

Parish Eucharist

on Advent Sunday

29th 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 to pray before our service begins. 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: The Lamb

(E. Poston)

Now is the time to wake out of sleep,
for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

Please stand to sing the hymn:

Hills of the north, rejoice,
river and mountain spring,
hark to the Advent voice;
valley and lowland sing.
he comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth.
In Christ shall all be made anew -
his hope is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn;
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn.
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come.
He brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in every mouth;
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South.
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

LITTLE CORNARD REH 8
based on C E Oakley 1832-65
Martin Shaw 1875-1958

The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Please be seated for the welcome.

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

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

All **Most merciful God,**
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you our God. Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The children come to the front.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.
All **Amen.**

Please be seated.
The children go to Sunday School

The Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

Isaiah 64.1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Alleluia: Alleluia
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.
Alleluia (M. Archer) Psalm 84:8

Mark 13.24-end

The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

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

The congregation sings:

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

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
The congregation sings:

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

The Gospel is followed by a voluntary.

The Sermon

Revd Susan Wright

Please be seated.

Please stand.

Let us 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.

In joyful expectation of his coming
to our aid we pray to Jesus.

The response is:

Marantha:

All **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

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.

In the tender mercy of our God, the
dayspring from on high shall break
upon us, to give light to those who
dwell in darkness and in the shadow
of death, and to guide our feet into
the way of peace.

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:*

Thank you for your gift!

Please stand.

The offertory hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel

O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

O come, O King of nations,
bind in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be yourself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel

Prayer over the Gifts

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

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 to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The congregation is seated.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory 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.**

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

Anthem: Let all Mortal Flesh
(French carol/arr. S. Cleobury)

Prayers after Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Closing hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king.
Born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

CROSS OF JESUS
Charles Wesley 1707-88
John Stainer 1840-1901

The Blessing & Dismissal

Let us pray for God's blessing.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; 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 the peace of Christ

All **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy
(Tchaikovsky)

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

FOLLOW THE LIGHT

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST MARGARET'S

ADVENT CAROLS

Sunday 29th November 4pm

O come, o come!

NATIVITY SERVICE

Sunday 13th December 10am

Retelling the Christmas story.

CANDLELIGHT CAROLS

Sunday 13th December 6pm

Traditional choral service of nine lessons and carols featuring St Margaret's choir.

COMMUNITY CAROLS

Sunday 20th December 4pm

Join us in the church garden for carolling, hot chocolate and treats, all by candlelight, with a brass band!

CRIB SERVICES

24th December 3pm & 5pm

Short services with candles, carols and the Christmas story, great for young children.

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

24th December 11.30pm

Join us for the first Communion of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

25th December 10.30am

Christmas jumpers, antlers and Santa hats welcome!

Find out more at stmargaretsputney.org