

All Saints' Church  
Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green



# **FAMILY WORSHIP**

**with Baptism of Ava Mary Louise Harvie**

Advent Sunday, 28 November 2021, 9.30am

*Proclaiming Jesus, Changing Lives, Serving our Community*

*A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!*

*And a very special welcome today to Ava, her parents Mark and Gemma, their family and all who are here to support them as Ava begins life in relationship with Jesus Christ.*

*Our theme is, "Being Ready for the Coming of Jesus".*

*Please spend time in quietness before the service begins.  
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## **The Lighting of the Advent Candle:**

*The advent candle is lit.*

**O God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and all the patriarchs of old,  
you are our Father too.  
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of David.  
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth  
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit  
to make his home among us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the Light who is coming into the world.  
Amen**

## INTRODUCTION

### ***Living He loved me***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hTeEYpcy9Q>

### ***Video Clip: The Royal Arrival***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1AS-dCdYZbo>

## OPENING HYMN:

*Make way, make way for the King of kings*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNDCyAB1Mvs>

### **MAKE WAY, MAKE WAY**

in splendour arrives,  
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him  
into your lives.

*Make way, (make way), Make way, (make way),  
for the King of kings, (for the King of kings).  
Make way, (make way), Make way, (make way),  
and let His kingdom in.*

He comes the broken hearts to heal  
the prisoners to free,  
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
the blind shall see.

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh;  
With laughter, joy and royal crown  
He'll beautify.

We call you now to worship Him  
as Lord of all;  
To have no gods before Him;  
their thrones must fall!

Graham Kendrick

## THE BAPTISM



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

So I ask you all:  
Will you support Ava as she begins her journey of faith?

**We will.**

Will you help her 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 Ava today.  
Will you pray for her, and help her 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 Ava's Supporting Friend:*

As Ava's Supporting Friend, will you offer your care and your love to her as she grows up, celebrating with her in times of joy, and supporting her through times of difficulty?

**I will.**

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

*The minister makes the sign of the cross on Ava'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, godparents and supporting friend bring Ava 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 she 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***

Ava Mary Louise Harvie, I baptise you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Ava, 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 Ava  
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 Ava, 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.**

*Parents, godparents and supporting friend 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.

Ava, 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:**

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!*



<https://youtu.be/ty9bZXN4uWA>

**THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine  
Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine  
Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it  
shine, let it shine

Even when I'm afraid I'm gonna let shine  
Even when I'm afraid I'm gonna let shine  
Even when I'm afraid I'm gonna let shine, let it shine, let it  
shine, let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**Harry Dixon Loes**

## BIBLE READINGS:



*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13* (Living Bible)

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you and for the joy and delight you have given us in our praying for you? <sup>10</sup> For night and day we pray on and on for you, asking God to let us see you again, to fill up any little cracks there may yet be in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus send us back to you again. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make your love to grow and overflow to each other and to everyone else, just as our love does toward you. <sup>13</sup> This will result in your hearts being made strong, sinless, and holy by God our Father so that you may stand before him guiltless on that day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns with all those who belong to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Luke 21:27-28, 34-36* (Good News Translation)

<sup>27</sup> Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near.

<sup>34</sup> Be careful not to let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that Day may suddenly catch you <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all people everywhere on earth. <sup>36</sup> Be on watch and pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man.

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**TALK**

## PRAYERS

*We bring to God our prayers for others and for ourselves.*

*We join in the Lord's Prayer together:*

**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.**

## SONG:

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vz-FkqobgXY&t=8s>

### **TELL OUT, MY SOUL, the greatness of the Lord:**

unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!



## ***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 Prayer and Blessing***

**Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

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.**

*Music to close: Soon & very soon, by Andraé Crouch (1976)*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=woIvS8uHZHY>



# NOTICES for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

9.30am Family Worship & Baptism

11.00am Holy Communion – Said service

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

2.30pm Midweek Holy Communion at St. Antony's

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Eucharist with choir

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

3.30pm Messy Church - Crafts, activities, songs, stories, refreshments for children and their carers, in the Church Halls.

## **PAT TESTING - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

PAT testing is booked for Wednesday 1st December at 9am so please bring to the Parish Office your electrical items used for church purposes by **midday on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. Your items should be ready for collection from midday on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. *Paul*

## **MEN'S GROUP EVENT – CHRISTMAS CURRY**

*The Men's Group Christmas Curry will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Taste of Bengal, 1 Station Parade, CR2 0PH close to Sanderstead Station. We have been going to this restaurant for several years and they always look after us well. The likely cost will be around £30-£35 per person and we are expecting around 20 people. As ever, ladies are very welcome at Men's Group events and we hope that you will be able to join us. If so, please let Trevor Hewitt ([thew1tt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thew1tt@hotmail.co.uk)) or Dick Hibberd ([dick.hibberd@gmail.com](mailto:dick.hibberd@gmail.com)) know as soon as possible but definitely by close of play on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.*

## **THANKSGIVING SERVICE for Betty Wrigley**

*There will be a service of thanksgiving for the life of Betty Wrigley on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm** held in All Saints Church, followed by a wake in the Church Halls. Jim and their two sons, David and John, warmly invite you to join them.*

## **CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH**

Unfortunately there will be no Christmas Day Lunch in the halls this year. If you have a spare seat at your table and wish to invite someone to join with you and your family please can you contact Rosanne in the church office by no later than Thursday 18th December 2021.

## **GIVING**

We invite everyone to become a regular giver to All Saints Church. For cash and envelope offerings, there are collection plates by the door.

*Coffee is served in the Church Hall following the worship.  
All welcome.*

