

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
EVENSONG & BENEDICTION 14th 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 110

THE Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. 2. The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies. 3. In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship: the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning. 4. The Lord swear, and will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech. 5. The Lord upon thy right hand: shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath. 6. He shall judge among the heathen; he shall fill the places with the dead bodies: and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries. 7. He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up his head. Glory be. As it was.

FIRST LESSON *Isa 63.1-16*

‘Who is this that comes from Edom, from Bozrah in garments stained crimson? Who is this so splendidly robed, marching in his great might?’ ‘It is I, announcing vindication, mighty to save.’ ‘Why are your robes red, and your garments like theirs who tread the wine press?’ ‘I have trodden the wine press alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their juice spattered on my garments, and stained all my robes. For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year for

my redeeming work had come. I looked, but there was no helper; I stared, but there was no one to sustain me; so my own arm brought me victory, and my wrath sustained me. I trampled down peoples in my anger, I crushed them in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.' I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved his holy spirit; therefore he became their enemy; he himself fought against them. Then they remembered the days of old, of Moses his servant. Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is the one who put within them his holy spirit, who caused his glorious arm to march at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. Like cattle that go down into the valley, the spirit of the Lord gave them rest. Thus you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name. Look down from heaven and see, from your holy and glorious habitation. Where are your zeal and your

might? The yearning of your heart and your compassion? They are withheld from me. For you are our father, though Abraham does not know us and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are our father; our Redeemer from of old is your name.

§ *All stand.*

OFFICE HYMN



The Royal banners forward go,
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow,
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

*Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood,
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.*

Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old,
The universal Lord is he,
Who reigns and triumphs from the tree.

*O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,
O Tree with royal purple dight,
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest!*

On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

*O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us prevail
To give new virtue to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.*

**To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
Whom by thy Cross thou dost
restore,
Preserve and govern evermore.
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.*

Evening Service in B-minor
T. Tertius Noble, 1867-1953

§ *All sit.*

SECOND LESSON *1 Cor. 1.18-25*

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

§ *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.

O GOD, who by the passion of thy blessed Son hast made the instrument of shameful death to be unto us the means of life and peace: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss; for the sake of the same 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

Salvator mundi, salva nos,
qui per crucem et sanguinem
redemisti nos: auxiliare nobis,
te deprecamur, Deus noster.

*O Saviour of the world, save us;
for you have redeemed us
through the cross and your blood: help us,
we beseech you, our God.*

Antiphon for Matins on the Feast of the
Exaltation of the Cross

Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

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

Edward Elgar, 1857-1934

**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

Anton Bruckner, 1824-1896

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

Choral Prelude on 'Rockingham'

Kenneth Leighton, 1929-1988

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to All Saints', especially if you're visiting this evening.

Please join us for a drink in the Parish Bar, which will be open for an hour from 6.45pm.

Wedding Bells

Please keep Tom Saxton and Amelia Graham in your prayers this week, as they prepare for their wedding here at All Saints' this coming Saturday.

Our Lady of Walsingham

The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham falls on Wednesday September 24th. 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 18th. 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.

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 Eve of All Saints'; Saturday 1st November at 7pm.

The programme will include Bairstow's *Blessed City*, 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 our Patronal celebrations this year!*

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday 15th September	Our Lady at the Cross	12noon; 6.30pm
Tuesday 16th September	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	12noon; 6.30pm
Wednesday 17th September	<i>Feria</i>	12noon; 5.30pm <i>Holy Hour</i> ; 6.30pm
Thursday 18th September	<i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
Friday 19th September	<i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
Saturday 20th September	St Andrew Kim Taegon	12noon Requiem; 2.30pm Nuptial Mass 6pm <i>Confessions</i> ; 6.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 21st September		8.30am Low Mass
TRINITY XIV		11am High Mass; 5.15pm Low Mass 6pm <i>Evensong & Benediction</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street: *14th* – Karolyn Cooper, William Cooper Bailey, Peter Coulson, Steven Cox, Dr Yvonne Craig, Juliet Cridland; *15th* – Dr Ryan Danker, Kirill Dashkovskiy, Keith Day, Christopher Davies, Peter Dennis, Laura Denton, Joshua Dolphin; *16th* – Linda Edwards, Pamela Edwards, Jane Elliston, Dr Terrence Ellsworth, Richard Everton and Fr Philip Bevan, Carolyn Farrar, Dr Malcolm Faulkner; *17th* – Sue Feakin, Adrian Felaar, Elizabeth Ferguson, Daniel Fielden, Janice Fielden, Julia Fielden, Nigel Fisher, Mark Fleming; *18th* – Stuart Fletcher, Christopher Forman, Matthew Foster, Antony Fox, Dr Ralph Donald Fram, Dr Jason Frost, Derrick French, Derek Gatherer, Celia Gatherer, Charlotte Gauthier, Dr Rebecca Gibbs, Margaret Goddard, Paul Golding, John Goldsmith; *19th* – Genevieve Gomi, Canon Michael Gudgeon, Sheelagh Gudgeon, Ginger and Del Hall, Monica Joan Hall; *20th* – Paul Hannah, Jillian Hargreaves, Christopher Harlow-Jennings, Patrick Hartley, The Rev'd Canon Jeremy Haselock

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

The recently departed: Cherry Burroughs, Joan Hindle, David Lodge

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

14th – Peggy Macmillan, Thomas Partridge; *15th* – Augusta Kirby, Gwen Duckett, Richard Dinnis *Pr*, Henrietta Osler; *16th* – Evelyn Hutt, Virginia Ambridge, Flora Subbiah; *17th* – Arthur Bouchier, Allan Duggan; *20th* – Guy Fleming *Pr*, Greville Howard, Anthony Andrews *Pr*, Susan Gill

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