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BATTERSEA  
Growing together with God

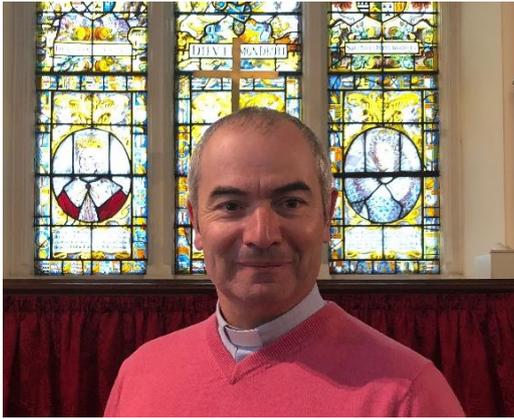


Parish Eucharist with Godly Play for Children  
& the Ministry of Healing and Wholeness  
The First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

*Presiding Priest: Canon Simon Butler*  
*Preacher: Ms Leslie Spatt*



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Welcome to St. Mary's, especially if you are here for the first time.

Advent marks the start of the Christian Year, and also a season of penitence and prayer, just like Lent. What are you going to do to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus? Ask one of the clergy if you would like some ideas. Welcome!

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 socially distanced 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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We have an 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

*As part of our service today, the Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is offered during the distribution of Holy Communion. Feel free to use this opportunity for prayer, for yourself or for another.*

## 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

Awake, awake: fling off the night!  
For God has sent his glorious light;  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.

Awake and rise, with love renewed,  
And with the Spirit's power endued.  
The light of life in us must glow  
And fruits of truth and goodness show.

Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before the cross expectant kneel;  
That Christ may judge, and judging heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,  
and Christ his light on you will shed.  
Its power will wrong desires destroy,  
and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;  
give thanks for everything alway.  
Lift up your hearts; with one accord  
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*J R Peacey (1896 – 1971) ©Revd Mary J Hancock*

## 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.**

*Simon 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

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.

**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.**

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**

**Kyrie**  
*(Mass of St Anne – Macmillan)*

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy;  
Christ have mercy, Christ, have mercy;  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

**Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

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. **Amen.**

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*At this point in the service, children are invited forward for the lighting of the Advent wreath. A prayer is said.*

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.  
**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: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*Read by Tim Walker*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25 (1-9)**

*The Choir sings the Psalm to traditional chant*

1. Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee :  
O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
2. For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress  
without a cause shall be put to confusion.
3. Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.
4. Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my  
salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.
5. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses,  
which have been ever of old.
6. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy  
mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.
7. Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
8. Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement : and such as are gentle,  
them shall he learn his way.
9. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his  
covenant and his testimonies.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

*Read by Felicity Prazak*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**

*Common Praise 27*

*Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes*

**Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

Ms Leslie Spatt

*We are very grateful to Leslie for standing in at short notice.*

*After the sermon we keep a moment of silence*

Anthem

This is the truth sent from above

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

*This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love. Therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all both rich and poor.*

*The first thing which I do relate, is that God did man create. The next thing which to you I'll tell, woman was made with man to dwell.*

*This we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose. And so a promise soon did run, that he would redeem us by his Son.*

*And at that season of the year, our blest Redeemer did appear. He here did live and here did preach, and many thousands did he teach.*

*Thus he in love to us behaved, to show us how we must be saved. And if you want to know the way, be pleased to hear what he did say.*

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

*Bob Cooles 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 stand to share a greeting of peace.*

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.  
**And also with you.**

### Offertory Hymn

***Common Praise 28***

*Hark what a sound*

### 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.**

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 in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, O blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, 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.

Christ is the bread of life.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus.  
Until you come in glory, until you come in glory.**

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**

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.  
Those who would prefer to receive in a more Covid-secure way are invited to go  
to the side altar*

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace,  
grant us peace.

*If you would like prayer for healing and wholeness, please approach the  
minister on hand to offer it, who will be positioned at the back next to the lift.  
You can come and ask for prayer for yourself or another; you can ask the  
minister for something particular or just ask for prayer without having to  
mention it. Ministry remains entirely confidential.*

## Communion Motet

Adam lay ybounden

*Boris Ord*

*Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not  
too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden  
written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne  
had Our Lady a-been heavene Queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was.  
therefore we moun singen Deo gracias!*

## Communion Hymn

***Common Praise 488***

*Jesus, humble was your birth*

## Prayer 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. Amen.

## We are Sent forth in Mission

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

## A Dismissal for Advent Sunday

With love and compassion,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**  
With judgement and mercy,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**  
In power and glory,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**  
In wisdom and truth,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,  
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,  
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**

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 35*  
*People, look east*

## Dismissal

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

## Organ Voluntary

*Passacaglia in D minor* by Dieterich Buxtehude

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**TONIGHT at 6pm**  
**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**  
**Traditional Advent Carols – Bible Readings – Poetry – And**  
**More**  
**Everyone Welcome**

### **For Your Prayers**

**The Sick and those in Need:** Bob Cooles, Sue Lucas, Bruce Lee, Deirdre Bryant, Linda Sutton, Riccardo Renzi, Karolina Pzekleza, Robert King, Eula Gonsalves, Peter Standring, Paula, Flavio, Paulina and Teofil, Anastasio Panagos, Lucien Nunes, Richard, Karen, Chloe and James, Baby Ava, Fiona Macdonald, Florence and Romola Rosati.

**The Recently Departed and their Families:** Moss Fuller, Beryl Bollen, Jerry Sanders, Lloyd Maxwell, Rosemary Cook, Liz Hitchcock, Sarah Drysdale, Vivian Bartlet, Trevor Robinson, Marcelo Barbosa and Diana Crego-Bourne.

## The Week Ahead at St Mary's

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Morning Prayer at 9am
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Holy Communion at 9am
	Clergy Team Meeting at 9.45am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Lectio Divina</i> at 9am (Zoom: The Office has details)
	St Mary's Choir Rehearsal at 7.30pm
	Advent Study Group in Church at 7.30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Holy Communion at 12.30pm
	Thursday Study Group at 1.30pm
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	The Wedding of William Horstuis and Ella Dos Santos at 3.00pm

## Next Sunday The Second Sunday of Advent

8.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am	Family@Church: a short service for children & families
9.45am	Sunday Morning Advent Study Group
11.00am	Advent Parish Eucharist
	<i>Morning Preacher: Canon Simon Butler</i>
6.00pm	Advent Film Night

The Parish Christmas Carol Service will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. We invite you to bring contributions of mince pies for the after-service refreshments.

## Weekly Notices

**Advent Book & Groups:** We are holding study groups during Advent to read together the Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2021, *Music of Eternity: Meditations for Advent with Evelyn Underhill*. The Sunday Morning Group starts today, the Thursday afternoon Group will be studying it on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> December and Revd. Joe Moore will be holding an in-person Study Group on Wednesday at 7.30pm on 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December. You can of course share in reading the book privately if you prefer. Orders have now been placed, so please order the book yourself if you would like it (it's only £5.69 on Kindle if you order it yourself that way). You can also sign up for any of the groups at the back of the church.

**Family@Church: Christingle Service.** Next Sunday's service will be a special Christingle Service, in aid of the work of the Children's Society. The service will begin shortly after 9.30am. More details here:

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/christingle/st-marys-parish-church-battersea>

## Weekly Notices

### Carols in the Square

St Mary's is leading this exciting event which will take place on Tuesday 7th December at 6:30 pm in Battersea Square.

**We need help with the following please:**

- Would John D Wood be able to put up an estate agent board in your front garden advertising the event?
- Would you be able to serve refreshments to children from local schools before the event? Or from about 5pm at St. Mary's? (the food is being made by Thomas's Battersea)
- Would you be able to help marshal children and their families to the square from St Mary's?
- Would you be able to hand out song booklets in the square?
- Would you be able to help with rubbish clearing afterwards?

All offers of help to Debbie Apostolides ([dgha@sky.com](mailto:dgha@sky.com)).

**Readers for Carol Services:** If you would like to do a reading at the Christmas Carol Service on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm, contact Sue:

[sue.lams.hughes@gmail.com](mailto:sue.lams.hughes@gmail.com)

**Nativity Play:** Junior Church will be performing a nativity play on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at the 11am service. If your child would like to take part, please contact Cal [cal@learningdifferences.co.uk](mailto:cal@learningdifferences.co.uk). There are speaking parts as well as non-speaking parts - all ages welcome!

**Forthcoming Wedding:** Longer term members of St Mary's may wish to know that Emma Belak's eldest daughter Ella is being married at St Mary's on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. You are warmly welcome to attend the service.

**Lloyda Maxwell's Funeral Service** will be held in Church on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at noon. You are very welcome to join us.