

St Peter's Church, Streatham - 29 December 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.

Christmas I December 29	10.30am: Parish Mass NO Evensong (choir on winter break)
Mon – Wed	No morning prayer
Wed. I	NO Toddler Church 12pm: Said Mass in church
Jan 4 th	Epiphany Party – 5pm
Feast of Epiphany January 5	8am: Said Mass 10.30am: Parish Mass with chalk blessing of doors 6.30pm: Evensong and Benediction

Please do join us for refreshments after the service – we love meeting new people! Refreshments are normally served in the crypt, opposite the entrance gate as you come in – or ask one of the clergy or welcomers who can take you down and introduce you to people.

Fr Steffan Mathias, Vicar	frsteffanmathias@gmail.com Fr Steffan's day off is Friday	
Fr Ben Vertannes, Assistant Curate	frbenvertannes@gmail.com Fr Ben's day off/study day are Fri/Sat	078 2154 0262

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 Steffan to be added to our email list, or to request a visit.

stpeters-streatham.org. Facebook & Twitter: @StPetersSW16

PRAYER CYCLE: to add/remove people, please contact Fr Steffan
In our **Diocese** for local hospitals and emergency services, & in the wider
Anglican Communion for the Episcopal Church of the United States.

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

Birthdays: Danny Bailey, Matias, Connor O'Neill, Sheila, Lyiih O'Neill,
Frankie Chapman [booklet printed before Christmas – please check sheet!]

The Sick: Neil, Judy, Indy, Chad, Helen, Natasha, Arlette, Tyrone, Brian,
Imogen, Paula, Bridget, Gabriel, Valerie, Richard, Norman, Patsy, Claude.

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

**The Recently Departed; and whose Year's Mind occurs at
this time:** Irene Gaster, Michael Kerton, Jack Gaster

PARISH MASS – ORDER OF SERVICE

As the bell rings, the Altar party enters. Please stand, if you are able as we sing:

1 The first Nowell the angel did say was
to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay; in fields where they lay,
keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's
night that was so deep: *Nowell, Nowell,
Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel!*

3 This star drew nigh to the north-
west;

O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay:
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is
the King of Israel!*

2 They lookèd up and saw a star, shining
in the east, beyond them far: and to the
earth it gave great light, and so it
continued both day and night:
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the
King of Israel!*

4 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord, that
hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath
bought:
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is
the King of Israel!*

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, followed by:

The clergy then calls us to confession:

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings. Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith:

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.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

We sing the song of the praise, the Gloria:

**Glory be to God in heaven,
songs of joy and peace we bring,
thankful hearts and voices raising,
to creation's Lord we sing:
Lord we thank you, Lord we bless you,
glory be to God our King,
glory be to God our King.**

**Lamb of God, who on your shoulders
bore the load of this world's sin,
only Son of God the Father,
you have brought us peace within:
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
now your glorious reign begin,
now your glorious reign begin.**

**You, O Son of God, are holy,
You we praise with one accord.
None in heaven or earth is like you,
Only you are Christ the Lord,
With the Father and the Spirit
Ever worshipped and adored,
Ever worshipped and adored.**

OPENING PRAYER. Let us pray: Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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 1 Samuel 2.18–20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, ‘May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord’; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

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

Psalm 148

Reader: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights

We respond: **Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights**

Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light. **Response**

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. **Response.**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
Young men and women, old and young together; let them praise the name
of the Lord. **Response.**

2ND READING

Colossians 3.12–17

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 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. Let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with
gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.
And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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! The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have
seen his glory. **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.** (Luke 2:15-21)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the
Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for
the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the
boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know
it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's
journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and
friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search
for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the
teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard

him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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

SERMON. *Silence may be kept after the sermon 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

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all in whom he
delights. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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 church.*

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heav'n's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they
come
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

4 For lo the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back
the song
Which now the angels sing!

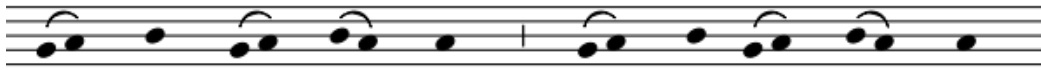
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AT THE ALTAR

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.**

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our
poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches. Through Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARIST – HOLY COMMUNION



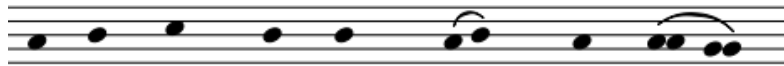
The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** We lift them 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 singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, — hea-ven and



earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.



Ble - ssed is he who comes in the name — of the Lord.



Ho - sa - nna in the high - - - est.

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.

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



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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 daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver from evil**

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, we say together:

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 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.

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.

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
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3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. *Please stand*

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven. **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 in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen

Followed by the NOTICES

THE BLESSING

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

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; 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.**

As the altar party leave, we sing:

1. Unto us a boy is born!
The King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of ev'ry nation.

2 Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That he the world surpasses.

3 Now may Mary's son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.

4 Alpha and Omega he!
Now let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Shall rend the air asunder.

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Main service 10.30am every Sunday

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