

## ST PETER'S CHURCH, STREATHAM: Advent 2 2022

Sunday 4 Dec Advent 2	8am Said Mass <b>10.30: Parish Mass with First Communions</b> 6.30pm Choral Evensong and Benediction
Mon- Wed	9am – Morning Prayer – in church
Wed 7	12pm Said Mass – in church
Sunday 11 Dec Advent 3	8am Said Mass <b>10.30: Parish Mass</b> 6.30pm Choral Evensong and Benediction

**PRAYER CYCLE:** to add or remove people, contact Fr Steffan  
In our prayer cycle, in our Diocese we pray for **All Saints, Kenley**; in the wider Anglican Communion for the **Anglican Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.**

**Birthdays:** Catherine Chapman, whose 60<sup>th</sup> was on Friday, Deidre Forbes

**The Sick:** Hilda, Neil, Ann, Fey, Judy, Mike, Alan.

**The Elderly & Housebound:** Vera, Rupert, Godfrey, Sylvia.

**The Recently Departed:** Eileen Costello, Betty Davenport, Antonio Freitas; **and those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time:** William Wells, Donald Taylor, Ron Forrest, Morris Jones, Frederick Poole, William Brunner (Pr)

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*Speak to Fr Steffan to be added to our email list, or a visit*

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**Advent Study Group: Forgotten Books of the Bible** 7pm, the Vicarage (113 Leigham Court Road), with Supper

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: Dr Emily Kempson – The Book of Ruth

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Dr Alice King – The Book of Revelation

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Fr Ben – The Pastoral Epistles

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Fr Steffan – The Book of Lamentations

If you would like to come along, please RSVP to Fr Steffan to give an idea of numbers for catering – though if you haven't booked and have a free evening, please do come along! If you would be interested in providing supper one of the dates, please speak to Fr Steffan.

**Christmas Carols 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6.30pm:** If you would like to volunteer to help set church up before the service, to read, or to help take the collection, please speak to Fr Steffan. If you have any prizes for a raffle, they would be very appreciated!

**St Peter's Christmas Party: 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Early evening until late (exact time TBC):** Running from early evening for children and families, and with food, drink, & a quiz for adults (and any children still there!) at 7.30pm. Please feel free to invite friends or neighbours. If you can indicate attendance to Fr Steffan, it will help with catering.

**Warm Space Lunch Club:** Due to an emerging situation, we have become aware of, St Peter's is looking, in the very immediate future, to hosting a weekly lunch club particularly aimed at asylum seeker housing on Leigham Court Road. If you would be interested in cooking/giving some time/being there to chat to people, please let Fr Steffan or Fr Ben know.

Other dates:

**MAP Welcome Group** 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: in church, after 10.30 Mass

**PCC Christmas Party** 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: from 7pm

## **PARISH MASS – ORDER OF SERVICE.**

*As the bell rings, the Altar party enters. Please stand, if you are able.*

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

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

3 O come, O come, great Lord of  
might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.  
*Rejoice!...*

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,  
unto your own and rescue them!  
From depths of hell your people  
save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.  
*Rejoice!...*

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

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

7 O come, O King of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace.  
*Rejoice!...*

✠ In the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you: **And also with you**

*The priest introduces the mass, then calls us to 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. *Silence, then:*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness, through our own  
deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

<i>The choir sing:</i>	<i>Lord have mercy.</i>	<i>Kyrie Eleision</i>
	<i>Christ have mercy.</i>	<i>Christe Eleision</i>
	<i>Lord have mercy.</i>	<i>Kyrie Eleision.</i>

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

THE COLLECT (THE OPENING PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY) Let us pray: *Silence, then:* O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit for the* 1ST READING      Isaiah 11.1–10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned  
child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters  
cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the  
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

### ADVENT PROSE

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
**and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:  
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away: thou hast hid thy  
face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
**and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

### 2ND READING      Romans 15.4–13

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our  
instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the  
scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and  
encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in  
accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice  
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for  
the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the  
circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm  
the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles  
might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your  
name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

<sup>11</sup>and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples

praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

*Please stand as the music starts for the GOSPEL reading, the accounts of Jesus life and teaching. The choir sing Alleluia, which we repeat. They then sing a verse of scripture, and we then repeat the Alleluia. Then:*

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

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.** (Matthew 3.1–12)

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'<sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." '

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON, *then silence for reflection.*

*Then we stand for* THE 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, [All bow for] 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.**

*Please feel free to sit or kneel during the PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL.*

*After each prayer, the leader may say:*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*After praying for the dead, they may say:*

☩ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Then:* **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.**

*The priest ends the prayers: ...Jesus Christ: Amen.*

THE 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.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

1 LONG ago, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a Jew.  
Come to make all things new;  
Bear his People's burden,  
Freely love and pardon.  
*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*When he comes,*  
*When he comes,*  
*Who will make him welcome?*

2 God in time, God in man,  
This is God's timeless plan:  
He will come, as a man,  
Born himself of woman,  
God divinely human. *Ring, bells...*

3 Mary, hail! Though afraid,  
She believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb God is laid;  
Till the time expected  
Nurtured and protected. *Ring, bells...*

4 Journey ends! Where afar  
Bethlem shines, like a star,  
Stable door stands ajar.  
Unborn Son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry!  
*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
**Jesus comes!**  
**Jesus comes!**  
**We will make him welcome!**

We are again passing around the collection plate for any offerings. There are envelopes available at the back of church for gift aid, and we have a contactless card reader by the exit. Our JustGiving page is [www.justgiving.com/stpeters-streatham](http://www.justgiving.com/stpeters-streatham)

Or visit:



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *Please stand for:*  
Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

*The priest prays over the gifts, ending:* Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

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

*The priest praises God for his acts, and then we join with the angels in their song of praise, as the choir sings:*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus  
Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra  
gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*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.*

*The priest, recalling the last supper of Jesus and his disciples,  
prays that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ.  
After elevating the host and chalice, we proclaim the mystery of faith:*


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

Praise to you Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life,  
Lord Jesus come in Glory**


*The priest then prays for the church and the world,  
and the gift of God's spirit, ending, as the priest elevates the gifts:*



in songs of ev-er-last-ing praise:



**Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power**



**be yours for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, Hal - low - ed be thy name. Thy king - dom come;



thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,



and for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us,



and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

*As the host is broken, the choir sing (or we say):*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: misere nobis.

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

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

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

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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 communion. If you would like a blessing, ask as you approach, or cross your arms over your chest, and this will be given.*

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  
Thy Godhead's majesty;  
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray  
That earthly joys may fade away:  
Sweet Sacrament divine.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Let us pray. *Please stand.*

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**

**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 into the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

*Followed by the NOTICES, then: THE BLESSING & THE DISMISSAL*  
The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Hills of the North, rejoice,  
Echoing songs arise,  
Hail with united voice  
Him who made earth and skies:  
He comes in righteousness and love,  
He brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,  
Sing to the listening earth,  
Carry on every breeze  
Hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
His word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,  
He is your brightest morn,  
Greet him with joyous eyes,  
Praise shall his path adorn:  
The God whom you have longed to  
know

In Christ draws near, and calls you now.  
Shores of the utmost West,  
Lands of the setting sun,  
Welcome the heavenly guest  
In whom the dawn has come:  
He brings a never-ending light  
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,  
Songs be in every mouth,  
Lo, from the North they come,  
From East and West and South:  
In Jesus all shall find their rest,  
In him the sons of earth be blest.