

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET
LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
EVENSONG & BENEDICTION 26th October, 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 119.1-8, 9-16

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord. 2. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies: and seek him with their whole heart. 3. For they who do no wickedness: walk in his ways. 4. Thou hast charged: that we shall diligently keep thy commandments. 5. O that my ways were made so direct: that I might keep thy statutes! 6. So shall I not be confounded: while I have respect unto all thy commandments. 7. I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart: when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness. 8. I will keep thy ceremonies: O forsake me not utterly. Glory be. As it was. Amen.

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way: even by ruling himself after thy word.

10. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

11. Thy words have I hid within my heart: that I should not sin against thee. 12. Blessed art thou, O Lord: O teach me thy statutes. 13. With my lips have I been telling: of all the judgements of thy mouth. 14. I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies: as in all manner of riches. 15. I will talk of thy commandments: and have respect unto thy ways. 16. My delight shall be in thy statutes: and I will not forget thy word. Glory be. As it was. Amen.

FIRST LESSON *Ecclesiastes 12*

Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher; all is vanity. Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs. The Teacher sought to find pleasing words, and he wrote words of truth plainly. The sayings of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings that are given by one shepherd. Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. The end of

the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

§ *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

Richard Ayleward, 1626-1669

§ *All sit.*

SECOND LESSON 2 *Timothy 2.1-7*

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over

what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

§ *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, 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.*

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

*In pace, in idipsum dormiam et
requiescam.*

*Si dederō somnum oculis meis,
et palpebris meis dormitationem,
dormiam et requiescam.*

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

In peace and into the same I shall sleep and rest.

If I give slumber to my eyes

and to my eyelids drowsiness,

I shall sleep and rest.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Ghost.*

John Blitheman, c. 1525-1591

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

Thomas Tallis, c. 1505-1585

**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

Giuseppe Pitoni, 1657-1743

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 a Danish evening
hymn**

Robin Spurrier

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to our visitors. The Parish Bar will be open for one hour after Evensong. Please join us.

Flowers

The flowers are given in loving memory of David Robin, on the third anniversary of his death on 12th September, by Antonietta. If you would like to make a donation for flowers or the courtyard garden, please contact Shawn directly or via the office.

Winter homeless shelter

We are looking for volunteers for our parish winter homeless shelter project. The pattern involves taking the lead in feeding and offering hospitality to some of the homeless of this city at the night shelter hosted at the American Church on the Tottenham Court Road.

We have undertaken to run the shelter on the following nights: Wednesday 26th November 2025; Wednesday 7th January 2026; Wednesday 4th February 2026; and Wednesday 18th March 2026.

If you would like to volunteer, please be in touch with Fr Alan (assistantpriest@asms.uk). Please email again even if you have emailed already.

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.

If you are able to help volunteer on the day to serve drinks after the concert, please be in touch with Kate Hodgetts.

Book your tickets using the QR code in the enclosed flyer!

The clergy can be contacted through the Parish Office:

020 7636 1788; office@asms.uk

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday 27th October <i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
Tuesday 28th October <i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
Wednesday 29th October Sts Simon and Jude	12noon; 5.30pm <i>Holy Hour</i> ; 6.30pm
Thursday 30th October <i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
Friday 31st October <i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
Saturday 1st November Eve of All Saints	12noon; 4.30 Confessions 5.15 <i>Low Mass of All Saints</i> 7pm Concert and Fundraising Launch
Sunday 2nd November ALL SAINTS DAY	8.30am Low Mass 11am High Mass; 5.15pm Low Mass 6pm <i>Evensong & Benediction and Te Deum</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street: 26th – 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; 27th – Christopher Naylor, Brian Newman, Barry Newsome, Letitia Nicholl, Elaine Norman, Richard North, Fr Paul Ockford; 28th – Fr Peter and Anna Oesterby-Joergensen, Amanda Oldman, Daniel Oliver, Fr. Barry Orford, Nicholas Page, Samantha Parker, Malcolm Parr, Bhaven Patel, Philip Payne, Alma Pearson, Gladys Pearson; 29th – Pat Philips, Dr Colin Podmore, Nick and Cecilia Powell, Susan Prain, Vasileios Psomas, Simon Rainey, Heikki Repo; 30th – The Sisters of All Saints; 31st – Friends of All Saints' in need; 1st – Carlos Remotti-Breton, Fr Steve Rice, John Rick, Fr Peter Roberts, Hilary Rodger

The sick: Jean Castledine, Angela Cirillo, Francesco Cirillo, David Craig, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Vivienne Nally, Daniel Oliver, Fr Peter Roberts, James Rodger, Ingrid Slaughter, Juliet Windham

The recently departed: Keelan Shorten

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

26th – Gwendoline Freeman, Joseph Harding; 28th – Dorothy Gartside, William Lloyd Webber, Phyllis Richards, John Gaskell *Pr*, David Trendell; 29th – Sister Dorothy Hilda; 30th – Tharu Tharakan, John Todd; 31st – Marian Ross, Frank Leeman, Dilys Thomas; 1st – Bernard Dawson, Jane Pollard, Cecil Mead, Carol Searles, Janet Reid



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