

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
**EVENSONG & BENEDICTION** 5<sup>th</sup> 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 142

*I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice: yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.*

*2. I poured out my complaints before him: and shewed him of my trouble. 3. When my spirit was in heaviness thou knewest my path: in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me. 4. I looked also upon my right hand: and saw there was no man that would know me.*

*5. I had no place to flee unto: and no man cared for my soul. 6. I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said: Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living. 7. Consider my complaint: for I am brought very low. 8. O deliver me from my persecutors: for they are too strong for me.*

*9. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy Name: which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company. Glory be. As it was. Amen.*

FIRST LESSON *Nehemiah 5.1-13*

Now there was a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish kin. For there were those who said, 'With our sons and our daughters, we are many; we must get grain, so that we may eat and stay alive.' There were also those who said, 'We are having to pledge our fields, our vineyards, and our houses in order to get grain during the famine.' And there were those who said, 'We are having to borrow money on our fields and vineyards to pay the king's tax. Now our flesh is the same as that of our kindred; our children are the same as

their children; and yet we are forcing our sons and daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have been ravished; we are powerless, and our fields and vineyards now belong to others.' I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these complaints. After thinking it over, I brought charges against the nobles and the officials; I said to them, 'You are all taking interest from your own people.' And I called a great assembly to deal with them, and said to them, 'As far as we were able, we have bought back our Jewish kindred who had been sold to other nations; but now you are selling your own kin, who must then be bought back by us!' They were silent, and could not find a word to say. So I said, 'The thing that you are doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God, to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us stop this taking of interest. Restore to them, this very day, their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the interest on money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them.' Then they said, 'We will restore everything and demand nothing more from them. We will do as you say.' And I called the priests, and made them take an oath to do as they had promised. I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, 'So may God shake out everyone from house and from property who does not perform this promise. Thus may they be shaken out and emptied.' And all the assembly said, 'Amen', and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

§ *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 A-flat**

Basil Harwood, 1859-1949

§ *All sit.*

#### **SECOND LESSON *John 9.1-12***

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent).

Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

§ *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 LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity*  
*cleanse and defend thy Church: and, because it*  
*cannot continue in safety without thy succour,*  
*preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness.*  
*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

*Beati quorum via integra est: qui ambulant in lege Domini.*

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord.

C. V. Stanford, 1852-1924

## **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

John Stainer, 1840-190, arr. Paul Brough

**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

John Stainer and Ludwig van Beethoven,  
1770-1827

*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

**Andante serioso, ma con moto from  
Organ Sonata in E-flat major  
Edward Bairstow, 1874-1946**

# PARISH NOTICES

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

## **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.

## **Zoom Theology**

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

## **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 (assistant.priest@asms.uk).

## **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*, 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**

## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>Feria</i>	12noon; 5.30pm <i>Holy Hour</i> ; 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, DOCTOR</b>	
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12noon 6pm <i>Confessions</i> ; 6.30pm <i>Vigil</i>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8.30am <i>Low Mass</i>
<b>TRINITY XVII</b>	11am <i>High Mass</i> ; 5.15pm <i>Low Mass</i> 6pm <i>Evensong &amp; Benediction</i>

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street:** *5th* – Sebastian Taite-Ellis, Michael Taylor, Kitty Thompson, Charles Thomson, Dr James Thomson, Jeremy Thorp, Jane Turner, The Rev'd Roger Turner, Dr Christine Vaughn Lillie; *6th* – Christopher Walsh, Philip Wayne, Fr Benjamin Weitzmann, Fr. Mats Wendt, Michael Westcott; *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

**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:** Cherry Burroughs; James Leigh, *Pr.*

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

*5th* – John Clayton; *6th* – Alan Harrison *Pr.*, Patricia Molly Simpson-Coe, Raymond Oram; *7th* – Sarah Venn, Mabel Moore, Pauline Rolph; *8th* – Eric Kay, Grace Miller, Emma Titley; *9th* – Ann Armstrong, Fred Edwards, Gwendolen Clementson, Philip Oakeshott; *10th* – Suzette Shores; *11th* – Mark Carpenter-Garnier *Bp.*, Barbara Schiefer



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