



St Peter's
Hammersmith

26th November 2023
(Christ the King)

Vicar: Revd Dr Charles Clapham
07979-093418
charles.clapham@sky.com

Churchwardens: Simon Brooke (07958 239892)
Caroline Langton (07791 058304)

Parish office: office@stpetersw6.org
020 8741 4848

Administrator: Lucy Miller

Website: www.stpetersw6.org

10.30 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant: Revd Charles Clapham
Senior steward: Caroline Langton
Stewards: Vicky Lambert, Tony Matthews
Chalice: Caroline Illingworth
Readers: Deirdre Shaw, Caroline Langton
Intercessions: MP Moine
Children's club: Vanessa Townsend
Coffee: Fiona Fox, Laura Grimond, Caroline Illingworth
Flowers: Joanna Woods

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We ask God for healing and forgiveness

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you,
and against our neighbour
in thought, word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest pronounces the Absolution, and we sing the Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Praise to you, O Christ.

Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.'

'After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

'Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the sermon, and stand to affirm our faith

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

We 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?

We 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?

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.**

We sit or kneel for intercessions, with the following responses

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

And at the end,

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

Liturgy of the Sacrament

We stand for the peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

The priest praise God for his mighty acts, and all respond:

**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.**

The priest recalls the Last Supper, with the acclamation:

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The prayer leads into the doxology, to which all respond:

Amen.

**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.**

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.**

**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.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Those who wish to receive the wine as well as the wafer are asked to do so through intinction
(that is, dipping the wafer into the wine) rather than drinking directly from the chalice.
Please ask the priest if you require a gluten-free wafer.*

As we receive, the choir sing 'Let all the world', from Five Mystical Songs (Vaughan Williams)

HYMN 458 <i>The Lord my pasture shall prepare</i>

After all have received, the priest prays the post communion prayer, and we say together

**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.**

We remain seated for notices, and stand for the blessing

HYMN 394 <i>Let all the world in every corner sing</i>
--

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

VOLUNTARIES:

Before: Peeters - Koraaal, Scherzo & Adagio (from Suite Modale, op. 43)

After: Peeters - Toccata (from Suite Modale, op. 43)

CHRISTMAS PRESENT TREE to provide presents for local children in need. Take a tag, buy and wrap a gift, and return to church by 17th December!

2024 CALENDAR with paintings of West London landmarks by our very own (and extremely talented) Denis Browne. On sale at the church (£15) with profits to St Peter's.

CHRISTINGLE, Sunday December 3rd, 4.30 pm. Begin the build up to Christmas, with candles, oranges and sweets at our ever-popular Christingle service. All ages welcome!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Sunday 10th December, 3-5 pm, with games, arts & crafts, singing, bring-and-share party tea, bar, and (if we've all been very very good) a special visitor from Lapland. Booking (£5 a head) essential - sign-up sheet in church.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL FAIR, 2nd December, 12-4 pm. BBQ, pizzas, mulled wine, crafts, Christmas stalls, Santa's Grotto, cakes, raffle, games, caricatures, and more. The PTA will also order a **CHRISTMAS TREE** for you, from £35 up; last order 2nd December, collection from school on 8th & 9th Dec. Order forms at church, and on the website.

The last **MEN'S WEDNESDAY** lunch for 2023 will be on Wednesday 29 November at the Cross Keys at 12.30pm. Thai food with British pub options available.

H&F FOODBANK are running a "Reverse Advent Calendar" for donations to help those in need this Christmas. More details at <https://tinyurl.com/yh543665>

SUNDAY SUPPERS at Rivercourt Church provides a hot meal each Sunday evening to homeless people. Contact Vicky on 07939 083466; or donate at www.givey.com/sundaysuppers

CHRISTMAS DATES:

Saturday 2nd (12-4 pm):	St Peter's School Christmas Fair
Sunday 3rd (4.30 pm):	Christingle
Thursday 7th (7.30 pm):	Opera Integra: Christmas Concert
Saturday 9th (7.30 pm):	Petros Singers Concert: Merry Hammersmithmas!
Sunday 10th (3-5 pm):	Children's Christmas Party
Monday 11th (7.30 pm):	SingWest Christmas concert
Tuesday 12th (12.30 pm):	Men's Christmas lunch
Wednesday 13th (7.30 pm):	Curry night
Friday 15th (7.30 pm):	Vicarage Christmas party
Friday 16th (9 am):	St Peter's School Christmas Service
Sunday 17th (6.30 pm):	Church Carol Service
Tuesday 19th (4 pm):	St Peter's School Carols
Thursday 21st (9 am):	School Christmas service
Christmas Eve (4.30 pm):	Crib Service
Christmas Eve (11.30 pm):	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day (10.30 am):	Christmas All Age Communion

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER (Advent Sunday)

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION
9 am	NO Family Worship
10.30 am	ALL AGE COMMUNION
4.30 pm	CHRISTINGLE