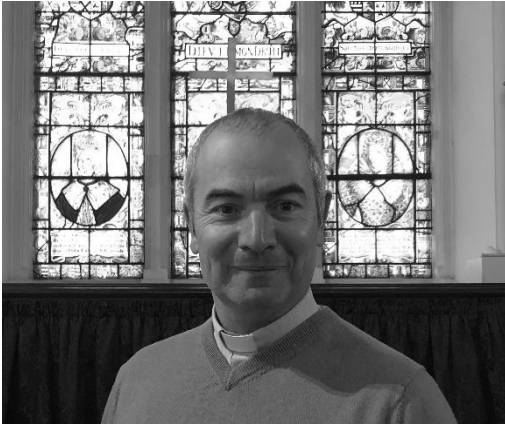


Black Saints: We wish Archbishop Desmond Tutu a very Happy 90th Birthday!

**Parish Eucharist
and Baptism of Harrison Matthews
& Arthur Pearce
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 10th October 2021**

*Presiding Priest & Baptising Minister: Revd Joe Moore
Preacher & Baptising Minister: Revd Aaron Kennedy*





Welcome to St Mary's, especially if you are here for the first time. We are taking the opportunity to mark Black History Month this October, with a series of sermons on "Black Saints", which we hope will include contributions from members of St Mary's from a UKME/Global Heritage background. We offer a special welcome today to the families and friends of Harrison and Arthur, as they are brought to baptism.

Canon Simon Butler, Vicar

Covid Information

- ¶ For those who prefer to sit apart the gallery is open, and there is a downstairs area in the church taped off to permit you to sit at a safe distance from others.
- ¶ Hymns are now being sung.
- ¶ The Peace will be shared this morning. Please be understanding and not insistent or offended if your offer of a handshake is not met by a similar response. A smile or a word of Peace is key.
- ¶ **Holy Communion will be administered at both altars.** At the **main altar**, this will be done kneeling with the bread and wine administered separately and the communicant taking the chalice in their hands. We will continue with the practice we have adopted during the pandemic **at the side altar**: communion will be administered by intinction standing. Please go to the altar which you feel most content with: there's no need to follow the crowd!

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Giving to St Mary's

We have recently launched our online giving facility at St Mary's via Give a Little. This means that you can now give in a number of ways.

Online via this link or the QR code below: <https://bit.ly/SMBRegular2021>



Via the Contactless Giving Machine available at the back of the church.

Via the Yellow Gift Aid Envelope in the order of service or available at the back of the church. Please complete all the details on the front of the envelope.

Via the Cash Collection during the service.

You can also set up a **Standing Order**. Our bank details are: Battersea Parish Church PCC, Sort Code 502101, Account Number: 82127468

The Gathering

A quiet voluntary is played as we gather for worship.

A member of St Mary's welcomes us to church. We prepare ourselves.

Hymn

Common Praise 555

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Joe 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:
cleans 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.

Presentation of the Candidates

Aaron presents Harrison and Matthew to the congregation, asking:

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 Harrison and Matthew and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

He then says to the parents and godparents:

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

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Harrison and Matthew begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

Godparents must be baptised themselves. However, if there are unbaptised people or people of other living faiths, who the parents wish to play a supportive role in their child's spiritual and ethical development, they make the following declaration:

I pledge my love, care and support for *N* this day. I welcome his/her baptism into the Christian faith and I promise to share the best of myself and the highest of my values with him/her, today and always.

Gloria (*Mass of St Cedd*)

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.

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, receive our prayer.

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. Amen. Amen.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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. **Amen.**



**Our Children Now Leave
for Godly Play after a
few words from one of
the clergy**

The Word of God in Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 61
Read by Stephen Miles

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory.

Because their shame was double, and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give

them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12–15

Read by Ruth Hollelly

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord[a] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Black History Month Contribution

During this month of sermons we shall have a brief contribution expanding on the experience of UKME and Global Majority Heritage members of our congregation.

Gospel Hymn (Sung Twice)

You are the King of glory,
You are the Prince of Peace,
You are the Lord of heaven and earth,
You're the Son of righteousness.
Angels bow down before you,
worship and adore,
for you have the words of eternal life,
You are Jesus Christ the Lord.

*Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna to the King of kings!
Glory in the highest heaven,
for Jesus the Messiah reigns!*

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Gospel Reading: John 13:33–35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Revd Aaron Kennedy

After the sermon we keep a moment of silence

Anthem

I lift up mine eyes to the hills *David Hurd*

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1,2

The Baptism of Harrison and Matthew

The Decision

Aaron addresses Harrison and Matthew through their parents and godparents

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 turn to Christ?	I turn to Christ.
Do you repent of your sins?	I repent of my sins.
Do you renounce evil?	I renounce evil.

Signing with the Cross

He makes the sign of the cross with the Oil of Baptism on Harrison and Matthew's foreheads saying

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
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. **Amen.**

Hymn

During which the baptism party move to the font

Child of blessing, child of promise,
God's you are, from God you came.
In this sacrament God claims you:
live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God, you bear God's image,
learn to listen for God's call;
grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.

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Prayer over the Water

Aaron stands before the water of baptism and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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 baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith. Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, Harrison and Matthew may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they 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. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

Aaron addresses the congregation

Let us affirm, together with Harrison and Matthew who are being baptized this morning, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

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?

**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.**

Baptism and Giving of a Lighted Candle

Aaron baptises Harrison and Joe baptises Matthew. Joe prays for them:

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. **Amen.**

Joe gives each child a candle lit from the Paschal 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.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

We welcome Harrison and Matthew:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

We Celebrate the Eucharist

We stand to share a greeting of peace.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Common Praise 538

O Jesus, I have promised

The Eucharistic Prayer

The words of the Eucharistic Prayer are said mainly by the priest, although they are prayed by the whole congregation. You may find it helpful to your prayer to look and listen as the presiding priest leads us in this part of the service.

We pray with our eyes as well as our ears.

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, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**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, who comes in the name of the Lord.
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.

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 Mary the mother of Jesus 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. **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

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 president shows the consecrated bread and wine to the people:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Please come forward to receive Holy Communion row by row.

Communion Motet

View me, Lord *Richard Lloyd*

View me, Lord, a work of Thine: shall I then lie drown'd in night? Might Thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel at Thine altar pure and white: they that once Thy mercies feel, gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade when the heav'nly light appears, but the cov'nants Thou hast made, endless, know nor days nor years.

In Thy Word, Lord, is my trust, to Thy mercies fast I fly; though I am but clay and dust, yet Thy grace can lift me high.

Words: Thomas Campion

Communion Hymn

1. Bread is blessed and broken,
wine is blessed and poured:
take this and remember
Christ the Lord.

2. Share the food of heaven
Earth can not afford.
Here is grace in essence -
Christ the Lord.

3. Know yourself forgiven,
find yourself restored,
meet a friend for ever -
Christ the Lord.

4. God has kept his promise
sealed by sign and word:
here, for those who want him -
Christ the Lord.

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Prayer after Communion

**Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

We are Sent forth in Mission

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

Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

*Common Praise 430
Forth in thy name*

Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary

Prelude in C minor, BWV 546 by Johann Sebastian Bach

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For Your Prayers

The Sick and those in Need: Lloyd Maxwell, Mrs Cheeseman, Bob Cooles, Sue Lucas, Christopher Trayanov, Kunka, Maria Deltcheva, Elanie Christovis, Vic Gray, Tricia, Graham and Ellie Keeble, Barbara, Sylvia and Leo Tucker, Maria G, Leo Hamilton, Jenny & Lucien, Gladys Ikeme, Giles Grice & Family.

The Recently Departed and their Families: Liz Swain, Riccardo Renzi, Keith Critchlow, Alexandra Riley, Vic Gray, Hamish Macnab & Christie Cherian.

People Update

Christie Cherian died peacefully last weekend. There will be a private Cremation Service on 20th October and a Memorial Service for us all in late November.

Congratulations to **Louis & Dylan Benne** who both won prizes at the recent Battersea Society Photographic Competition in collaboration with the Royal College of Art. Louis won first prize! Well done to them both.

The Week Ahead at St Mary's

Please note the changes to service times Monday to Wednesday

Monday 11 th October	Morning Prayer at 9am Bellringers Meet at 7.45pm
Tuesday 12 th October	Holy Communion at 9am
Wednesday 13 th October	<i>Lectio Divina</i> at 9am (Zoom: The Office has details) St Mary's Choir Rehearsal at 7.30pm
Thursday 14 th October	Holy Communion at 12.30pm NO Thursday Study Group this week
Friday 15 th October	<i>Canon Simon Butler on holiday until 16th October</i>

Next Sunday The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.45am	Sunday Morning Group meets in the Crypt
11.00am	Parish Eucharist with Godly Play for Children
6.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>led by Revd Aaron Kennedy</i>

This Week's Notices

Worship Pattern Change: The Monday to Wednesday morning services have moved from 8.30am to 9am from this week, to assist with childcare and commuting challenges currently faced by our clergy team. One advantage is that you can come in and pray after you've dropped the kids off at school!

Stewardship Renewal: This is the time of the year when we encourage members new and old of St Mary's to consider their regular giving to the church. There has been a continuing generosity during the pandemic for which the Church Council is immensely grateful, but we are invited to reflect on the level of our giving regularly, because our giving is encouraged to be proportionate as well as generous. If your financial situation has changed, you may wish to review your giving, and there will be an opportunity in the coming weeks to respond to that invitation. Thank you. *St Mary's PCC.*

This Week's Notices

Readers on a Sunday: We love to encourage every member of the congregation to take part in the leading of worship and one of the simplest ways of doing this is by reading in church. If you would like to do that at 8.30am please contact Anne Hull (annehull@talktalk.net) or at 11am please speak to Cynthia Newman – who is liaising with the organiser Sue Hughes who is not yet coming back to church after the pandemic. Alternatively email Sue directly (sue.lams.hughes@gmail.com)

Congratulations to our Vicar Simon and to Father David O'Malley at Sacred Heart, who were both awarded entry on the Mayor's Roll of Honour at a reception this week for their contributions to serving the community during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Parish Lunch Today: You are warmly invited to stay after the 11am service for a shared Parish Lunch. We would welcome volunteers to offer to cook and arrange these events: please let Debbie know if you could do this: dgha@sky.com

Saturday Japanese Food Stall: Michi Shimura has been holding a Japanese Food Stall on Sundays, alongside some others selling crafts. The stall is moving to Saturday now and Michi would value a volunteer to help her set up that morning. If you can assist, please email Michi on chimiramushi@hotmail.com.

Winter Night Shelter: St Mary's, Sacred Heart Catholic Church & Katherine Low Settlement have agreed this week to participate in the Glass Door Winter Night Shelter, on Saturday evenings at KLS, from November to March. If you would like to volunteer, please email david@stmarysbattersea.org.uk as soon as possible. Training will be given and more details will follow. **Glass Door Sleep Out:** Well done to all who slept out on Friday evening in support of Glass Door, the local charity for the homeless. The team surpassed their target, raising over £2500. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

Welcome Team: We will be holding a Welcome Team Gathering next Sunday 17th October immediately after the service. This is an update meeting for all our Welcomers plus an introduction for anyone who would like to volunteer to help with this vital Sunday hospitality and inclusion ministry. With so many first-time visitors and people who drop in on a Sunday, this is a core part of our service in St Mary's. If you can join the meeting, please do, or otherwise let Reverend Joe Moore know you are interested (joe.moore@hotmail.com).

The Real Advent Calendar: If you'd like to give an Advent Calendar you can order one by signing up at the back today. Real Advent Calendars combine the chocolate with a message about the real story of Christmas. You can order one priced £5 and we will order it for collection from church. Sign up today.

This Week's Notices

Sunday Morning Group: We have a friendly study and fellowship group which meets for discussion, mutual support and encouragement every Sunday between the two morning services, at 9.45am with coffee and cake. At the moment the group is studying Richard Rohr's *Things Hidden* and related Bible verses. If you are interested, just turn up in the churchyard, grab a coffee if you want and then people head down to the crypt. More:

jenny.scott.thompson@gmail.com. If you would prefer something during the week there is a **Thursday afternoon Study Group** which meets in church at 1.30pm, under the leadership of Leslie Spatt. To find out more please email: les@lesliespatt.co.uk.

Advent Book & Groups: Although a little way off yet, Reverend Joe Moore is organising some Advent Reading for us, using the Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2021, *Music of Eternity: Meditations for Advent with Evelyn Underhill* by Robyn Wrigley-Carr. Underhill was one of the great spiritual writers and mystics of the early 20th Century and you can sign up to order the book at the back today, priced £10.99 (£5.69 on Kindle if you order it yourself that way). Details of some discussion groups will follow. Contact Joe for details (joe.moore@hotmail.com).