

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

# FAMILY WORSHIP

**with Baptism of Alfred Timothy Charles Kenny**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021



*Proclaiming Jesus, Changing Lives, Serving our Community*

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

*Please spend time in quietness before the service begins.*

*Holiday Club 2021 – a short YouTube clip of the Super Hero Academy.*

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| <b>INTRODUCTION and OPENING HYMN</b> |
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-QZRsrO06A>

**MORNING HAS BROKEN**

like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing,  
praise for the morning,  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the world.

Sweet the rain's new fall,  
sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
Sprung from completeness  
where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,  
mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
of the new day!

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

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| <b>THE BAPTISM</b> |
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Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for Alfred who has come to be baptised today.  
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support Alfred 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 Alfred 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.**

### ***Signing With The Cross***

*The minister makes the sign of the cross on Alfred'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 and godparents bring Alfred 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***

Alfred, I baptise you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alfred, 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 Alfred  
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 Alfred, the minister says:*

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

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

*Giving of a Candle*

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

Alfred, 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.**

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**I WILL OFFER UP MY LIFE IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH,**  
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to you.  
In surrender I must give my every part,  
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart.

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?  
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?  
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part  
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.*

You deserve my every breath, for You've paid the great cost,  
Giving up your life to death, even death on the cross.

You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin,  
Opened up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in.

Matt Redman

## **GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:27-end**

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?'

<sup>28</sup> They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'

<sup>29</sup> 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah.'

<sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

## **TALK**

*By Chris Newman*

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| <b><i>PRAYERS</i></b> |
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God our heavenly Father, we bring our prayers to you today.

We pray for Alfred and his family...

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

We pray for All Saints church and the whole people of God...

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

We pray for the nations of the world, and for peace and justice...

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

We pray for ourselves...

Lord, as we wear the sign of your cross  
**Help us to follow you faithfully day by day.**  
**Amen.**

**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.**

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| <b>SONG</b> |
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**LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING,**  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word,  
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

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## ***Our Parish Prayer***

God of hope and love,  
You have called us to proclaim the saving power of the name of  
Jesus Christ throughout our neighbourhood, sharing the Good News  
of his love which changes our lives.  
We offer ourselves in service to you and seek your guidance.

As we worship, learn, tell and serve,  
may we know the power of your Spirit among us;  
may our homes and our churches be places of welcome and safety;  
may many come to know the forgiveness and peace  
that are found in Jesus alone.  
May we find joy as we follow him day by day,  
with courage to speak out against injustice,  
a willing spirit to reach out and care for one another  
and for our community,  
and a new respect for the beautiful world  
in which you have placed us.

May your kingdom come, your will be done  
and your love be known by all.  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## ***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.**

