

The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond
Richmond Team Ministry

*Sunday 6th September, 2026 – 14th after Trinity
& Festival of Creation in Christ*

*President: The Rev'd Robert Stanier; Preacher: The Rev'd Anne O'Neil
Our welcomer today is Rozel*



*Eucharist with Baptism of Daniel Andrew Gladwell
Mass setting: Thorne Mass of St Thomas*

❖ The Gathering

Please stand as procession enters.

**Awake, awake: fling off the night!
for God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.**

**2 Awake and rise, with love renewed,
and with the Spirit's power endued.
The light of life in us must glow
and fruits of truth and goodness show.**

**3 Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before his cross for guidance kneel;
his light will judge and, judging, heal.**

**4 Awake, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
and your whole nature fill with joy.**

**5 Then sing for joy, and use each day;
Give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

JR Peacey 1896-1971 (Ephesians 5.6-20) CP 334

Greeting

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

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please be seated for informal words of welcome.

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon: As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins, especially the ways in which we take creation and God's gifts for granted.

We confess together:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and 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.

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.

Gloria

Let us stand to praise God.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

The Collect

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all things were made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:
draw us into the mystery of your love,
that with all creation we may proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

❖ The Liturgy of the Word

The first reading is taken from Isaiah 55:12-end read by Anthony

¹² For ye shall go out with joy,
and be led forth with peace:
the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you into singing,
and all the trees of the field
shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree,
and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree:
and it shall be to the Lord for a name,
for an everlasting sign
that shall not be cut off.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- ¹ Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the nations are but idols;
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- ⁶ Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- ⁹ O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- ¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king.
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
- ¹² Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them;
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.
- ¹³ For he comes, he comes to judge the earth; •
with righteousness he will judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

A reading from Colossians 1.15–20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.
¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

**Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray
let there be light.**

**2 Thou who didst come to
bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind,
let there be light.**

**3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**4 Blessèd and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and
wide,
let there be light!**

J Marriott 1780-1825 NEH 466/CP 267

Please stand

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1.1-14)

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷

He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

❖ The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidates

The priest asks the congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Daniel

and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The priest says to Daniel's parents and godparents.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Daniel with joy.

Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Daniel begins his journey in faith.

You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The priest asks parents and godparents

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

The sign of the cross is made on Daniel's forehead.

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.**

The baptism party goes to the font and the congregation is invited to stand and turn to the font. Any young people who wish to come closer are welcome to do so.

Prayer 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 baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers
to baptize all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptized in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm 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.

Baptism

Daniel, I baptize you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

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

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

written and read by Bleddyn

These or other responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy	(or)	Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer.		Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end

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

❖ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

The Peace

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer another a sign of peace.

We turn to people to share God's Peace.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Hymn during which the altar is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;
*then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!***

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;**

**3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die - I scarce can take it in:
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;**

**4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

Russian hymn, *tr* Stuart K Hine 1899-1989, CP 262

The 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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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.

Deacon: Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace ...
Bring us at the last with Mary Magdalene, Matthias, John and all the saints to the
vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
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.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Please sit

**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.**

Breaking of the 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.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Agnus Dei

**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.**

If you are a visitor, and receive communion in another church, whether it is in the Church of England or another denomination, please feel welcome to receive communion at this service. If you prefer, please come to receive a blessing instead, and bring this booklet as a sign to the priest.

Communion Hymn

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**2 Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**3 Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.**

**4 Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
the Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray that earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

Post Communion Prayer

God our Creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed
by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
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.

Banns of marriage are read and notices are shared.

The baptismal candidate receives a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.
Shine as a light to the world,
to the glory of God the Father.

❖ The Dismissal

Please stand

Dismissal Hymn

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh, his presence we have:
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

Charles Wesley 1707-1788 NEH 476/CP 627 (tune: Paderborn CP 227)

An act of commitment for the care of creation

As the whole of creation looks with eager longing for the redemption of humankind, let us pledge ourselves anew to serve our Creator God, the Father who is the maker of all things, the Son through whom all things are made, and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who renews the face of the earth.

Let us affirm our commitment to care actively for God's creation.

**Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste,
to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and may be faithful in voicing creation's praise.**

May the commitment we have made this day be matched by our faithful living.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Blessing

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, now and always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary

*Please be seated to listen to the voluntary,
then stay for coffee and chance to meet friends, old and new.*

Today coffee is served by Judy & Fenella

To give for the work of the Church – there is a plate for cash or envelope gifts and a card machine for contactless giving.

Next service at St Mary Magdalene: tonight at 6.30pm

Compline

'Hope For All Creation'

You can read a newly published theological response to the environmental crisis from the House of Bishops for free here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2026-06/hope-for-all-creation-for-web-new.pdf>

Also Church of England webinars exploring themes in Hope for All Creation on Tuesday 8, 15 & 22 September 5.30-6.30pm



Christian Aid River Walk Saturday 26th SEPTEMBER from 10.30am. A Walk for creation. A Walk for climate justice. A Walk for hope.

Join the RTM Green Team on a scenic Thames walk in support of Christian Aid and enjoy a day of community, fellowship and action for a fairer, greener world. For details see www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/richmond-riverside-sponsored-walk-september-2026-tickets-1994315316798

Climate Change – Peoples Emergency Briefing Film October in St Mary Magdalene's – date TBC

A special community screening of 'The People's Emergency Briefing' What is happening with climate and nature, and what does it mean for everyday life in the UK? This 45-minute film brings together nine leading UK experts with the latest evidence and why it matters. Afterwards there will be a panel discussion on what it means for our community, the Christian response and what we can do locally. For more information visit: www.nebriefing.org
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