



# Parish Eucharist

Sixth Sunday of Easter

With the baptism of Phoebe Florence Skowsill

10<sup>th</sup> May 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 fun, 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. The church operates a hearing loop system. Please turn your hearing aid to the "T" position. Please take a moment before our service begins to pray. A voluntary and introit may be played.

Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Please stand to sing the hymn:

**All things bright and beautiful,  
All Creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.**

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colours,  
he made their tiny wings.  
**All things bright and beautiful...**

The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.  
**All things bright and beautiful...**

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one.  
**All things bright and beautiful...**

**The tall trees in the greenwood,  
the meadows where we play,  
the rushes by the water,  
to gather every day.  
All things bright and beautiful...**

**He gave us eyes to see them  
and lips that we might tell,  
how great is God almighty,  
who has made all things well.  
All things bright and beautiful...**

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL  
C F Alexander 1818-1895  
W H Monk 1823-1889

Grace, mercy and peace from  
God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ be with you.  
**All And also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Please be seated.  
Words of welcome may follow.*

We rejoice today with Tom, Lily and Otilie, as they thank God for the gift of life and bring Phoebe for baptism. God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself. In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ.

Here we find rebirth in the Spirit and set our minds on his heavenly gifts.

As children of God, we are continually created anew as we walk the path of faith and feed on the forgiveness of his healing grace.

*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 for the sixth Sunday of  
Easter**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading.  
Children may go through to  
Sunday School.*

## Acts 17:22-31

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way, for as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us - for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your

own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

*The reader concludes:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Lord of all hopefulness,  
Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like,  
no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking  
and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness,  
Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled  
at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours**

and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness,  
Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome,  
your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing  
and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord,  
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,  
Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment,  
whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping  
and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
at the end of the day.

*SLANE REH 516*

*Joyce Placzek (Jan Struther) 1901-53*

*Harmony Martin Shaw 1875-1958*

*Trad Irish Melody*

### John 14:15-21

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

*The congregation sings:*



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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments; and I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

*The Gospel is followed by a voluntary.*

## The Sermon

Sarah Cooper – Lay Reader

*Please be seated.*

## The Liturgy of Baptism

*The baptismal party  
come to the font.*

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 Phoebe 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 Phoebe 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 Phoebe begin 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.

*The priest invites the parents and godparents to sign the candidates with the cross.*

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.**

*The priest prays over the water:*  
Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us. We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

*Please stand.*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with Phoebe 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 priest pours water on the candidate saying:*

Phoebe Florence Skowsill  
I baptize 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 Phoebe.  
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:*

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 Welcome and Peace

*The congregation stands.*

There is one Lord, one faith,  
one baptism, Phoebe 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.**

The risen Christ came and  
stood among his disciples and  
said, 'Peace be with you'. Then  
they were glad when they saw  
the Lord.

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.*
- *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:*



*Please stand to sing the offertory hymn.*

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the lights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking  
 in accents clear and still,  
 above the storms of passion,  
 the murmurs of self-will;  
 O speak to reassure me,  
 to hasten or control;  
 O speak and make me listen,  
 thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
 to all who follow thee,  
 that where thou art in glory  
 there shall thy servant be;  
 and, Jesus, I have promised  
 to serve thee to the end;  
 O give me grace to follow,  
 my master and my friend.

O let me see thy footmarks  
 and in them plant mine own;  
 my hope to follow duly  
 is in thy strength alone;  
 O guide me, call me, draw me,  
 uphold me to the end;  
 and then in heaven receive me,  
 my Saviour and my friend.

WOLVERCOTE  
 John Bode 1816-74  
 W.H. Ferguson 1874-1950

### Prayer over 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 things come from you,  
 All and of your own do we give you.

### The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you

And al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The congregation is seated.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works, for by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this  
Passover, earth and heaven  
resound with gladness, while  
angels and archangels and  
the powers of all creation sing  
for ever the hymn of your  
glory:

**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.**

*D Thorne b. 1962*

Accept our praises, heavenly  
Father, through your Son our  
Saviour Jesus Christ and, as we  
follow his example and obey his  
command, grant that by the  
power of your Holy Spirit these  
gifts of bread and wine may be  
to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we  
remember his offering of  
himself made once for all upon  
the cross, we proclaim his  
mighty resurrection and  
glorious ascension, we look for  
the coming of your kingdom  
and with this bread and this  
cup we make the memorial of  
Christ your Son our Lord.

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

*D Thorne b. 1962*

Accept through him, our great  
high priest, this our sacrifice  
of thanks and praise and as  
we eat and drink these holy  
gifts in the presence of your  
divine majesty, renew us by  
your Spirit, inspire us with  
your love and unite us in the  
body of your Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

Through him and with him  
and in him, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, with all who stand  
before you in earth and  
heaven, we worship you,  
Father almighty, in songs of  
everlasting praise:

*All* **Blessing and honour and  
glory and power be yours for  
ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence is held.*

As we look for the coming of the  
kingdom, 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.**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

*All* **we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

**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*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is  
sacrificed for us.

*All* **Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

*Anthem.*

### 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.*

## Prayers after Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.*

*The children present their work.*

*Please stand for our closing hymn.*

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word,  
Lord, and let there be light.**

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance.

By the blood I may enter your brightness;  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine...*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine...*

Graham Kendrick b. 1950

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Giving of the Candle and Gospel**

*The priest gives the newly baptized a lighted candle and says:*

God has delivered us from the dominion 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 children's Bible to the parents, saying:*

This book contains the stories of God's people. 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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*Voluntary*

*Please join us for refreshments after the service.*

**With grateful thanks to  
Phoebe and her family  
for sponsoring the  
work of St Margaret's.**