:1-3  
*At the end:*  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Talk Why did Jesus come?  
To bind up broken hearts

WE SING: Amazing grace  
The Collection for God's work is  
taken during this hymn

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

After the service...  
Please do stay and join  
us for coffee, tea, squash  
And biscuits which are  
served at the back of church.



PRAY if you would like to pray  
with someone after the service  
please approach any member of  
the Prayer Ministry team who can  
be identified by their large green  
badges.  
LISTEN again to today's talk at  
[www.alwaltonchurch.org.uk](http://www.alwaltonchurch.org.uk)

### St. Michael's 9.00am

Holy Communion  
CS 1 Unto us a Son is born!  
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3  
CS 8 See amid the winter's snow  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 12:15-21  
Sermon: Why did Jesus come?  
To bind up broken hearts  
CS 24 Good Christians all rejoice  
CS 10 While shepherds watched

### Men's Breakfast

Saturday 19th January 2019  
at the Tearooms in  
Alwalton at 8.30am  
With Richard Longfoot  
(chaplain to POSH)

### Women's Winter Glory Conference

Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Buckleuch Academy, Kettering  
9.15am – 4.40pm  
See Dawn Alvey for details