

All Saints' Church Sanderstead
Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green

PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 5th December 2021 Advent 2

Theme: The beginning...of Good News



*Proclaiming Jesus, Changing Lives,
Serving our Community*

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Today is the second Sunday in Advent and we continue our preparation for the coming of our Saviour.

Our service today will be live-streamed. Everyone is welcome, whether here physically in church, or at home, in hospital - wherever you may be.

For the first time in many months, we will offer Communion in both forms - bread and wine. If you would prefer to partake in just one form - a wafer - please indicate by saying "one" to the Priest. If you would like both bread and wine please say "both" and the Priest will then dip your wafer in the wine and place it in your hands. If you need a gluten-free Communion wafer, speak to one of the stewards.

The Lighting of the Advent Candles:

The first and second Advent Candle are lit.

People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon
when you shall see God face to face.
Remember the ways and works of God.
God calls you out of darkness
to walk in the light of his coming.
You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ
today and for ever, Amen.**



O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

from the 'Great O Antiphons' (12th-13th century) trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus
Christ be with you,
And also with you.

We worship with Christians near and far, Living and departed, Old
and young, to celebrate the guiding light of Christ, the warmth of
God's love, and our unity in the Holy Spirit.
Let us pray for all those watching and listening to this service today,
whether locally in their homes, or further afield, in hospital, in bed,
or in other countries: Heavenly Father, we commend to you all who
hear and participate in this service, and ask that you will bless them
wherever they are, in whatever circumstances they find themselves.

Preparation. This prayer is said

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes he will bring to light 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 is kept.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

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.

The minister leads us in the special prayer (the 'Collect') for today

**Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word



First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn



THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant's form puts on,
to set his servants free.

[cont.]

Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet thy lowly King;
nor let thy faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.

As Judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
and his true members all unite
with him in heav'n to reign.

All glory to the Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever One,
through all eternity.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) trans. John Chandler (1806-1876) alt.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

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

Glory, to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon



Anthem: Prepare Ye the way of the Lord, music by Michael Wise

The Apostles' Creed



Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

We 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.**

Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession



This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

These prayers end with:

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The priest greets the people in peace



In the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and 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.

Hymn



LONGING FOR LIGHT, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)

The table is prepared

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one; so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death and to make us inheritors of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence may stand before him.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again!

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

Let us pray



Looking for the coming of the Kingdom, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray;

**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 priest breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Invitation

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the Glory of God the Father.**

**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.**

The Holy Communion is distributed.

Everyone is invited. All who receive Holy Communion in their own churches are welcome. The stewards will guide you. If you do not wish to receive Communion bow your head for a prayer of blessing.

If you would prefer to partake in just one form - a wafer - please indicate by saying "one" to the Priest. If you would like both bread and wine please say "both" and the Priest will then dip your wafer in the wine and place it in your hands.

When receiving communion, it is customary to say 'Amen' as you receive the elements.

Time of Quiet

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the
humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith
through Jesus Christ our Lord
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**

Prayer of God's blessing.

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.**



COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of eve'y nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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

Organ Voluntary: Trumpet Tune, Noel Rawsthorne

You are invited to join us for tea / coffee in the Church Hall after the service.



NOTICES for Sunday 5th December 2021

Sunday 5th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Eucharist with choir

Wednesday 8th December - Messy Church has been CANCELLED

Sunday 12th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30am Christingle, *the collection is for the Children's Society.*

Sunday 19th December – 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Eucharist with choir

5pm Candlelit Carol Service – *please book for this service on the website*

7pm Candlelit Carol Service – *please book for this service on the website*
www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

ADVENT CHEESE & WINE at St. Mary's Church on Mondays at 7pm.

All welcome...

Mon 6th Dec: Week Two Advent Cheese & Wine with Bishop Christopher

Mon 13th Dec: Week Three

Mon 20th Dec: Week Four

MEN'S GROUP EVENT – CHRISTMAS CURRY

The Men's Group Christmas Curry will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th 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) or Dick Hibberd (dick.hibberd@gmail.com) know as soon as possible but definitely by close of play TODAY, Sun 5th December.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE for Betty Wrigley

There will be a service of thanksgiving for the life of Betty Wrigley on Friday 10th 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.

THE PLEDGE APPEAL

We are still happy to receive any Pledge cards that have got delayed and missed the 30th November deadline. Your promises help us to set a realistic budget for our mission in 2022 so please do reply, even if there is no change to your current giving. Thank you.

Michael Turner