

Advent Sunday

30th November 2025



StMARYwithStALBAN

PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (696)

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| 1. Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
and ev'ry place is hallowed ground. | 3. Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
thy former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of thy saving name. |
| 2. For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee where they come,
and going, take thee to their home. | 4. Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer,
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes. |
| 5. Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own! | |

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

First Candle - *The Patriarchs, Abraham, the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus*

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

(The first candle is lit.)

People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the 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

The Children's Church leave for their worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All **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

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness:

for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake:

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory: holy is your name, Lord God almighty. In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

KYRIE ELEISON – *Setting by John Merbecke*

Lord, have mercy upon us. *(sung three times)*

Christ, have mercy upon us. *(sung three times)*

Lord, have mercy upon us. *(sung three times)*

THE COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING – *Isaiah 2.1–5, read by a member of the congregation*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

This is the word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY - *Psalm 122*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, ♦
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’
 - 2 **And now our feet are standing ♦
within your gates, O Jerusalem;**
 - 3 Jerusalem, built as a city ♦
that is at unity in itself.
 - 4 **Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, ♦
as is decreed for Israel,**
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
 - 5 For there are set the thrones of judgement, ♦
the thrones of the house of David.
 - 6 **O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ♦
‘May they prosper who love you.**
 - 7 ‘Peace be within your walls ♦
and tranquillity within your palaces.’
 - 8 **For my kindred and companions’ sake, ♦
I will pray that peace be with you.**
 - 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, ♦
I will seek to do you good.
- Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

THE SECOND READING – *Romans 13.11–14*, read by a member of the congregation

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING - *Matthew 24.36–44*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

Jacques Berthier

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

THE SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Lord in your mercy or Lord, hear us
All Hear our prayer . Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father,

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

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN ⁽³⁶⁾

1. Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes the Saviour promised long! Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne, and ev'ry voice a song.	2. He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held; the gates of brass before Him burst, the iron fetters yield.
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3. He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of His grace,
to bless the humbled poor.

4. Our glad Hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heav'n's eternal arches ring,
with Thy beloved Name.

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

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house; she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

All Amen

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

All and with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All It is meet and right so to do.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 *singing*:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of

the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit ✠, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Awaiting his coming in glory, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All 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 day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen

Everyone is welcome to receive the Eucharist or a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All 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

POST-COMMUNION HYMN ⁽³⁹⁾

1. Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

2. Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true

3. Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

4. Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5. Shout, as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

THE BLESSING

May God the Father, judge all-merciful, make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

All Amen

May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

All Amen

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and constant in love.

All Amen

and the blessing of God almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The ministers and people depart.

TONIGHT



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Also livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

6.30PM, SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

RUILS have asked if you would once again donate items for their hampers: Essentials: tinned veg/meat/fish, tea, coffee, pasta/rice, toiletries. Treats: biscuits, chocolate, mince pies, crisps. To be left in the box at the back of church by midday on Sun 14 Dec. Or deliver directly to Ruils at 4, Waldegrave Rd. Or use this QR code to donate for the purchase of food.



STALLS IN THE HALL

The RNLI and Beekeeper Claudie, were very grateful for your support last weekend - they will return to the Parish Hall on Sunday 7 December with their stalls if you missed them.

SIGN-UP NOW FOR:

The Posada: host the Holy Family during Advent, as they journey to Bethlehem!



Designed to engage Christians of all ages, this is by no means a child-only experience. Indeed, it is a great way of anticipating the arrival of the birth of Christ in 'real time'.

Scan the QR code and select any available dates to sign-up now:



... and The Rotary Sleigh Ride on Monday 15 December

Looking for eight Collectors to meet at 5.45pm and start the route at 6pm. Full training given. Walking alongside the sleigh. Mostly the roads of Elmfield, Teddington Pk, Cambridge and around the church, collecting money for SMWSA.

Speak to Fr David if you can be one of the crew, or sign-up via QR Code.



GIVE TO SMWSA

To donate to this church please use the QR code or text "SMWSA give" to 07380307800 and follow the instructions. Thank you.



NOVEMBER



SATURDAY 29

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
11am-2.30pm
St Mary's Parish Hall

SUNDAY 30

ADVENT CAROLS
6.30pm
SMWSA Church



WHAT'S ON - DECEMBER



church service



requires pre-booking

MONDAYS 1,8,15,22,29

COMMUNITY CAFÉ
1.30-4.30pm
Peter & Paul Centre

TUESDAYS 2,16

MEMORY CAFÉ
1.30-3pm
Peter & Paul Centre

WEDNESDAYS 3,10,17

ADVENT COURSE
11.30am-1pm
(see details on Pg2)
Mina Hogan Room

WEDNESDAY 3

PINTS OF VIEW
From 8pm
unscripted fellowship
in The Tide End Pub



THURSDAY 4

FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL: COFFEE
10.30am
Zoom

SATURDAY 6

PARISH PLOD: CHRISTMAS WALK
9.30am
tbc

WEDNESDAY 10

SANTA & SVEN CHRISTMAS SHOW
4pm & 6.30pm
St Mary's Parish Hall



THURSDAY 11

CAROL SINGING: 7pm (see Pg2)
The Anglers Pub:
traditional pub sing-along



MONDAY 15

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ
10-11.30am
Peter & Paul Centre

THURSDAY 18

CHURCHYARD GARDENING
10am-12noon
SMWSA Churchyard

FRIDAY 19

NEWSLETTER BUNDLING
2.30pm
St Mary's Parish Hall



SUNDAY 21

ALL-AGE PARISH EUCHARIST
10am
SMWSA Church

SUNDAY 21

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS
6.30pm
SMWSA Church. Followed
by Mulled Wine & Mince
Pies in the Parish Hall

MONDAY 22

LONGEST NIGHT
7.30pm
SMWSA Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

CRIB SERVICES: 2pm, 3.30pm & 5pm
MIDNIGHT MASS: 11.30pm
SMWSA Church



CHRISTMAS DAY

HOLY COMMUNION: 8am
FAMILY EUCHARIST: 10am
SMWSA Church



visit www.teddingtonparish.org for more details



Full Calendar



Christmas Services



Santa & Sven

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Peter & Paul Centre: Church Road, TW11 8PS