

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HIGH MASS *11am, Sunday 7th December, 2025*

§ *All stand when the bell rings.*

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. Isaiah 30.19

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, **we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
☩ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MASS SETTING MISSA BELL' AMFITRIT

Orlando di Lasso, c.1532-1594

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

§ *All sit.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 11.1-10*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY 72.1-7 & 18-19

GIVE the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son. Then shall he judge thy people according unto right: and defend the poor. The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people. He shall keep the simple folk by their right: defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer. They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth: from one generation to another. He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool: even as the drops that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish: yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth. Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things; And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever: and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

EPISTLE *Romans 15.4-13*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3.1-12*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122.1

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

§ *All sit.*

HOMILY

Fr Julian Browning

Honorary Assistant Priest

§ *All stand to sing the Creed.*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, *and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man*, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

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. Amen.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.78-79*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

§ *All sit.*

ANTHEM FUIT HOMO

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594

Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen Joannes erat: Hic venit ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine et pararet Domino plebem perfectam.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. *John 1.6-7*

§ *All stand.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to accept the prayers and oblations of us thy humble servants: that we, who can do nothing of ourselves to help ourselves, may be defended by the succour of thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

§ *The celebrant sings the preface.*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory, Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

§ *All kneel. The Canon of the Mass follows.*

Great is the Mystery of Faith: **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim thy Death, O Lord, until thou come again.**

§ *The Canon concludes: Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.*

THE COMMUNION RITE

§ *The celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer, which is sung by all.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. [x2]

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

§ *As the choir sings the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host to the people:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

§ *Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion. Low-gluten hosts are available at the Lady Altar, which also avoids the steps.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. Baruch 5.5 & 4.36

§ *All sing the communion hymn.*

WHEN came in flesh the incarnate Word,
The heedless world slept on,
And only simple shepherds heard
That God had sent his Son.

When comes the Saviour at the last,
From east to west shall shine
The judgement light, and earth aghast
Shall tremble at the sign.

Then shall the pure of heart be blest,
As mild he comes to them,
As when upon the Virgin's breast
He lay at Bethlehem:

As mild to meek-eyed love and faith,
Only more strong to save;
Strengthened by having bowed to death,
By having burst the grave.

Lord, who could dare see thee descend
In state, unless he knew
Thou art the sorrowing sinner's friend,
The gracious and the true?

Dwell in our hearts, O Saviour blest;
So shall thine advent's dawn
'Twixt us and thee, our bosom-guest,
Be but the veil withdrawn.

Joseph Anstice, 1808-1836

WALSALL

From W. Anchor's *A Choice Collection*
Of Psalm Tunes, 1721

§ *All stand.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who didst send thy Son to redeem the world and wilt send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he shall come again, we may be found ready to greet him with joyful love and steadfast faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

And may the blessing of God almighty, the ☩ Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

§ *All sing.*

**HARK! A herald voice is calling:
‘Christ is nigh,’ it seems to say;
‘Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!’**

**Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;**

**So when next he comes in glory,
And earth’s final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.**

From the Latin

Tr E. Caswall, 1814-1878

MERTON

W.H. Monk, 1823-1889

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. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy word.

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. Amen.

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

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. Amen.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour forth thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so, by his ☩ Cross and Passion, may we be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY
TOCCATA DUODECIMA ET ULTIMA
Georg Muffat, 1653-1704

Welcome to All Saints', especially if you are visiting. Please join us for refreshments after Mass. The Parish Bar will be open for an hour from 12.30pm.

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET | PARISH NOTICES

Tomorrow Immaculate Conception 8th December

To mark this Solemnity there will be a low Mass with hymns and short homily at 6.30pm, followed by refreshments at Fr Alan's. All Welcome.

Carol service volunteers

Offers of help to the parish office for Carol services, please. They take place on the evenings of 10th, 16th & 21st December. Thank you to all those who have helped out so far.

Winter homeless shelter volunteers

Please be in touch with Fr Alan if you are able to assist running the night shelter on 7th/8th January. The main shift is 6-9pm, & 7-9am for breakfast. Ask Fr Alan.

Baptism & Confirmation 2026

All those interested in exploring baptism and/or confirmation next year are invited to Fr Alan's after the High Mass on Gaudete Sunday, 14th December. Please be in touch with him with any questions.

Choir & Music Trust Concert 19th December 7pm

The next event in our fundraising programme will be a Christmas Carol Organ Concert kindly offered by our Associate Director of Music, Jeremiah Stephenson, on Friday 19th December 7pm. Tickets, costing £15, are available via a link in the Parish email.

Visiting Confessors during Advent

There will be a number of opportunities to make your pre-Christmas Confession to visiting clergy in the coming weeks. The Parish Clergy are of course available before or after any Mass, or by appointment.

Fr Paschal Worton Friday 12th Dec 2025: 5-6pm

Bishop Lindsay Urwin Wednesday 17th Dec 2025: 5-6pm

Fr Graeme Rowlands Monday 22nd Dec 2025: 5-6pm

Fr David Houlding Tuesday 23rd Dec 2025: 5-6pm

The clergy can be contacted through the Parish Office:

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ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET | **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

*Please note the **Mass cancellations** on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.*

Sunday 7th December

ADVENT II

5.15pm; 6pm *Evensong & Benediction*

Monday 8th December

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12noon; 6.30pm *Low Mass with hymns*

Tuesday 9th December

Advent Feria

12noon; 6.30pm

Wednesday 10th December

Advent Feria

12noon; 6pm *St Peter's College, Oxford Carol Concert*

Thursday 11th December

Advent Feria

12noon; 6pm *Magdalen College, Oxford Carol Service*

Friday 12th December

Advent Feria

12noon; 5pm *Confessions*; 6pm

Saturday 13th December

St Lucy

12noon; 6pm *Confessions*; 6.30pm *Vigil*

Sunday 14th December

ADVENT III GAUDETE SUNDAY

8.30am; 11am *High Mass*; 5.15pm

6pm *Evensong & Benediction*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street: 7th *Sandra Wheen, Matthew Whittaker, Tim Widdowfield, David Wilcox, T. Bradford Willis, Ian A. Wilson, Fr Michael Witcombe* 8th *Martin Woods, Fr 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* 12th *Derek Bussey, Katherine Butler, Maureen Cambrey, David Caplowe, David Cardona, Adrian Carlton-Oatley, Timothy Cassady, Norman and Zulette Catir, Kate Charles, Stuart Chillingworth, Robert Chote, Sandy Christian* 13th *Roger Clark, Catharine Clarke, David & Mavis Cleggett, Graham Colville*

the sick: *Jean Castledine, David Craig, Edward Burns, Asuncion Ginés, Pat Hawkins, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Daniel Oliver, James Rodger, Ingrid Slaughter, Juliet Windham*

those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time: 7th *Morgan Griffiths Pr, John Slater, Frances Lloyd, Zena Monk* 8th *Maude Bull, Christine Bramma, Ines Baxter* 10th *Marian Borton, Hamish Gray, Natalie Dyynes, Daniel Thomas* 11th *Amelia Jones, Alice Trevor, Annie Jevons, Roscow Shedden Bp, Margaret Butterworth, Guy Pritchard, Ros Tagoe* 12th *James Burling, Chris Fairbairn, Richard Eyre Pr, Ian Stevens* 13th *Mary Packer, David Vickery Pr, John Turner, Lindsey Boynton*

TONIGHT
EVENSONG & BENEDICTION
Buxtehude | Gibbons | Ives
6pm



*Collection is taken at the card reader at the back of church,
or by using this QR code. Thank you for your support.*