

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
EVENSONG & BENEDICTION 12<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 144

*BLESSED be the Lord my strength: who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight; 2. My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my defender in whom I trust: who subdueth my people that is under me. 3. Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him: or the son of man, that thou so regardest him? 4. Man is like a thing of nought: his time passeth away like a shadow. 5. Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. 6. Cast forth thy lightning, and tear them: shoot out thine arrows, and consume them. 7. Send down thine hand from above: deliver me, and take me out of the great waters, from the hand of strange children; 8. Whose mouth talketh of vanity: and their right hand is a right hand of wickedness. 9. I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: and sing praises unto thee upon a ten-stringed lute. 10. Thou hast given victory unto kings: and hast delivered David thy servant from the peril of the sword. 11. Save me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children: whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity. 12. That our sons may grow up as the young plants: and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple. 13. That our garners may be full and plenteous with all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets. 14. That our oxen may be strong to labour, that there be no decay: no*

*leading into captivity, and no complaining in our streets. 15. Happy are the people that are in such a case: yea, blessed are the people who have the Lord for their God. Glory be. As it was. Amen.*

#### FIRST LESSON *Nehemiah 5.1-13*

Now when it was reported to Sanballat and Tobiah and to Geshem the Arab and to the rest of our enemies that I had built the wall and that there was no gap left in it (though up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, ‘Come and let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono.’ But they intended to do me harm. So I sent messengers to them, saying, ‘I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it to come down to you?’ They sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner. In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. In it was written, ‘It is reported among the nations—and Geshem also says it—that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall; and according to this report you wish to become their king. You have also set up prophets to proclaim in Jerusalem concerning you, “There is a king in Judah!” And now it will be reported to the king according to these words. So come, therefore, and let us confer together.’ Then I sent to him, saying, ‘No such things as you say have been done; you are inventing them out of your own mind’ —for they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, ‘Their

hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.’ But now, O God, strengthen my hands. One day when I went into the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his house, he said, ‘Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you; indeed, tonight they are coming to kill you.’ But I said, ‘Should a man like me run away? Would a man like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in!’ Then I perceived and saw that God had not sent him at all, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. He was hired for this purpose, to intimidate me and make me sin by acting in this way, and so they could give me a bad name, in order to taunt me. Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid. So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem; for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.

§ *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 F

Michael Wise, c. 1647-1687

§ *All sit.*

SECOND LESSON *John 15.12-27*

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. ‘If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the

world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, “Servants are not greater than their master.” If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, “They hated me without a cause.” ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

§ *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.*

*LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may  
always prevent and follow us: and make us  
continually to be given to all good works.*

*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**

Jesu, the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see,  
And in thy presence rest.

Edward Bairstow, 1874-1946

## **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

James Sherwood, b. 1975

**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

*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

**Prelude no. 1**

Edward Bairstow, 1874-1946

# PARISH NOTICES

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

## **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.

## **Carol service volunteers**

We need volunteers to help with the Carol services that we host at the church for various schools, Oxbridge colleges, and professional societies. Please be in touch with the Parish 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 ([assistant.priest@asms.uk](mailto: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.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St Edward the Confessor	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St Teresa of Avila	12noon; 5.30pm <i>Holy Hour</i> ; 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St Ignatius of Antioch	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>		12noon
<b>St Luke</b>		6pm Confessions; 6.30pm Vigil
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>		8.30am Low Mass
<b>TRINITY XVIII (Last Sunday after Trinity)</b>		11am High Mass; 5.15pm Low Mass 6pm <i>Evensong &amp; Benediction</i>

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street:** 12<sup>th</sup> – Derek Bussey, Katherine Butler, Maureen Cambrey, David Caplowe, David Cardona, Adrian Carlton-Oatley, Timothy Cassady, Norman and Zulette Catir, Kate Charles, Stuart Chillingworth, Sir Robert Chote, Sandy Christian; 13<sup>th</sup> – Roger Clark, Catharine Clarke, David and Mavis Cleggett, Graham Colville; 14<sup>th</sup> – Karolyn Cooper, William Cooper Bailey, Peter Coulson, Steven Cox, Dr Yvonne Craig, Juliet Cridland; 15<sup>th</sup> – Dr Ryan Danker, Kirill Dashkovskiy, Keith Day, Christopher Davies, Peter Dennis, Laura Denton, Joshua Dolphin; 16<sup>th</sup> – Linda Edwards, Pamela Edwards, Jane Elliston, Dr Terrence Ellsworth, Richard Everton and Fr Philip Bevan, Carolyn Farrar, Dr Malcolm Faulkner; 17<sup>th</sup> – Sue Feakin, Adrian Felaar, Elizabeth Ferguson, Daniel Fielden, Janice Fielden, Julia Fielden, Nigel Fisher, Mark Fleming; 18<sup>th</sup> – Stuart Fletcher, Christopher Forman, Matthew Foster, Antony Fox, Dr Ralph Donald Fram, Dr Jason Frost, Derrick French, Derek and Cecilia Gatherer, Dr Charlotte Gauthier, Dr Rebecca Gibbs and Samuel Wildy, Margaret Goddard, Paul Golding, John Goldsmith

**The sick:** Jean Castledine, Angela Cirillo, Francesco Cirillo, David Craig, Fr Michael Gudgeon, Catherine Hobden, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Carol Lyman-Price, Daniel Oliver, Fr Peter Roberts, 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:**

12<sup>th</sup> – Guest Blofeld *Pr*, Lilian Ditcham; 13<sup>th</sup> – David Heffer, Elizabeth Hoare; 14<sup>th</sup> – Vera Dyer; 15<sup>th</sup> – Godfrey Dick; 16<sup>th</sup> – Florence Kelly, Raymond McGrath, Jack Ridley, Richard O'Connor, Gelda James, Alan Osbourne; 17<sup>th</sup> – Robert Hanvey, Evelyn Vandy, Margaret McKenzie-Edwards; 18<sup>th</sup> – Lilian Geddes, John Williams, Christopher Rawll, Wilfred Bevan



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