St Peter's Muswell Hill

Holy Communion

9.30am – Sun 15th Nov 2026

2nd Sunday Before Advent

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, 2
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley

Gathering and Greeting

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

All: Amen.

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

All: And also with you

Welcome – Revd Philip Sudell

Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love, revealed in Word and Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

Confession

Almighty and most merciful father, we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness

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.

We sing the

Gloria

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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1.7, 12–18

7 Be silent before the Sovereign Lord,
for the day of the Lord is near.
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated those he has invited.

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12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with
lamps and punish those who are
complacent, who are like wine left on its
dregs, who think, "The Lord will do nothing,
either good or bad."
13 Their wealth will be plundered,
their houses demolished.
Though they build houses,
they will not live in them;
though they plant vineyards,
they will not drink the wine.'
14 The great day of the Lord is near –
near and coming quickly.
The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter;
the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.
15 That day will be a day of wrath –
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of trouble and ruin,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness –
16 a day of trumpet and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the corner towers.
17 'I will bring such distress on all people
that they will grope about like those who
are blind, because they have sinned against
the Lord.
Their blood will be poured out like dust
and their entrails like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath.'
In the fire of his jealousy
the whole earth will be consumed,
for he will make a sudden end
of all who live on the earth.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-8

May the favour if the Lord, the Lord our God be upon us.
1 Lord, you have been our refuge • from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, • from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
May the favour if the Lord, the Lord our God be upon us.
3 You turn us back to dust and say: • 'Turn back, O children of earth.'
4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, • which passes like a watch in the night.
May the favour if the Lord, the Lord our God be upon us.
5 You sweep them away like a dream; • they fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; • in the evening it is dried up and withered.
May the favour if the Lord, the Lord our God be upon us.

7 For we consume away in your
displeasure; • we are afraid at your
wrathful indignation.
8 You have set our misdeeds before you •
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance.
May the favour if the Lord, the Lord our
God be upon us.

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.1–11
1 Now, brothers and sisters, about times
and dates we do not need to write to you,
2 for you know very well that the day of the
Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3 While people are saying, 'Peace and
safety', destruction will come on them
suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant
woman, and they will not escape.
4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in
darkness so that this day should surprise
you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the
light and children of the day. We do not
belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So
then, let us not be like others, who are
asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7 For
those who sleep, sleep at night, and those
who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But
since we belong to the day, let us be sober,
putting on faith and love as a breastplate,
and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For
God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but
to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether
we are awake or asleep, we may live
together with him. 11 Therefore encourage
one another and build each other up, just
as in fact you are doing.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13:47-50
47 'Once again, the kingdom of heaven is
like a net that was let down into the lake
and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was
full, the fishermen pulled it up on the
shore. Then they sat down and collected
the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad
away. 49 This is how it will be at the end of
the age. The angels will come and separate
the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw
them into the blazing furnace, where there
will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Revd Philip Sudell

Kingdom Questions
6. Does it really matter?

Profession of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all
that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the
only Son of God, eternally begotten of the
Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not
made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made
man. For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

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.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The bread and wine are brought to the Lord's table

Be thou my guardian and my guide, 385
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

Isaac Williams

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God
All: It is right to give
thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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:

All: 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.

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 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

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 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.

Prayer after Communion

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.

Church family news

Soldiers of Christ, arise, 571
and put your armour on,
strong in the strength which God supplies,
through his eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
and in his mighty power:
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,
with all his strength endued;
and take, to arm you for the fight,
the panoply of God.

From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down,
and win the well-fought day;

that, having all things done,
and all your conflicts past,
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
and stand entire at last..

Charles Wesley ©

Blessing

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 among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

Readings for next Sunday

22nd November – Christ the King

Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24
Psalm 95.1–7
Ephesians 1.15–23
Matthew 13:51-52

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The week ahead

Sun 15th	9.30am 11am Afterwards	Holy Communion Morning Service Street Visiting
Mon 16th		
Tues 17th	9:45-11am 8pm	Chat & Play for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall Midweek Groups
Wed 18th		
Thurs 19th	10–11.30am 12 noon 12–3pm 3.45-5pm 8pm	Women's Bible Study @ St Peter's Hall Holy Communion Community Café @ St Peter's Hall FAB Club @ St Peter's Hall Midweek Groups
Fri 20th	7.15-8am	Friday Prayer @ 163 CHL
Sat 21st	11am-2pm	Fair and Fun Day
Sun 22nd	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service

The Bible Overview



will be looking at *Session 2. God made everything* in Midweek Groups next week. Read ahead in Genesis 1:1-2:3

Sermon Series for November

Running through the Sundays in November we will be looking at parables from Matthew 13 that will answer a series of *"Kingdom Questions"*



Fair and Fun Day

Sat 21st Nov

Please be praying for this taking place next Saturday. Still opportunities to serve – contact Jess



Christmas Carol Service Choir

If you are interested in joining the choir for our 6pm evening Carol Service on Sunday 20th December, then please let Simon Upcott know (simon@upcott.me.uk).
Rehearsals are all in St Peter's:
- Saturday 12th Dec. 10.30am-12.30pm
- Saturday 19th Dec. 10.30am-12.30pm
- Sunday 20th Dec. 3pm-5pm latest

We will mix the more traditional carols with our own style of contemporary music. All willing and able singers and instrument players welcome!



