

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET  
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
**EVENSONG & BENEDICTION** 21<sup>st</sup> 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 128, 129

*BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in his ways. 2. For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be. 3. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine: upon the walls of thine house. 4. Thy children like the olive-branches: round about thy table. 5. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed: that feareth the Lord. 6. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee: that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long. 7. Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon Israel. Glory be. As it was.*

*MANY a time have they fought against me from my youth up: may Israel now say. 2. Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up: but they have not prevailed against me. 3. The plowers plowed upon my back: and made long furrows. 4. But the righteous Lord: hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces. 5. Let them be confounded and turned backward: as many as have evil will at Sion. 6. Let them be even as the grass growing upon the house-tops: which withereth afore it be plucked up; 7. Whereof the mower filleth not his hand: neither he that bindeth up the sheaves his bosom. 8. So that they who go by say not so much as, The Lord prosper you: we wish you good luck in the Name of the Lord. Glory be. As it was.*

## FIRST LESSON *Ezra 1*

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom, and also in a written edict declared: 'Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. Any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them!—are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem; and let all survivors, in whatever place they reside, be assisted by the people of their place with silver and gold, with goods and with animals, besides freewill-offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem.' The heads of the families of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites—everyone whose spirit God had stirred—got ready to go up and rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. All their neighbours aided them with silver vessels, with gold, with goods, with animals, and with valuable gifts, besides all that was freely offered. King Cyrus himself brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods. King Cyrus of Persia had them released into the charge of Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. And this was the inventory: gold basins, thirty; silver basins, one thousand;

knives, twenty-nine; gold bowls, thirty; other silver bowls, four hundred and ten; other vessels, one thousand; the total of the gold and silver vessels was five thousand four hundred. All these Sheshbazzar brought up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.

§ *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.*

## **Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G**

Herbert Sumsion, 1899-1995

§ *All sit.*

## SECOND LESSON *John 5.30-47*

About the middle of the festival Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. The Jews were astonished at it, saying, ‘How does this man have such learning, when he has never been taught?’ Then Jesus answered them, ‘My teaching is not mine but his who sent me. Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own. Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him.

‘Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you looking for an opportunity to kill me?’ The crowd answered, ‘You have a demon! Who is trying to kill you?’ Jesus answered them, ‘I performed one work, and all of you are astonished. Moses gave you circumcision (it is, of course, not from Moses, but from the patriarchs), and you circumcise a man on the sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath in order that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I healed a man’s whole body on the sabbath? Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgement.’

Now some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, ‘Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill? And here he is, speaking openly, but they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Messiah? Yet we know where this man is from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.’ Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, ‘You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.’ Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come. Yet many in the crowd believed in him and were saying, ‘When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than this man has done?’

The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering such things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent temple police to arrest him. Jesus then said, 'I will be with you a little while longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. You will search for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.' The Jews said to one another, 'Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? What does he mean by saying, "You will search for me and you will not find me" and, "Where I am, you cannot come?"'

§ *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, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ 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

He delivered the poor in his affliction,  
the fatherless and him that hath none to help him. He shall bind up the broken hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captives, and comfort to those that mourn. He shall give them beauty for ashes; the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth things that are sown to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and peace to spring forth before all nations.

*From 'Hear my words, ye people', 1894  
After Job 29.12ff, Isaiah 61.3, 11*

C. H. H. Parry, 1848-1918

## 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

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

**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

Max Reger, 1873-1916

*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

**Chorale Prelude on S. S. Wesley's  
'Hampton'**

C. H. H. Parry, 1848-1918

# PARISH NOTICES

*Please join us for coffee after Mass. The Parish Bar will be open for an hour from 12.30pm.*

## **Flowers this week**

Thanks go to Tom and Amelia Graham, who were married here yesterday, for the beautiful flowers. Congratulations to them.

## **Our Lady of Walsingham**

The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham falls on Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Low Mass with hymns, at the High Altar at 6.30pm, followed by drinks at Fr Alan's. All welcome.

## **Parish Walk**

Our next Parish Walk will take place on St Luke's Day, Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll take the 09.54 from Victoria to Lewes, and walk up to 10 miles, with some ascents. All welcome. Be in touch with Fr Alan.

## **Zoom Theology**

Our latest series of Zoom Theology seminars has just been announced – please check the weekly email and parish website for details.

## **Advent Retreat**

The Advent Retreat takes place from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Eve of All Saints'; Saturday 1st November at 7pm.

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. Please bring your friends.

*Please take away one of the **enclosed flyers** for full details of this year's Patronal celebrations!*

**The clergy can be contacted through the Parish Office:  
020 7636 1788; [office@asms.uk](mailto:office@asms.uk)**

## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b> <i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>   St Pius of Pietrelcina	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>   <b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b>	12noon; 5.30pm <i>Holy Hour</i> Low Mass with hymns 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>   Ss Cosmas & Damian	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>   St Vincent de Paul	12noon Req.; 2.30pm Nuptial Mass 6pm <i>Confessions</i> ; 6.30pm Vigil
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>MICHAELMAS</b>	8.30am Low Mass 11am High Mass; 5.15pm Low Mass 6pm <i>Evensong &amp; Benediction</i>

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street:** 22<sup>nd</sup> - Richard Hoskinson, Marissa Howard-McNatt, Fr David Hutt, Alfred Imhoff, David James, Andrew Jervis, Powell Johann, Stephen Jury, Malcolm Kemp 23<sup>rd</sup> - Alan Kimbrough, Brenda Koupis, Stanislav Kudryashov, Christopher Laws, Margaret Leggett 24<sup>th</sup> - Cornelius Logue, Frau Dr Christiane Loidl-Rainey, Nigel Lynn, Henry Macey, Bishop Michael Marshall, David Mason, Robert Mason, Graham Mather 25<sup>th</sup> - Judith Mather, The Ven Fr Stephen McClatchie, John McWhinney, Colin Menzies, Amanda Miller  
26<sup>th</sup> - Thomas Moller, Michael Mortensen, Barry Moore, Deacon Christopher Morash, Grace Morgan, Heather Morgan, Dr John Morrell, Fr Stephen Morris, Inger Mosbery, Lachlan Moyle, Carol Mundell 27<sup>th</sup> - Christopher Naylor, Brian Newman, Barry Newsome, Letitia Nicholl, Elaine Norman, Richard North, Fr Paul Ockford

**The sick:** Jean Castledine, David Craig, Fr Michael Gudgeon, Catherine Hobden, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Carol Lyman-Price, Daniel Oliver, James Rodger, Oskar Rodriguez-Lopez, Ingrid Slaughter, Juliet Windham

**The recently departed:** David Lodge

**and for those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:**

22<sup>nd</sup> - Anthony Alsopp, Andrew Braybrooke 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jean Hobbs, David Shearer, Pamela Herbertson  
25<sup>th</sup> - Eric King, Irene Bevan 26<sup>th</sup> - Evelynne Steele, Mickaël Charbonneau, Lilian Exten, Lynn Evans  
27<sup>th</sup> - Sister Mary OHP



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