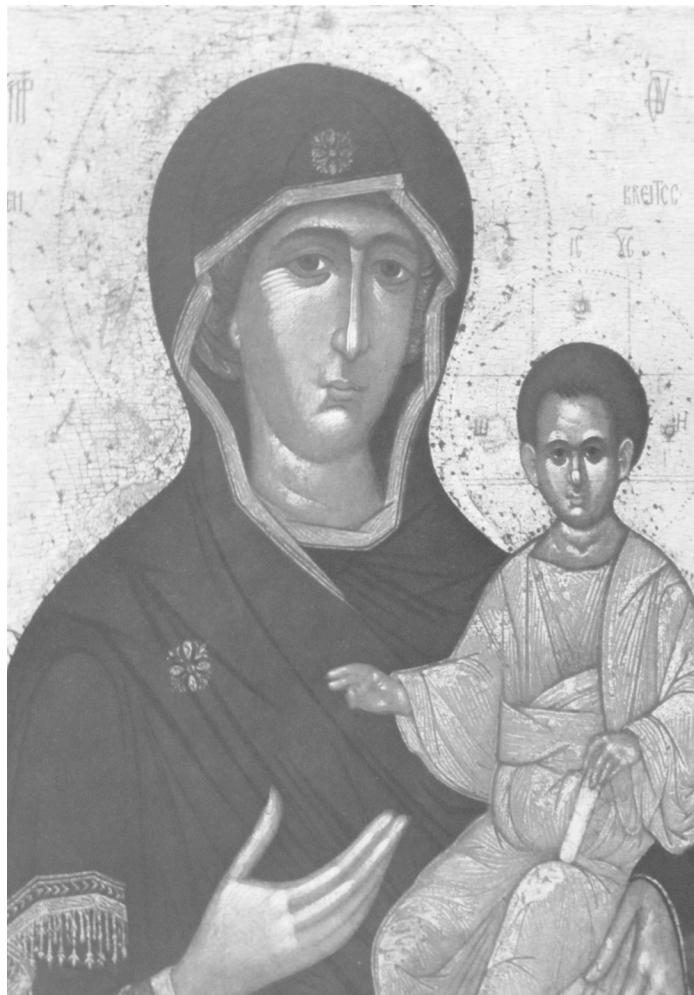


# ST ANNE'S, SOHO

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

(The week of prayer for Christian Unity)



### The Eucharist

*You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you.*

# Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

The Celebrant is:

**The Revd Simon Buckley**

*Rector of St Anne's, Soho*

The Preacher is:

**The Revd Martha Pennel**

*Curate of St Anne's, Soho*

Organist

**Anthony Winter**

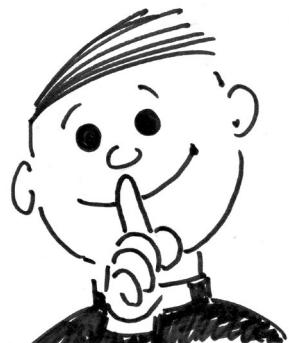
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online -

[www.stannes-soho.org.uk/worship](http://www.stannes-soho.org.uk/worship)

Worshipping in church we gather with strangers and friends, and from home we join virtually with those we see and hear on screen. But wherever we are, we join with the church throughout the world, and all the saints in Heaven, as children of God and disciples of Christ.

We invite everyone to:

- **Join us in keeping a time of quiet before the service begins.**
- Switch off your mobile phone for this hour and avoid other distractions.
- Support St Anne's via contactless giving, the collection taken during the service, or by direct debit.
- Keep this booklet for your reflection in the coming week.
- **If you are in church, please save the chatter until the organ voluntary has concluded.**



**Live-streaming and Safeguarding:** The camera is pointed away from the congregation during the service and switched off whilst people are receiving communion. Please do not take on any role within the service that may take you in front of the camera, if you do not consent to your image being recorded. **Filming by members of the congregation is not permitted in church.**

We pray this time together will be a blessing for all who share in it, and strengthen us to serve others in the week ahead.

## Welcome

We meet in the name of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

## Opening Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one,  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
come, with all your loving-kindness;  
hear your people as we pray,  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants  
what they seek from you to gain;  
what they gain from you, forever  
with the blessed to retain;  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and One in glory  
while unending ages run.

## Prayer of Penitence

God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We give you all praise and honour.

We pray that as the Church we would live in unity with one another, and build our lives on the sure foundation of Jesus Christ. We are sorry for the times when we fail to do that and so we bring our failings and shortcomings to you now, asking for your forgiveness.

*After a short silence. All say:*

**All:** 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.**

## Absolution

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.

**All:** **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

All: 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

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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.

All: Amen.

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word ¶

### First reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7

A *reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

*ccntinued over...*

Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 40: 1-12

*Underscored by the organist.*

- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me out of the roaring pit,  
out of the mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.
- 3 He has put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see and fear  
and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 **Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.**

*ccntinued over...*

5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.  
How great your designs for us!  
There is none that can be compared with you.

6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them  
they would be more than I am able to express.

7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire  
but my ears you have opened;

8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;  
then said I: 'Lo, I come.'

9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me  
that I should do your will, O my God;  
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'

10 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips,  
and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth  
from the great congregation.

12 Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;  
let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me.

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.

## Gospel Reading

*The Priest sings the Alleluias before we all sing them together.*



*cf Revelation 1.8*

**All:** **Alleluia. (sung twice)**

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

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 1: 29-42*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**All:** **Alleluia. (sung twice)**

## Sermon

*The sermon is followed by a short piece of music to give us space to reflect on the readings and sermon.*

## The Creed

All: 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.

## The Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*To the bidding: “Lord, in your mercy”  
we respond: “Hear our prayer”.*

*And at the end:*

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

## ❖ The Liturgy of the Sacrament ❖

### The Peace

God is love  
and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All:** and also with you.

*Please greet one another and  
then be seated to sing the hymn as the altar  
is prepared and the collection taken.*

## Hymn

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
that all thy Church might be for ever one,  
grant us at ev'ry eucharist to say,  
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'  
O may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wand'lers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:  
soon may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
may we be one with all thy Church above,  
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
more blessed still, in peace and love to be  
one with the Trinity in unity.

William Hany Turton (1856-1938)

Tune: SONG 1

## 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.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might

5

heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Ho - san - na in \_\_\_\_ the high - est

9

Bless èd \_\_\_\_ is he who comes in the name of the Lord\_\_\_\_ Ho-

13

-san - na in \_\_\_\_ the high - est, ho - san - na in \_\_\_\_ the high - est

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for  
counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one  
in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Anne  
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,  
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.



## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.

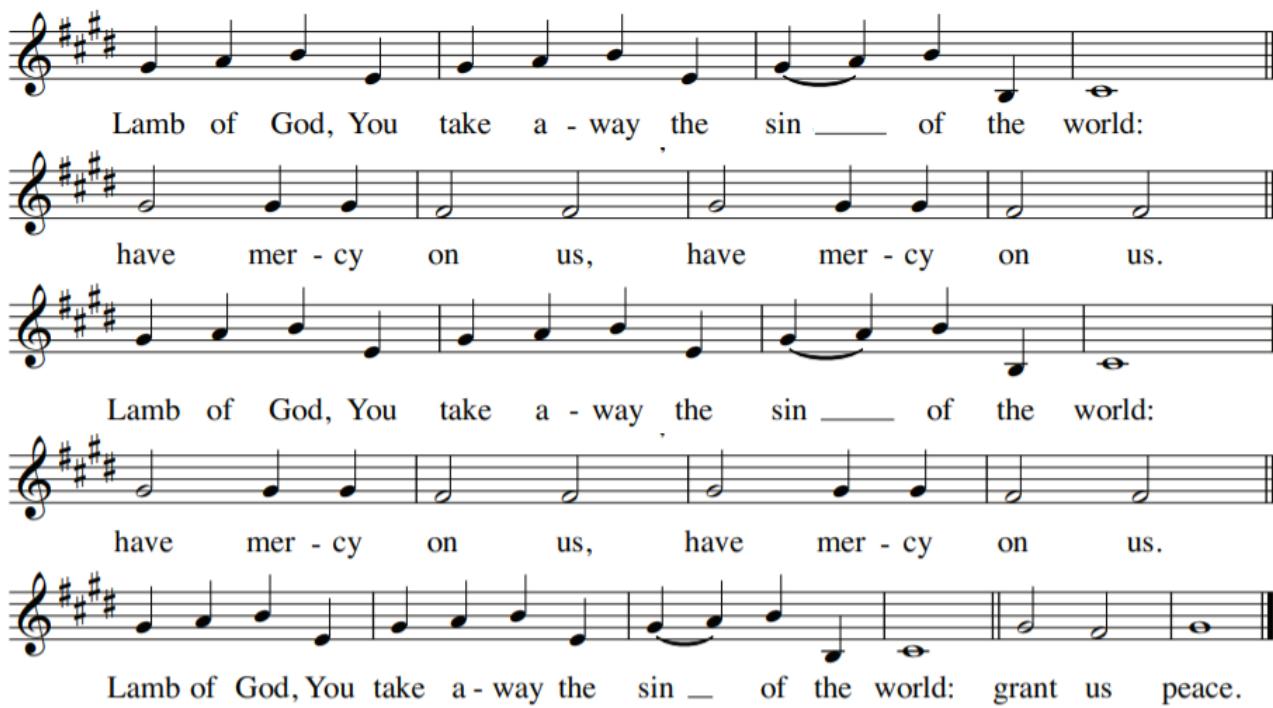
## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**All:** God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.

## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin \_\_\_\_ of the world:  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin \_\_\_\_ of the world:  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin \_\_\_\_ of the world: grant us peace.

## **Giving of Communion**

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

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

*All are welcome to gather around the altar, as directed, to receive Communion or a blessing. If you are a visitor and usually receive Communion in your home church you are welcome to receive here.*

*Holy Communion may be received in the bread alone, or in bread and wine as you prefer. Please indicate clearly what you wish to receive, and wait until those standing with you have received before returning to your place.*

*The practice of intinction (dipping) the host is not permitted.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

**All: God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Final Hymn

1

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on ev'ry page;  
our forebears owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

2

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade them rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in ev'ry deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

3

Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, hope restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

4

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored:  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

5

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the vict'ry shall be won;  
and then by all creation,  
thy name shall be adored.  
And this shall be their anthem:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

Tune: THORNBURY

Notices

## The Blessing & Dismissal

Christ the son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you this day and always.

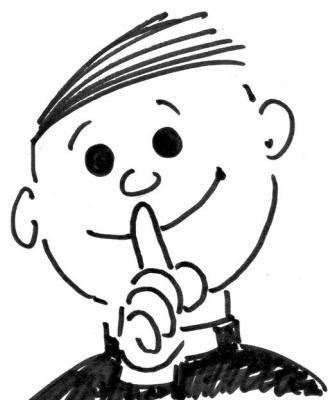
**All: Amen.**

Let us all go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ, Amen.**

*Please sit quietly after the clergy have departed and enable those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary to do so.*

*There's plenty of time to chat over coffee.*



## NOTICES

- After this service **all are welcome to stay for coffee** as always.
- The **PCC will meet** next Sunday 25th at 12:45pm.
- At the start of the year can we remind all regular worshippers of the benefit of **supporting St Anne's with a weekly or monthly direct debit**. Once set up, it is more convenient for you and helps us budget more accurately. It can be changed at any time - you are not locked into it for life!
- **Latecomers!** If you arrive after the service has started please wait until a suitable moment to come in and find a seat - those welcoming you will indicate when this is - please follow their direction. Similarly if you need to use the 'facilities' during the service try to leave and return at points of movement in the service.
- **The licensing of The Revd Paul Gurnham** as Team Rector will take place on Thursday 29th January (*apologies for the typo in last week's notices*) at 7pm at St Bartholomew's Church, 232b Barking Road, London E6 JBA. Followed by light refreshments. Members of St Anne's congregation would be welcome to attend - RSVP to [info@easthamparish.org.uk](mailto:info@easthamparish.org.uk)

# REGULAR SERVICES AT ST ANNE'S, SOHO

Sunday	11.00am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	5.00pm	Holy Communion ( <i>first Sunday of the month</i> )
Tuesday	8:30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	1:05pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday	8:30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	4:30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	8:30am	Morning Prayer

The church is open for private prayer  
**Monday – Friday 9am – 5:30pm (often until 8pm)**

*For Pastoral Care including home visits, prayers for healing and anointing, confessions, funeral services, weddings & baptisms please contact:*

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