



Parish Eucharist
for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 6th September 2020



Welcome to St Mary's. We are delighted to see people returning to worship in church on a Sunday morning.

However, we are also delighted to have an online congregation joining us on a Sunday morning at both our services and we are live-streaming today's service for those unable to join us,

or who feel it not yet wise for them to meet others. Welcome to both our physical and digital congregations.

We have made a serious effort to put in place procedures to keep us as safe as possible in this time of pandemic. It's not a perfect science, so if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please put them in the comments box on the back shelf near the north door. We promise to keep all that we do under review in the light of the advice we are given.

Canon Simon Butler, Vicar

Our Vision St Mary's is:

**a community of *Christ's disciples*, faithful and enquiring;
a community of *love*, hospitable and nurturing;
and a community of *difference*, inclusive and transforming.**



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Receiving Holy Communion at St Mary's

If you normally receive Communion in any other Christian denomination you are welcome to receive Holy Communion here this morning. Owing to the pandemic, communion is currently being received in one kind only (e.g. the bread), standing from the chancel step.

If you require a gluten free wafer for Holy Communion, please let one of the Welcomers know when you arrive.

Giving to St Mary's

If you wish to make a gift to St Mary's in the collection, UK taxpayers are asked to put the gift in the Gift Aid envelopes, **completing all the details on the front**. We cannot claim the tax back if you don't.

We encourage everyone to regular stewardship by setting up a standing order.

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*Presiding Priest: The Revd Aaron Kennedy
Preacher: Ms Leslie Spatt
Director of Music: Mrs Katy Silverman*

*Our organ is currently dismantled for cleaning and revoicing.
Musical worship is led from the piano at the moment.*

PLEASE NOTE:

**ALL ELEMENTS OF OUR SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE SEATED, SO AS TO
MINIMISE THE TRANSMISSION OF DISEASE. WE HOPE THIS WILL ENABLE
US TO SING QUIETLY FROM A SEDENTARY POSITION. PLEASE DO NOT
FEEL OBLIGED TO SING, BUT PLEASE REMAIN SEATED EXCEPT TO COME
FORWARD TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Katy Silverman plays a quiet voluntary as we gather for worship.
We prepare ourselves.*

The clergy enter and take their seats. A member of the church welcomes us.

Acclamation

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together.

Hymn

1. All praise to our redeeming Lord,
Who joins us by his grace,
And bids us, each to each restored,
Together seek his face.

2. He bids us build each other up;
And, gathered into one,
To our high calling's glorious hope
We hand in hand go on.

3. The gift which he on one bestows,
We all delight to prove;
The grace through every vessel flows,
In purest streams of love.

4. Our hearts aspire to think the same,
And cordially agree;
Concentred all, through Jesu's name,
In perfect harmony.

5. We all partake the joy of one,
The common peace we feel,
A peace to sensual minds unknown,
A joy unspeakable.

6. And if our fellowship below
In Jesus be so sweet,
What heights of rapture shall we know
When round his throne we meet!

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Aaron welcomes us and sets the scene for our worship.

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Confession

Our salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us call to mind our sins.

Silence is kept.

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May God our Father forgive you your sins
and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.

mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.*

*Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.

His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.

Come then all you nations.....

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,

Spirit of our God most high;

solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,

splendour of the living God.

Come then all you nations.....

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;

praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

Come then all you nations.....

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Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Our Children Now Leave for Godly Play

The Word of God in Scripture

First Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Read by Barbara de Ferry Foster

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Ich folge dir gleichfalls from St John Passion by J.S. Bach

*Ich folge dir gleichfalls
Mit freudigen Schritten
Und lasse dich nicht,
Mein Leben, mein Licht.
Befördre den Lauf
Und höre nicht auf,
Selbst an mir zu ziehen,
Zu schieben, zu bitten.*

I follow you likewise
with joyful steps
and do not leave you
my life, my light.
Bring me on my way
and do not cease
to pull, push
and urge me on.

We reintroduce standing to hear the Gospel read this morning.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Read by Abigail Quaye

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Ms Leslie Spatt

A short period of silence follows, as we reflect on God's word to us today.

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions

Debbie Apostolides leads us in prayers of intercession. At the end, we say:

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers,
For the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Celebrate the Eucharist

We remain seated.

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We safely greet one another saying 'Peace be with you.'

Offertory Improvisation

Katy Silverman plays a piece of piano music as the table is prepared for the celebration of the Eucharist and the collection is gathered.

During this time, please bring forward your gift towards the work and mission of our Church, placing it in the offertory bowl in front of the lectern.

Please come forward down the central aisle and return to your places via the side aisles. If you are seated in the side aisles please come to the front round the back of the church.

This is also the way in which we shall come forward to receive Communion.

Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer B)

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

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 saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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.

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 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. **Amen.**

*We pray silently for a moment,
uniting our prayers with those who are worshipping from home.*

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The presiding priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

Giving of Communion

The presiding priest shows the consecrated bread and wine to the people:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

***Please come forward to receive Holy Communion row by row.
Please return to your seats via the side aisles to enable social distancing.***

Communion Hymn

1. Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

2. Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.

3. Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.

4. Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
The Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

Francis Stanfield (1835–1914)

Prayer after Communion

**God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We are Sent forth in Mission

Banns of Marriage are read and any news and notices shared.

Blessing & Dismissal

May the Father from whom every family
in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.
*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing a friend.
So light up the fire and let the flame burn...
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the Son came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.
So light up the fire and let the flame burn...

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary

Sonatina in G by Ludwig van Beethoven

Please remain seated during the voluntary if you can, to enable the ministers to leave along with those who might prefer to do so without getting too close to others, and while preparations are made at the back for your departure. Refreshments will be served in the Churchyard after the service.

Next Sunday – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)

11.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play for Children

3.00pm Free Recital:

Readings: Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Preacher at both Services: The Ven John Kiddle, Archdeacon of Wandsworth

Evening Services Return at the Beginning of October

Worship & Prayer

All Services are broadcast live on our Facebook Page and available to view throughout the day at a convenient time for you (facebook.com/stmarysbattersea).

Monday 7 th September	Morning Prayer at 8.30am
Tuesday 8 th September	Holy Communion at 8.30am
Wednesday 9 th September	Lectio Divina at 8.30am*
Thursday 10 th September	Midday Prayer at Noon

*You can take part in the new Wednesday Morning Lectio Divina on Zoom

Meeting ID: 815 2706 3986; Password: 259290

Lectio Divina is a traditional way of prayerfully listening to the words of Scripture

A small group continue to say Morning Prayer together on Zoom at 7.30am and welcome others to join them. Contact: jenny.scott.thompson@gmail.com

For Your Prayers

The sick and those in need: Jane Frances, Harri, Agnes & family, Rosemary de Groot and Alan Watts

The recently departed and their families: Elizabeth, Peter Skinner, Eileen Johnson, Peter Newman, Barbara and Alison Fleming.

People & Events

Canon Simon Butler is on holiday this week. **Reverend Aaron Kennedy** is on holiday 10 September to 17 September. Our worship next Sunday morning will be conducted by our Archdeacon, John Kiddle. The Parish Office remains open throughout.

New Arrivals: Darya Igder & Mike Kiunisala are expecting their first child in October. Grace and Aaron Cowley Kennedy are expecting the birth of their second child in the New Year. Congratulations to both couples.

Harvest Thanksgiving is on Sunday 27th September at the 11am Service. Please bring donations for the Wandsworth Food Bank, which has been in such heavy demand during the Covid-19 emergency.

This Week's Notices

Winter Night Shelter Update: After the success of last year's first season of a North Battersea night of the Winter Night Shelter, it very much looks like Covid-19 will prevent us from running the Shelter at the Katherine Low Settlement this year. However, Glass Door are working with Government to find an alternative solution to providing safe space for homeless guests to have somewhere to eat and sleep over the winter months, probably in a static location. They warmly invite members of St Mary's who are interested to join a special Town Hall Zoom Meeting on the Future of Shelters on **Thursday 17 September at 6.30pm**. To register, please use the following link: <https://bit.ly/31PV6g2>



**Beyond weather talk.
Try Alpha**

#TryAlpha



Want to try our inclusive Alpha Course? Register for our autumn online Alpha Course – a discussion-based course exploring the place of faith in Jesus Christ – by emailing us at alphastmarys@gmail.com. Mondays from 5th October.

Church Family Picnic After Church: Been missing spending time with church friends? We're going to have a church picnic after the 11am service on 20 September. Bring your own food and drink and something to sit on.

A New Morning Service: Thanks to all who have offered their thoughts about this. We are going to trial a new service – aimed at families with both children and busy Sundays – on the **First Sunday of the Month at 9.30am for no more than 45 minutes**. The first of these will be on **Sunday 4 October**, and there will be a special post-service time for refreshments and getting to know one another. For more details – including the name of the service – look out in the coming weeks.

Electoral Roll Revision: Once a year we revise our membership list – confusingly known as the Church Electoral Roll. If you have joined the church in the past year and consider St Mary's your spiritual home, please complete an Electoral Roll form available at the back of church and put it in the postbox at the top of the south stairs, close to where you came in to church today.

you are invited to our

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Meeting is an important moment in the life of the church, as we celebrate God's goodness to us in the past year, elect lay leaders to work with the clergy in setting the direction of our mission and ministry and have an opportunity to ask questions of the Vicar and Officers of the Church Council.

This year is particularly special because it will be a chance to hear about the vision and plans we have for the next five years of the life of our church, as we present the **Mission Action Plan 2020-25** for your comment and consideration.

We will conclude our meeting with a glass of something and some nibbles

Sunday 11th
October 2020
during and after
the 11am Parish
Eucharist

2020 Elections

This year we need to elect:

- A People's Church Warden
- 4 Members to serve on Battersea Deanery Synod (and the PCC)
- 2 Members to service on the Parochial Church Council

Nomination forms are available in church.

A People's Warden: Chris Moxey is standing down as People's Warden this year and we are keen to find someone who can serve in this role as soon as possible. If you might be interested and would like to find out more, please speak to Sheila Boothe while Simon is away and then to Simon as soon after 21st September as possible.

New PCC Secretary: we are looking for someone to serve in this administrative role, which comes with PCC membership. Speak to Simon to find out more.

Parish Investment Property: We are currently purchasing a lovely 2-bedroom flat in Vicarage Crescent as an investment property. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in becoming our tenant, please contact Simon or Richard Cross as soon as possible. The property is likely to be available in October. The PCC also intends to hold a sensible cash reserve, while investing the remainder for the long-term in equities.