



Parish Eucharist

for Bible Sunday

25th October 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 to pray. The hearing loop can be accessed via position 'T' on your hearing aid. You do not have to stand in the service if sitting is better for you.

Introit: Lord, I trust thee
(G. F. Handel)

In these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

Please stand.

Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray
let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

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J. Marriott, 1780-1825
F. de Giardini, 1716-1796

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

The Word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Your word convicts us: all
have sinned and fallen short
of the glory of God.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Your word commands us:
repent, and believe the Good
News.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Your word assures us: Jesus
Christ came into the world to
save sinners.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and
forgiveness draw us to himself, and
cleanse us from all our sins that we
may behold the glory of his Son, the
Word made flesh, 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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy
Scriptures to be written for our
learning: help us so to hear them, to
read, mark, learn, and inwardly
digest them that, through patience,
and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold
fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our
Saviour Jesus Christ, who 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.

Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 8-12

A reading from the prophet
Nehemiah.

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

1all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. 2Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 4 The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose;. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense,

so that the people understood the reading. 9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' 11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' 12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them. This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Colossians 3: 12-17

A reading from the letter to the
Colossians

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

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with

one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Alleluia: Alleluia, alleluia,
The word of the Lord endures for ever. The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.
Alleluia.

(Peter 1:25) F. O'Carroll

Matthew 24. 30-35

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.**

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 32 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 34 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Please be seated.

The Creed

Please Stand.

All Let us stand to declare our faith in
God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**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:

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The intercessions conclude:

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

The Peace

Please Stand.

Let the word of Christ dwell in
you richly.

Let the peace of Christ rule in
your 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:*



Offertory hymn

The king of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction, grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

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H W Baker 1821-77

J B Dykes 1823-76

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.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you
thanks, holy Father, almighty and
eternal God, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. For he is your eternal and
creative Word, through whom all
things came into being; the Word
made flesh who dwelt among us, full
of grace and truth. He fulfils the Law
and the Prophets, dying for our sins
and rising again in accordance with
the Scriptures. He stands among us in
his risen power, opening to us his

living word, and making himself
known in the breaking of the bread.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious
name, for ever 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: O Saviour of the world
(A. Somervell)

Prayers after Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at the table where you reign with all your saints forever.

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.

Closing hymn

Please stand.

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the
earth, the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free:
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified:
he sends his Spirit on his Church,
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him king;
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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W Edward Burns b 1938

William Gardiner in Sacred Melodies 1815

The Blessing & Dismissal

Let us pray for God's blessing.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Go now in peace,
knowing that you have been
born again, not of perishable
seed, but of imperishable,
through the living and enduring
word of God; 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: Prelude from L'Enfant Prodigue
(*C. Debussy/arr. Roques*)

*Refreshments are served in
the kitchen.*