ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

EVENSONG & BENEDICTION 7th September 2025, 6pm

§ All stand when the sacristy bell rings.

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy word. *Hail Mary...*

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

§ To the collect, all respond: Amen.

THE PRECES

O LORD, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

§ All sit with the choir.

PSALMODY 120, 121

WHEN I was in trouble I called upon the Lord: and he heard me. 2. Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips: and from a deceitful tongue.

- 3. What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue: even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals. 4. Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Mesech: and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar.
- 5. My soul hath long dwelt among them: that are enemies unto peace. 6. I labour for peace, but when I speak unto them thereof: they make them ready to battle. Glory be. As it was.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help. 2. My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth. 3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep. 4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep. 5. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand; 6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night. 7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. 8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore. Glory be. As it was.

FIRST LESSON *Isa* 43.14-44.5

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the

bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! You have not brought me your sheep for burnt-offerings, or honoured me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Accuse me, let us go to trial; set forth your case, so that you may be proved right. Your first ancestor sinned, and your interpreters transgressed against me. Therefore I profaned the princes of the sanctuary, I delivered Jacob to utter destruction, and Israel to reviling. But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel

whom I have chosen! Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring. They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, 'I am the Lord's', another will be called by the name of Jacob, yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's', and adopt the name of Israel.

§ All stand.

OFFICE HYMN



O blest Creator of the light,

Who makest day with radiance bright, And o'er the forming world didst call The light from chaos first of all;

Whose wisdom joined in meet array
The morn and eve, and named them Day:
Night comes with all its darkling fears;
Regard thy people's prayers and tears:
Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with

strife,
They lose the gift of endless life;

While, thinking but the thoughts of time,

They weave them chains of guilt and crime.

But grant them grace that they may strain
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:
Each harmful lure aside to cast,
And purge away each error past.
O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
Who with the Spirit and with thee
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

MAGNIFICAT cf. Luke 1.46-55 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.

Short Service

Thomas Morley, 1557-1602

§ All sit.

SECOND LESSON John 5.30-47

Jesus said: 'I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me. 'If I testify

about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf.

You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

§ All stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS cf. Luke 2.29-32

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

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 Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSES & COLLECTS

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

§ All kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

O God, make clean our hearts within us. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

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;

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.**

§ All sit.

ANTHEM

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

G. P. da Palestrina, 1525-1594

BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

§ All kneel at the bell.

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

St Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274

William Byrd, 1540-1623

Blessed, praised and hallowed be Jesus Christ upon His Throne of Glory and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. [Three times]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.** § *Silence is kept*. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: **Have mercy on us.** [Three times]

Therefore we, before him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who from both with both is One. Amen.

St Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274

Tomás Luis de Victoria, 1548-1611

Thou gavest them bread from heaven.

Containing within itself all sweetness.

§ Benediction is given, after which all then repeat the Divine Praises.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy

Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption. Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Let us adore, for ever, the most holy Sacrament. O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

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.

§ All stand when the bell rings.

Let us adore, for ever, the most holy Sacrament.

VOLUNTARY

Pari intervallo Arvo Pärt, b. 1935

NOTICES

Welcome to All Saints', especially if you're visiting. The Parish Bar will be open for one hour after Evensong.



Collection is taken using the card reader at the back of church, or using this QR code. Thank you for your generosity.

Fidelium: Oxford Movement

Fidelium, a new network for young adults who worship in parishes across the Fulham jurisdiction, is organising a mini-series on the Oxford Movement. On Thursday 11th September at 7.00 pm, Fr Peter will give a lecture at All Saints' introducing the main ideas and figures of the Oxford movement and Catholic Revival. There will then be a day trip to Oxford on Saturday 27th September led by Fr Peter to put some of the ideas discussed in the lecture in context.

Advent Retreat

The Advent Retreat takes place from Friday 5th December to Sunday 7th December 2025 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. All those who gather for the retreat go into silence on Friday evening after supper. Silence is then kept in the Shrine grounds through the whole of Saturday until after the Solemn Mass on Sunday morning which takes place at St Mary's parish church. The cost is £260, and you can sign up via the Parish Office.

Choir and Music Trust Concert

The fundraising campaign for our Choir and Music Trust Fund will be launched at a concert given by our choir on the Saturday 1st November at 7.00 pm.

The programme will include Bairstow's *Blessed City, Heavenly Salem*, Macdowell's *Annunciation*, Macmillan's *A special Appeal*, Finzi's *Lo the full and final sacrifice*, Holst's *Nunc Dimittis*, and Parry's *Songs of Farewell*. Tickets are £25 per head and all funds raised will go to our Choir and Music Trust. It will be a splendid evening and we need as many people present as possible. Please bring your friends.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday 8th September Nativity of the BVM

Tuesday 9th September Feria

Wednesday 10th September Feria

Thursday 11th September Feria

Friday 12th September Feria

Saturday 13th September St John Chrysostom

Sunday 14th September

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

12noon; 6.30pm

12noon; 6.30pm

12noon; 5.30pm Holy Hour; 6.30pm

12noon; 6.30pm

12noon; 6.30pm

12noon; 6pm Confessions;

6.30pm Vigil Mass

8.30am Low Mass

11am High Mass; 5.15pm Low Mass

6pm Evensong & Benediction

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street: 7th — Sandra Wheen, Matthew Whittaker, Tim Widdowfield, David Wilcox, T. Bradford Willis, Ian A. Wilson, Fr Michael Witcombe; 8th — Martin Woods, The Rev'd John Wylam, William Yale, Michael Young; 9th — Mark Allan, Martin Amherst-Lock, Robert Austen, Richard Ayling, James Babington Smith, Ruth Baker; 10th — Stephen Baldwin, Stephen Barber, Nigel Beanland, Jonathan Beck, Dr William Benefield, William Bonnell, Charlotte Black, John Blackburn 11th — John Bristow, Paul Brough, Michael Brown, David Blunden, Fr Michael Bowie, Dr Graham Burns; 12th — Derek Bussey, Katherine Butler, Maureen Cambrey, David Caplowe, Adrian Carlton-Oatley, Timothy Cassady, Norman and Zulette Catir, Kate Charles, Stuart Chillingworth, Sir Robert Chote, Sandy Christian; 13th — Roger Clark, Catharine Clarke, David and Mavis Cleggett, Graham Colville

The sick: Cherry Burroughs, Jean Castledine, David Craig, Fr Michael Gudgeon, Catherine Hobden, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Carol Lyman-Price, Amanda Oldman, James Rodger, Ingrid Slaughter, Juliet Windham

The recently departed: Biddy Baxter, Martyn Evans, Joan Hindle Obl.SLG, David Lodge

and for those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time: 7th — Edith Senior, Maud Burling, Nell Titley; 9th — Annie Harrison; 10th — Marion Richards; Elizabeth Barker; Winifred Harland, Anne Peduin, Jean Harmsworth; 11th — Allan Yates, John Monk, Maurice Keen, Robert Halligan; 12th — James Shaw, Marion Pidgeon, David Robbins; 13th — Dom Bernard Clements Pr (Sixth Vicar of All Saints), Reginald Bickerton