

Parish Eucharist

For 2nd Sunday before Advent
Safeguarding Sunday
Love Protects

15th November 2026

10am

ST MARGARET'S
PUTNEY

Welcome to St Margaret's, Putney

St Margaret's is a diverse and friendly community in leafy West Putney. A space to meet God, to connect with others, celebrate life and find support when we need it most. We are building a vibrant community and making a positive change, through prayer, friendship, charity and care of the environment.

Our services and music are rooted in the traditions of the Church of England. We want church to be inclusive, thought-provoking and engaging, and we strive to make God's Word relevant and connected to everyday life. People of all ages fully participate in Sunday Mornings and activities throughout the week.

Whether you want to be part of something bigger or need a quiet moment to yourself, there's a warm welcome waiting for you here at the heart of your community.

St Margaret's Putney. Reflect. Connect. Grow.

Welcome to St Margaret's. Please take a moment before our service begins to pray. The instructions for posture in this order of service are not prescriptive: please sit at any time if that is better for you.

Introit: Blest are the pure in heart
(H. Walford Davies)

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God;
1 John 4.7

Please stand.

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that self-same aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

HYFRYDOL
Timothy Rees, 1874-1939
Rowland Pritchard 1811-1887

The Welcome

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

All **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

For times when we have failed to see when people may have felt unsafe.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those occasions when we have not listened effectively to those in distress or danger.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

For times when we have seen and heard but have failed to act in order to keep others safe.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive our laziness and indifference and ignorance; and create in us a new spirit of responsibility and responsiveness, for the sake of your people and for the extension of your kingdom.
All **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.
All **Amen**.

Please stand.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship You,
we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

Please be seated.
Children leave for Sunday School

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

All **Let us listen for the word of the Lord.**

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.'
Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The reader concludes:
This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 13

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

All **Let us listen for the word of the Lord**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but

rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The reader concludes:
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Welcome with meekness the implanted word, that has the power to save your souls. Alleluia, Alleluia

<u>Matthew 25.14-30</u>
The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

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

The congregation sings:

All **Glory to You, O Lord.**

'For it 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.
All **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Gospel will be followed by a voluntary.

The Sermon

Revd Susan Wright

Please be seated.

Let us stand to declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;
who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please be seated.

Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

The response is:

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

The intercessions conclude:

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

The Peace

The congregation stands.

To crown all things there must be love,
To bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord
be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The peace is shared.

The Collection

- *Please fill in a gift-aid envelope if you are a UK tax payer.*
- *Contactless Machines are available at the back of church if you wish to donate by card*
- *You can go straight to our secure giving page by scanning the QR code:*

**May this place be one of nurture where we all may come to know, how your endless love sustains us as we live and move and grow.
May we work to build your kingdom, full of truth and light and grace, living life in all its fullness, held in one divine embrace.**

From our negligence and failures
you have called us to repent,
drawing energy for action
from the voices of lament.
As the secret hurts long hidden
may at last be brought to light.
May the truth unlock the freedom
that is every person's right.

For you hold the broken hearted
'till they learn to live again,
and your justice stands like mountains
while your mercy falls like rain.
When the smallest child is valued and
the strong empower the weak, when
each human life is hallowed and the
unheard voices speak.

So with humble thanks we praise
you and we lift to you in prayer
all the people you are calling
to this ministry of care.
Give us wisdom grace and courage
holding fast to all that's good
seeing Christ as one another
we will love and serve our Lord.

Ally Barrett; Adam Graver
DIM OND JESU (Lowry)

Prayer over the Gifts

God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer; and grant
that our whole life may give you
glory and praise; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
All things come from you,
All **and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
All **His Spirit is with us.**
Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them unto the Lord.**
Let us give thanks and praise.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Please be seated.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things, who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory:
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Margaret and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Silence is kept.

As our Saviour taught us,
so we pray:

All **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but
deliver us from evil;
for the kingdom, the power and
the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.**

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Communion

- *All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion.*
- *The sacrament is distributed from front and back of church. Please follow the sides-persons instructions.*
- *If you would like a blessing please bow your head to indicate this.*
- *An anthem or voluntary is played.*

Anthem: Panis Angelicus
(C. Franck/arr. Ridout)

Prayers after Communion

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

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

The Notices are given.

Please stand.

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee:
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee:
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.
O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead
and from the ground there
blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

George Matheson
Albert Peace

The Blessing & Dismissal

Let us pray for God's blessing.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The peace of God, which passes 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, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ.**
Amen.

Voluntary: Duetto, Op. 38, No. 6
(F. Mendelssohn)

Refreshments are served in the kitchen.