

## St Peter's Church, Streatham – Advent I 2024

You are welcome at St Peter's – whether this is your first time in church, or your 1000th. Everything you need is in this booklet – please join in the **bold**. If you would like a gluten-free wafer at communion, please let a welcomer know before mass begins.

Dec 1 Advent 1	8am: Said Mass <b>10.30am: Parish Mass</b> 6.30pm: Advent Carols
Mon 2	9am: Morning Prayer
Tues 3	7.30am: Said Mass at St Margaret's (SW2 3BH) 9am: Morning Prayer
Wed 4	9am: Morning Prayer 9.20am: Toddler Church 12pm: Said Mass
Thurs 5	PM: Youth Group 7pm: Thursday Club
Dec 8 Advent 2	8am: Said Mass <b>10.30am: Parish Mass</b> 6.30pm: Choral Evensong and Benediction

**PRAYER CYCLE:** to add/remove people, please contact Fr Steffan

In our **Diocese** for Croydon South Deanery, & in the wider **Anglican Communion** for the Church of South Sudan.

In our **parish**, that we may grow in numbers, grow in the deepening of our faith, and grow in service to our community.

**Birthdays:** Catherine Chapman, Luca Myers, Deidre Forbes,  
Meron

**The Sick:** Neil, Judy, Indy, Charlotte, Chad, Natasha, Andreas, Arlette, Tyrone, Cleo, Brian, Imogen, Michael, Paula, Elaine, Bridget, Gabriel, Bishop Christopher, Valerie, Richard, Norman, Patsy, Claude.

**The Elderly & Housebound:** Vera, Rupert, Godfrey, Sylvia.  
**The Recently Departed:** Mervin Weston, Francis Raymund  
 Wells

**and whose Year's Mind occurs at this time:** Ellen Phipps

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**Stuck at home/hospital?**

Please be in touch and the clergy would be happy to visit or pray.

**New home? Fresh start?**

We would be delighted to come round for a house blessing.

*Speak to Fr Ben to be added to our email list, or to request a visit.  
 stpeters-streatham.org. Facebook & Twitter: @StPetersSW16*

**Upcoming Dates for your Diary**

**DECEMBER 22**  
**Nine Lessons & Carols**  
 Followed by Mulled Wine and Raffle Draw  
 6.30pm

**DECEMBER 24**  
**Children's Christmas**  
 With Activities 3-4pm and Crib service at 4-4.30pm  
 3.00pm

**DECEMBER 24**  
**Midnight Mass**  
 Come and join us as we celebrate Jesus' Birth  
 11.00pm

**DECEMBER 25**  
**Christmas Day Mass**  
 Family Service with Carols & Crib Scene  
 10.30am

## **PARISH MASS – ORDER OF SERVICE**

*As the bell rings, the Altar party enters. Please stand, if you are able.  
The choir sing the traditional Advent Prose, taken from verses of Isaiah,  
calling down God to bring peace and healing on earth:*

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

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,  
neither remember iniquity forever: thy holy cities are a wilderness,  
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:  
our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

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

*Then we all sing:*

1 Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,  
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!  
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?  
Is it the music of his people's prayer?

2 Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices  
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;  
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,  
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!

3 This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?  
This shall he do, and can we still despair?  
come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,  
cast at his feet the burden of our care.

4 Yea through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning,  
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:  
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,  
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

## GREETING AND WELCOME

✠ 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.*

*During the lighting of the Advent candle, the choir sing:* Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors, to you be praise and glory for ever! You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

*Then we are called 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.**

*Then:*

Lord have mercy	Kyrie Eleison
Christ have mercy	Christe Eleison
Lord have mercy	Kyrie Eleison

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.**

### OPENING PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Let us pray. *Silence, then:*

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.**

*Please sit for the 1ST READING A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (33.14–16)*

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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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**

2ND READING A reading from I Thessalonians (3.9–13)

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.**

*Please stand as the music starts for the GOSPEL reading (accounts of Jesus' life and teaching) & face the procession as it moves to the centre of church.*

Alleluia! **Alleluia!** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. (Luke 19:38) **Alleluia!**

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

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.** (Luke 21.25–36)

‘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. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>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; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>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 does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>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!**

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.**



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*please feel free to sit or kneel*

*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.

*We turn to our neighbour and say 'peace be with you', or shake hands*

**OFFERTORY:** *The gifts of bread and wine are brought forward. During the hymn, a collection is taken: you are welcome to make a donation or, if you would like, you can use a card reader at the back of the church.*

1 Of the Father's heart begotten,  
Ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain  
All that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things  
Yet to come the mystic Close,  
Evermore and evermore.

2 O how blest that wondrous  
birthday,  
When the Maid the curse retrieved,  
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,  
By the Holy Ghost conceived;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
In her loving arms received,  
Evermore and evermore.

3 This is he, whom seer and sibyl  
Sang in ages long gone by;  
This is he of old revealèd  
In the page of prophecy;  
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;  
let the world his praises cry!  
Evermore and evermore.

4 Let the storm and summer  
sunshine,  
Gliding stream and sounding  
shore,  
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,  
Day and night their Lord adore;  
Let creation join to laud thee  
Through the ages evermore,  
Evermore and evermore.

5 Sing, ye heights of heaven, his  
praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
Let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name  
confessing,  
Countless voices answering,  
Evermore and evermore.

#### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AT THE ALTAR

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.**

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

Though Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER



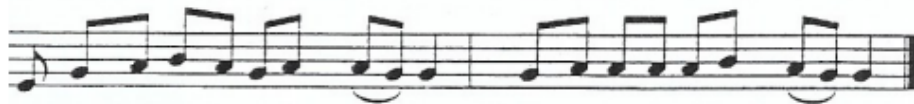
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, Hal - low - ed be thy name. Thy king - dom come;



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 (body of Christ) is broken, the choir sings (in English or Latin):*  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.

Behold 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.**

## RECEIVING OF COMMUNION

*Please come forward to receive communion after the choir.*

*Christians of any denomination are welcome 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 – or feel free to stay in your pew.*

*The choir sings a motet: Creator of the Stars of Night*

*Creator of the stars of night,*

*Thy people's everlasting light,*

*O Jesu, Saviour of us all,*

*Regard thy servants when they call....*

*Then we sing:*

1 Come, thou Redeemer of the  
earth,  
And manifest thy virgin-birth:  
Let every age adoring fall,  
Such birth befits the God of all.

2 Begotten of no human will,  
But of the Spirit, thou art still  
The Word of God, in flesh  
arrayed,  
The Saviour, now to man  
displayed.

3 O equal to thy Father, thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.

4 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness glow with new-born  
light,  
No more shall night extinguish day,  
Where love's bright beams their  
power display.

5 O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee  
Eternal praise and glory be,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

## 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**

THE BLESSING  
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.**

1 Hark! A herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'

2 Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

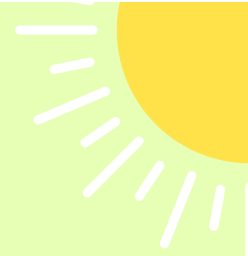
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from  
heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all to be forgiven;

4 So when next he comes in glory,  
And earth's final hour draws near,  
May he then as our defender  
On the clouds of heaven appear.

5 Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit,  
While unending ages run. Amen.



St Peter's Church  
Streatham



# HELP US TO REACH NET ZERO!

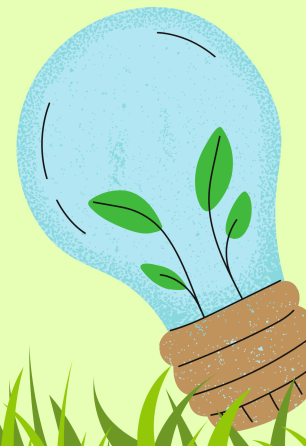
**WE'RE ASKING ALL USERS OF ST PETER'S TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF NET ZERO BY 2030**

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

To help us reach our goal, we're currently splitting our heating system, so each church and hall space can be heated separately, and installing smart thermostats so we are only heating space when we need to. This is estimated to reduce our carbon output but 30%.

Thanks to a generous match funding grant, for every £100 we raise we will get £200. If each user of the building gives just £15, we will reach our target by the deadline of 14th December. With rising energy costs, the works will also help us to keep the costs down for users of the building.

## **TO GIVE, PLEASE VISIT:**



*Please do join us for refreshments after the service – we love meeting new people! Refreshments are normally by the statue of Mary.*

*One of the clergy can help introduce you to people – please ask if we can be of help.*