

The Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green
All Saints' Church, Sanderstead



PARISH PRAISE

with Baptism of Oliver Chaplin

Sunday 11th July 2021
Trinity 6

Proclaiming Jesus, Changing Lives, Serving our Community

A very warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! And a very special welcome today to Oliver, his parents, Jodie and David, and all their family and friends who are here to support them as Oliver begins life in relationship with Jesus Christ.

Please spend time in quietness before the service begins. You might like to reflect on the words of Psalm 24 which we shall read together during the service: "Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and a pure heart... they shall receive a blessing from the Lord".

Sadly, we still aren't allowed to sing in church. We are hoping that this restriction will be lifted soon - but in the meantime, please follow the words on the screen and enjoy the words!

And please remember to keep facemasks on throughout the service.

If you would like to know more about the church, or the Christian faith, please do not hesitate to speak to Revd Jeremy Groombridge (who will be leading today's service), or Chris Newman (who will be giving the talk today). Our contact details can be found on the website, www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

INTRODUCTION and OPENING HYMN

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY

I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I who made the stars and night,
I will make the darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

² **for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴ **The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.**

⁵ They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Saviour.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty – he is the King of glory.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

TALK: *Blessed with every spiritual blessing*

Chris Newman
Children and Families Pastor

SONG: Great Big God

Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God and He holds us in His hands

He's higher than a skyscraper
He's deeper than a submarine
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams
He's known me and He's loved me
Since before the world began
How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

Nigel Hemming

PRAYERS *including The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.
We thank God for Oliver who has come to be baptised today.
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support Oliver as he begins his journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?

We will.

God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and godparents, you speak for Oliver today.
Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

We will.

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

The minister turns to Oliver's Supporting Friends:

As Oliver's Supporting Friends, will you offer your care and your love to him as he grows up, celebrating with him in times of joy, and supporting him through times of difficulty?

We will.

Signing With The Cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross on Oliver's forehead saying:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed of Christ.
You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him
against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Parents, Godparent and Supporting Friends bring Oliver to the font.

The minister prays over the water

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 praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that this little one who is baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that he is loved as your child,
safe in Christ for ever.

Amen.

The people affirm their Christian faith

Let us affirm, together with this little one who is being baptised, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Oliver, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Oliver, 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.

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for Oliver
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon
them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their home from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us
a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect in your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Welcome to Oliver, the minister says:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**Oliver, we welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Parents, Godparent and Supporting Friends return to their places.

GIVING OF A CANDLE

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Oliver, 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.**

SONG

I DANCED IN THE MORNING

When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John
They came with me and the Dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a Cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I had gone,
But I am the Dance, and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Songwriters: Ronan Hardiman

Concluding Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, settle and strengthen 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

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

Please remain seated until the stewards guide you to exit the church safely.

A collection plate is available near the north door exit for loose cash and envelopes.

Your Donations please

In these difficult times All Saints would greatly appreciate your help to continue our work for God in the community. If you are able to, please consider making a donation. You could make a BACS transfer to Sanderstead All Saints PCC sort code: 557030 account no: 34786996 with your name as the reference or, visit the website and click the donate button where you can make your donation by card. If you would like someone to collect your gift please let the office know and this can be arranged. If you would like help in giving, contact the Parish Office, Tel: 020 8657 0665. Thank you for your generous gifts.

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