

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

6pm, Sunday 14th December, 2025

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...*

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.

We beseech thee, O Lord, 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 we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EVENSONG

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.*

PSALMODY 12

HELP me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left: for the faithful are minished from among the children of men, they talk of vanity every one with his neighbour: they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart. The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips: and the tongue that speaketh proud things; which have said, With our tongue will we prevail: we are they that ought to speak, who is lord over us? Now for the comfortless trouble's sake of the needy: and because of the deep sighing of the poor, I will up, saith the Lord: and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest. The words of the Lord are pure words: even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord: thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever. The ungodly walk on every side: when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke. 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 5.8-30*

Ah, you who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is room for no one but you, and you are left to live alone in the midst of the land! The Lord of hosts has sworn in my hearing: Surely many houses shall be desolate, large and beautiful houses, without inhabitant. For ten acres of vineyard shall yield but one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield a mere ephah. Ah, you who rise early in the morning in pursuit of strong drink, who linger in the evening to be inflamed by wine, whose feasts consist of lyre and harp, tambourine and flute and wine, but who do not regard the deeds of the Lord, or see the work of his hands! Therefore my people go into exile without knowledge; their nobles are dying of hunger, and their multitude is parched with thirst. Therefore Sheol has enlarged its appetite and opened its mouth beyond measure; the nobility of Jerusalem and her multitude go down, her throng and all who exult in her. People are bowed down, everyone is brought low, and the eyes of the haughty are humbled. But the Lord of hosts is exalted by justice, and the Holy God shows himself holy by righteousness. Then the lambs shall graze as in their pasture, fatlings and kids shall feed among the ruins. Ah, you who drag iniquity along with cords of falsehood, who drag sin along as with cart-ropes, who say, 'Let him make haste, let him speed his work that we may see it; let the plan of the Holy One of Israel hasten to fulfilment, that we may know it!' Ah, you who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Ah, you who are wise in your own eyes, and shrewd in your own sight! Ah, you who are heroes in drinking wine and valiant at mixing drink,

who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of their rights! Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root will become rotten, and their blossom go up like dust; for they have rejected the instruction of the Lord of hosts, and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against his people, and he stretched out his hand against them and struck them; the mountains quaked, and their corpses were like refuse in the streets. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still. He will raise a signal for a nation far away, and whistle for a people at the ends of the earth; here they come, swiftly, speedily! None of them is weary, none stumbles, none slumbers or sleeps, not a loincloth is loose, not a sandal-thong broken; their arrows are sharp, all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs seem like flint, and their wheels like the whirlwind. Their roaring is like a lion, like young lions they roar; they growl and seize their prey, they carry it off, and no one can rescue. They will roar over it on that day, like the roaring of the sea. And if one looks to the land - only darkness and distress; and the light grows dark with clouds.

§ *All stand.*

OFFICE HYMN



Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, Saviour of us all,
Regard thy servants when they call.

*Thou, grieving at the bitter cry
Of all creation doomed to die,
Didst come to save a ruined race
With healing gifts of heavenly grace.*

Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to evening-tide,
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine.

*At thy great name, exalted now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
And things in heaven and earth shall own
That thou art Lord and King alone.*

**To thee, O holy One, we pray,
Our judge in that tremendous day,
Preserve us, while we dwell below,
From every onslaught of the foe.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.**

Tr J.M. Neale, 1818-1866

CANTICLES SECOND SERVICE

William Byrd, 1540-1623

MAGNIFICAT *St 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.

§ *All sit.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 13.13-41*

Then Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem; but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, ‘Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.’ So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: ‘You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God

of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." "My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent. Because the residents of Jerusalem and their leaders did not recognize him or understand the words of the prophets that are read every sabbath, they fulfilled those words by condemning him. Even though they found no cause for a sentence of death, they asked Pilate to have him killed. When they had carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead; and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, and they are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to our ancestors he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you." As to his raising him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, "I will give you the holy promises made to David." Therefore he has also said in another psalm, "You will not let your Holy One experience corruption." For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, died, was laid beside his ancestors, and experienced corruption; but he whom God raised up experienced no corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, my brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you; by this Jesus everyone who believes is set free from all those sins[g] from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. Beware, therefore, that what the prophets said does not happen to you: "Look, you scoffers! Be amazed and perish, for in your days I am doing a work, a work that you will never believe, even if someone tells you."

§ *All stand.*

NUNC DIMITTIS *St 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 Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **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.**

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

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. **Amen.**

§ *All sit.*

ANTHEM CANITETUBA

Francisco Guerrero, c.1528-1599

Canite tuba in Sion, vocate gentes annuntiate populis et dicite: Ecce Deus salvator noster adveniet. Annuntiate et auditum facite loquimini et clamate: Ecce Deus salvator noster adveniet.

Blow the trumpet in Sion, address the nations, declare to the people and say: Behold, God our Saviour draws nigh. Declare, make heard by speaking and shout: Behold, God our Saviour draws nigh.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

§ *All sing. Kneel as the bell rings, and Blessed Sacrament is enthroned on the altar.*

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

VERBUM SUPERNUM Mode viii

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*]

§ *All sing.*

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, c.1225-1274

PANGE LINGUA Mode iii

Thou gavest them bread from heaven.

Containing within itself all sweetness.

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may evermore perceive within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

§ Benediction is given. 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.

§ The bell rings as the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle. All stand.

Let us adore, for ever, the most holy Sacrament.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY SIMPHONIE EN G RÉ DE SOL

Nicolas Lebègue, 1631-1702

Welcome to All Saints'. Please join us in the Parish Bar after Benediction.

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET | PARISH NOTICES

Flowers

The flowers are given by Caroline Sibbald in memory of her brother, **Fr David Paton**, whose anniversary of death falls today.

If you would like to make a donation for flowers or the courtyard garden, please contact Shawn directly or via the office.

Carol service volunteers

Offers of help to the parish office for Carol services, please. They take place on the evenings of 16th & 21st December.

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.

Choir & Music Trust Concert 19th December

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. The programme will include Dupré's *Variations sur un vieux Noël*; plus improvisation on a series of well-loved Christmas carols.

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.

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:

020 7636 1788; office@asms.uk

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

*Please note the **Mass cancellations** on Tuesday and Thursday evening.*

Sunday 14th December

ADVENT III

5.15pm; 6pm Evensong & Benediction

Monday 15th December

Advent Feria

12noon; 6.30pm

Tuesday 16th December

Advent Feria

12noon; 6.30pm Keble College, Oxford Carol Service

Wednesday 17th December

O Sapientia

12noon; 5pm Confessions; 6.30pm

Thursday 18th December

O Adonai

12noon; 6pm Freud's Communications Carol Service

Friday 19th December

O Radix Jesse

12noon; 5pm Confessions; 6pm

Saturday 20th December

O Clavis David

12noon; 5pm Confessions; 6.30pm Vigil

Sunday 21st December

ADVENT IV

8.30am; 11am High Mass; 5.15pm

6pm Nine Lessons & Carols

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street: 14th Karolyn Cooper, William Cooper Bailey,

Peter Coulson, Steven Cox, Dr Yvonne Craig, Julie Cridland 15th – Dr Ryan Danker, Kirill

Dashkovskiy, Keith Day, Christopher Davies, Peter Dennis, 16th - Linda Edwards, Pamela Edwards,

Jane Elliston, Dr Terrence Ellsworth, Richard Everton and Fr Philip Bevan, Carolyn Farrar, Dr

Martin Faulkner 17th - Adrian Felaar, Elizabeth Ferguson, Dr 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, Ginger and Del Hall, Monica Joan Hall 20th - Paul Hannah,

Jillian Hargreaves, Christopher Harlow-Jennings, Patrick Hartley, Fr Jeremy Haselock

the sick: Jean Castledine, David Craig, Edward Burns, Asuncion Ginés, Pat Hawkins, Fr Harry

Hodgetts, Daniel Oliver, Verena Reisinger, James Rodger, Ingrid Slaughter, Juliet Windham

the recently departed: Peter Roberts, Pr

those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time: 14th - William Lloyd Pr, Robert Kirk,

David Paton Pr 15th - James Forsyth, Doris King, Leonard Beeken 18th - Edwin Forsyth, Joan Gower,

Philip Prain, Richard Vick 19th - Ena Knight 20th - Lily King, Jack Monk, Elaine Bullock

NEXT WEEK ADVENT IV

HIGH MASS

Victoria *Missa Ave Regina* | Parsons *Ave Maria*

11am

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Baker | Byrd | Martin | Messiaen | Moore | Poulenc

& favourite Christmas Carols

6pm



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