

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
EVENSONG & BENEDICTION 16th November, 2025

§ *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 93, 97

THE Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. 2. He hath made the round world so sure: that it cannot be moved.

3. Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared: thou art from everlasting. 4. The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice: the floods lift up their waves. 5. The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly: but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier. 6. Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: holiness becometh thine house for ever. Glory be. As it was. Amen.

THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

2. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat. 3. There shall go a fire before him: and burn up his enemies on every side. 4. His lightnings gave shine unto the world: the earth saw it, and was afraid. 5. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. 6. The heavens have declared his righteousness: and all the people have seen his glory. 7. Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: worship him, all ye gods. 8. Sion heard of it, and rejoiced: and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord. 9. For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. 10. O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is

evil: the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

11. There is sprung up a light for the righteous:

and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

12. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous: and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness. Glory be.

As it was. Amen.

FIRST LESSON *Daniel 6*

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, stationed throughout the whole kingdom, and over them three presidents, including Daniel; to these the satraps gave account, so that the king might suffer no loss. Soon Daniel distinguished himself above all the other presidents and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom. So the presidents and the satraps tried to find grounds for complaint against Daniel in connection with the kingdom. But they could find no grounds for complaint or any corruption, because he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption could be found in him. The men said, 'We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.' So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.'

Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, 'O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?' The king answered, 'The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.' Then they responded to the king, 'Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.' When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, 'Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.' Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!' A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him. Then, at break of

day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, ‘O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?’ Daniel then said to the king, ‘O king, live for ever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.’ Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces. Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: ‘May you have abundant prosperity! I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: For he is the living God, enduring for ever. His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end. He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for he has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.’ So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

§ *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.

Fourth Service

Adrian Batten, c. 1591-1637

§ *All sit.*

SECOND LESSON *Matthew 13.1-9. 18-23*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls

away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

§ *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, whose blessed Son was manifested that
he might destroy the works of the devil and make
us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this
hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is
pure, that when he shall appear again with
power and great glory we may be made like unto
him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where
with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit,
he liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for
ever. 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

*Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes,
laudate eum, omnes populi. Quoniam confirmata
est super nos misericordia eius, et veritas Domini
manet in aeternum. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et
Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et
semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

*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. 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.*

Thomas Tallis, c. 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

Tomas Luis de Victoria, c. 1548-1611

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

William Byrd, 1540-1623

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

Organ Voluntary in G minor, Op. 5, no. 9

John Stanley, 1712-1786

PARISH NOTICES

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

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. Services take place on 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 16, 18, and 19 December.

Winter homeless shelter

Please be in touch with Fr Alan if you are able to assist running the night shelter on the evening of November 26th and/or the morning of the 27th, and/or on January 7th/8th. The main shift is 6-9pm, and 7-9am for breakfast. Email assistantpriest@asms.uk.

Choir and Music Trust Concert

The next event in our fundraising programme will be a Christmas Carol Organ Concert offered by our Associate Director of Music, Jeremiah Stephenson, on Friday 19th December 2025 at 7.00 pm. Tickets are available via a link in the Parish email.

It will be a wonderful evening of organ music for the festive season. The programme will include: Dupré's *Variations sur un vieux Noël*; plus improvisation on a series of well known and loved Christmas carols.

We are so grateful to Jeremiah for offering this wonderful concert in aid of our campaign.

Choir and Music Trust Capital Campaign

You can make a donation to our Choir and Music Trust Fund via CAF. There will be no All Saints' Festival Appeal this year. In its place, all parishioners and Friends are being invited to make a special gift to our Music Trust to launch our year-long fundraising appeal.

Please also consider joining the Music Patrons. The Music Patrons of All Saints' is a newly founded group of people committed to giving regularly to support the Choir and Music and Trust Fund of All Saints' Margaret Street. In order to join the Music Patron of All Saints', simply set up a regular gift of at least £10 a month via CAF. If you are an American tax payer, you can sign up by making a regular gift of at least \$15 a month via our Chapel and York account.

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

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday 17th November	St Hilda of Witby	12noon; 6.30pm
Tuesday 18th November	<i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
Wednesday 19th November	<i>Feria</i>	12noon; 5.30pm <i>Holy Hour</i> ; 6.30pm
Thursday 20th November	St Edmund, K. M.	12noon; 6.30pm
Friday 21st November	Presentation BVM	12noon; 6.30pm
Saturday 22nd November		12noon
	St Cecilia	6pm Confessions; 6.30pm Vigil
Sunday 23rd November		8.30am Low Mass
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE		11am High Mass; 5.15pm Low Mass 6pm <i>Evensong & Benediction</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street: 16th – Linda Edwards, Pamela Edwards, Jane Elliston, Dr Terrence Ellsworth, Richard Everton and Fr Philip Bevan, Carolyn Farrar, Dr Martin 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 and Cecilia Gatherer, Dr Charlotte Gauthier, Dr Rebecca Gibbs and Samuel Wildy, 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; 21st – Eoghan Healy, Rebecca Hirst, Fr David Hobden and Catherine Hobden, James and Gwendoline Holdcroft, The Rev'd Canon Graham Holcombe, Edwin Holmes, Rosy Holt, Bishop David Hope; 22nd – Richard Hoskinson, Marissa Howard-McNatt, Fr David Hutt, Alfred Imhoff, David James, Andrew Jervis, Powell Johann, Stephen Jury, Malcolm Kemp

The sick: Jean Castledine, Simon Cottee, David Craig, Pat Hawkins, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Vivienne Nally, Daniel Oliver, Fr Peter Roberts, James Rodger, Carol Simmons, Ingrid Slaughter, Juliet Windham

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

16th – William Foster, Alfred Stephens; 17th – Elizabeth Church, Jonathan Walker, Rodney Beasley; 18th – Nadine Olivey, Norman Caplin; 19th – Clifford Doyle *Pr*, Joan Roberts, Donald Page, Mary Rowe; 20th – Florence Searle, Helen Clayton, Douglas Cudmore, Gwendoline Minnett; 21st – Emma Stephens, Jack Harrington, Kingsley Stansfield, David Voy; 22nd – George Ebbs, Joyce Harvey, Winifred Brough, Mary Buchanan, Timothy Lawford



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