ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

HIGH MASS | 11am, 15th November, 2026

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | Jeremiah 29.11-14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from ev'ry place.

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.**

§ *The celebrant introduces the Mass.*

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 QUAL DONA**

Orlando di Lasso, 1532-1594

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison;

Christe eleison;

Kyrie eleison.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

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.**

§ *All sit.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Proverbs 31.10-13; 19-20; 30-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

PSALMODY | 90.1-8

Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting, and world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night. As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep: and fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green, and groweth up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered. For we consume away in thy displeasure: and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation. Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee: and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

EPISTLE | 1 Thessalonians 5.1-8

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL | Matthew 25.14-30 § *All stand.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
Out of the deep I have called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. Psalm 130.1

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.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

§ *All sit.*

HOMILY | The Vicar

§ *All stand to sing the Creed.*

THE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heav'n and earth, 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 heav'n, ***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 heav'n, 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, & 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.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst 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

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

§ *All sit.*

OFFERTORY MOTET | **THE SECRET SINS**
Traditionally attributed to Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625
probably by William Mundy, c.1529-1591

The secret sins that hidden lye
within my pensive heart
Procures great heaps of bitter thoughts
and fills my soul with smart;
And yet the more my soul doth seek
some sweet relief to find
The more doth sin, with vain delights
Alas, still keep me blind

Thou see'st, O God, the strifes there are
between my soul and sin:
Thy grace doth work, but sin prevails
and blinds my soul therein
Wherefore, sweet Christ, thy grace increase,
my faith augment withal
And for Thy tender mercy's sake
Lord, hear me when I call. Amen.

16th century devotional poem

§ *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.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We offer unto thee, O Lord, this sacrifice of praise to the increasing of our faithfulness in thy service: and we humbly beseech thee; that although we be unworthy of the gifts that thou bestowest, yet thou wouldest of thy mercy accomplish in us the effectual working of the same; 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.**

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.*

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

…O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. **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 in the north aisle.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON | Psalm 73.27
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in the Lord.

§ *All kneel or sit to sing.*

O THOU who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

HEREFORD | NEH 431
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810-1876

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Gracious Lord, who in this holy sacrament dost give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

STAND UP! - stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the Cross;
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army he shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up! - stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey,
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up! - stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there!

Stand up! - stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To him who overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

George Duffield, 1818-1888

MORNING LIGHT | NEH 453
G. J. Webb, 1803-1887

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 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY | **FINALE, SYMPHONY No. 8**
Charles-Marie Widor, 1844-1937

PARISH NOTICES

Baptism & Confirmation

Our next class will be on **Tuesday, 17th November** after the 6.30pm Mass. If you are interested in being baptized and/or confirmed, please talk to Fr Alan. The Bishop will be with us next **Pentecost, 16th May, 2027**.

Advent Carol Service

Our Advent Carol Service will take place on Advent **Sunday, 29th November, at 6pm**. Music will include Handl, Holman, Ives, Parsons, Stanford and Nicholson, as well as favourite Advent Carols.

Carol Service Volunteers

Over Advent the Parish hosts a number of carol services for visiting schools, colleges and companies. We are asking for help to serve refreshments and steward these events. Ask Churchwarden Kate Hodgetts or Fr Alan for dates and details, please.

Zoom Theology

Our next session takes place on **Tuesday, 24th November at 7.30pm**. Professor Helen Bond will lead us in a discussion of St Mark's Gospel. Zoom link on the Parish Website.

Homeless Shelter Volunteering

Our next dates for facilitating the Night Shelter are as follows:
16th – 17th December 2026; 13th – 14th January 2027; 17th – 18th February 2027; 10th – 11th March 2027 Please be in touch with Fr Alan.

Confessions

Our next visiting confessor will be Fr Barry Orford, on **Tuesday 24th November at 11am**.

Welcome to All Saints', Margaret Street, especially if you are visiting. Please join us for refreshments in the courtyard after Mass. The Parish Bar will be open for an hour from 12.30pm. Collection is taken at the card reader at the back of church, or using this QR code. Thank you for your support.

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

Sunday, 15th November | SECOND BEFORE ADVENT
5.15pm Low Mass; 6pm *Evensong & Benediction*
Gibbons | Mundy | Josquin | Byrd | Bach

Monday, 16th November | St Edmund of Abingdon
12noon; 6.30pm

Tuesday, 17th November | St Hilda of Whitby
12noon; 6.30pm

Wednesday, 18th November | Feria
12noon; 6.30pm

Thursday, 19th November | Feria
12noon; 6.30pm

Friday, 20th November | St Edmund of England, King & Martyr
12noon; 6.30pm

Saturday, 21st November | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12noon; 6pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, 22nd November | CHRIST THE KING
8.30am Low Mass; 11am High Mass
Preacher: *Fr Alan Rimmer*
Gabriel Jacskon | Bairstow | Gowers
5.15pm Low Mass; 6pm *Evensong & Benediction*
Murrill | Bainton | Howells

Confessions may be heard before or after any Mass,
or by appointment with the clergy.

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