



Parish Eucharist

In Creationtide

and the baptism of
Nelly Emma Fox

27th September 2026
10am



ST MARGARET'S
PUTNEY

Welcome to St Margaret's, Putney

St Margaret's is a haven of peace in bustling Putney. A space to reflect and meet God. To connect with others, celebrate life and find support when we need it most. To grow strong bonds with our local community and make positive change.

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. Children fully participate in Sunday Mornings, with weekly Sunday School and regular all-age services to energise and encourage their spiritual growth.

Whether you want to feel 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.

Introit

Gaelic Blessing (John Rutter)

All things work together for good for
those who love God, who are called
according to his purpose.

Please stand as you are able.

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls
the strain and stress
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,
speak through the earthquake,
wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm.**

REPTON

John Whittier 1807-92,

C Hubert H Parry 1848-1918

The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the love of God and
the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Please be seated for the welcome.

We rejoice today with Sophie
and Ned as they thank God for
the gift of life and bring Nelly for
baptism.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of
heaven we must be born again of
water and the Spirit, and has
given us baptism as the sign and
seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy
Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his
risen life. As children of God, we
have a new dignity and God calls
us to fullness of life.

Please stand to sing the Gloria:

**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.**

D Thorne b. 1962

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find
their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw
us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly
city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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.

Philippians 2.1–13

A reading from Paul's letter to the
Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in
Christ, any consolation from love, any
sharing in the Spirit, any compassion
and sympathy, make my joy complete:
be of the same mind, having the same
love, being in full accord and of one
mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition
or conceit, but in humility regard others
as better than yourselves. Let each of
you look not to your own interests, but
to the interests of others. Let the same
mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of
God, did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form
of a slave, being born in human
likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became
obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted
him and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under

the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

All Alleluia.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword.

All Alleluia.

Matthew 21. 23-32

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to You, O Lord.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this

authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to You, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of Baptism

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Nelly and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The priest then says to the parents and godparents:

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Nelly with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

P&GP With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Nelly begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today.

Will you care for her and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

P&GP With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means

dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

P&GP I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

P&GP I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

P&GP I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

P&GP I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

P&GP I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

P&GP I come to Christ.

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate, saying:

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

When the candidate has been signed, the priest says:

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All who keeps his promise
 forever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks
 and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, Nelly may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may she walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen

Profession of Faith

Please stand to declare our faith:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with Nelly the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father
 almighty, creator of heaven and
 earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ,
 his only Son, our Lord, who was
 conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Baptism

*The priest pours water on
the candidate, saying:*

Nelly Emma,
I baptise you in the name of the
Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

May God, who has received you
by baptism into his Church, pour
upon you the riches of his grace
that within the company of
Christ's pilgrim people you may
daily be renewed by his
anointing Spirit and come to the
inheritance of the saints in glory.

All Amen.

The congregation welcomes Nelly! The
baptismal party return to their seats.

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, hear us,
Lord graciously hear us.**

The intercessions conclude:

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

The Welcome and Peace

Please stand as able.

There is one Lord, one faith, one
baptism; Nelly, by one Spirit we
are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the
fellowship of faith.
We are children of the same
heavenly Father.
We welcome you.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a
new creation.
The old has passed away; the
new has come.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Collection

- *Please fill in a gift-aid envelope if you are a UK tax payer.*
- *A machine for card donations will circulate with the plate.*
- *Contactless Machines are also available at the back of church.*
- *Or you can go straight to our secure giving page by scanning the QR code*



**The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride,
with his own blood he bought her
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;**

**till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.**

AURELIA

Samuel Stone 1839-1900

Samuel S Wesley 1810-1876

Blessing of the Gifts

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the
power, the glory, the splendour,
and the majesty; for everything
in heaven and on earth is yours.**

**All All things come from you,
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 to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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.

And now we give you thanks because by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you raise us to new life in him and renew in us the image of your glory.

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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness. Grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world, rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for

counting us worthy to stand in
your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your
people and gather into one in
your kingdom all who share this
one bread and one cup so that
we, in the company of the
blessed Virgin Mary, St Margaret
and all the saints, may praise and
glorify you for ever, through
Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom
and with whom and in whom, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, all
honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and
ever.

All Amen.

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.**

D Thorne b. 1962

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the
world. Blessed are those who are
called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

The Communion.

*All those baptised as members of their
own church are invited to receive
communion or a blessing.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing
please bring this order of service with
you. Please do not instinct (dip) your
wafer into the wine.*

Anthem

Ave verum corpus, Op. 2, No. 1, Edward
Elgar.

Prayers after Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow
us,
and make us continually to be
given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
glory be to thee for ever.

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 for our closing hymn.

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord
who, from the beginning,
was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,

thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders
in their great array.

Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it,
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him,
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with the Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow
and our hearts confess him
king of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel 1817-1877 Michael
Brierley b 1932

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

God, who in his Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you're the image of his glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Please join us after the service for refreshments with thanks to Sophie and Ned.

The baptised receives a lighted candle:

God has delivered us from the dominium of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

A member of the congregation gives a Gospel to the parents:

This book contains the good news of God's love. Read it, for it tells how you and your family share in eternal life, and may follow in the way of Jesus Christ.

The Dismissal and Voluntary

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Organ piece II
Frank Bridge.

