

St Mary Magdalene, Richmond Team Ministry

Sunday 1 November, 2026, All Saints

Mass Setting: Thorne, Mass of St Thomas

President: The Rev'd Robert Stanier, Today's welcomer is Pimm

❖ The Gathering

Please stand to sing as the procession enters.

Introit Hymn

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be forever blest. Alleluia!**

**2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear their one true Light. Alleluia!**

**4 O blest communion! fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia!**

**7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia!**

**8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

W Walsham How 1823-97 NEH 197/CP 232

Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Please be seated for an informal greeting.

Prayers of Penitence

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all your creation:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

We stand to join with all the Saints, to sing the hymn of God's praise.

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

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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

Please be seated

Reading

A reading from the book of Revelation (7.9-end) *read by Anthony*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped
God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?’ ¹⁴I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that
knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great
ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Psalm 34.1-10

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

3 O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.

6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him
and delivers them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.

Reading

A reading from the first letter of John (3:1-3) *read by Anthony*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

**Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;**

**3 Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.**

John Keble 1792-1866 and others NEH 341/CP 391

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:1-12)

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 Stella
and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The priest says to Stella's parents, godparents and sponsor.

Parents and godparents and sponsor, the Church receives Stella with joy.

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

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Stella begins her journey in faith.

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

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The priest asks parents, godparents and sponsor

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 Stella's forehead.

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ for the rest of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

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 thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel

from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John

and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,

to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,

we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,

they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith

and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All 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

Stella Elizabeth Leena, 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 Jane

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

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,

through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace

to those who were far off and those who were near. *cf Ephesians 2:19, 17*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We turn to others to wish them God's peace.

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

During the hymn, an offering is taken for the work of the church. Don't worry if you don't have any cash on you but would like to give: there is a card machine at the back of church, which you can use later.

Offertory Hymn

**In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
for the saints who before us have found their reward;
when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.**

**In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,
he called them away from our worship below;
but not till his love, at the font and the altar,
had girt them with grace for the way they should go.**

**These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
and still they were seeking the city of God.**

**Sing praise, then, for all who here sought and here found him,
whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:
they believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,
where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.**

William Draper 1855-1933 NEH 208/CP 351

Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing:

**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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

With saints and martyrs through the ages,
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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**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,
give us your 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.

During the distribution of communion, the choir will sing Byrd: Beati mundo corde

Beati mundo corde, quoniam ipsi Deum videbunt.

Beati pacifici, quoniam filii Dei vocabuntur.

Beati qui persecutionem patiuntur propter justitiam, quoniam ipsorum est regnum caelorum.

Blessed are the clean of heart: they shall see God.

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

Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice's sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5: 8-10

Post Communion Prayer

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices of our life together are shared.

❖ The Dismissal

Dismissal Hymn

**Who would true valour see,
let him come hither:
one here will constant be,
come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.**

**2 Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound;
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright,
he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have the right
to be a pilgrim.**

**3 Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt his spirit,
he knows he at the end**

shall life inherit.

Then, fancies, fly away;

he'll fear not what men say;

He'll labour night and day

to be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan I628-88 AMNS 212/CP 621

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 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 and those whom you love, now and always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Please be seated to listen to the voluntary, Postlude on 'For all the saints'

Then do stay for refreshments, and time to meet old and new friends.

Today coffee is served by Andrew and Nicola

Next Sunday

Remembrance Sunday – 8 November 2026

8am – BCP Communion

930am – Sung Eucharist

11am – Civic Service at the War Memorial

Following Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday – 15 November 2026

If you would like to speak to someone before or after the service about any safeguarding concerns, please contact our Safeguarding Officer: Jo Kitson.