

St George



'A voice cries out in the wilderness'

Second Sunday of Advent 9 Dec 2018

WELCOME ADVENT SUPPORT

A very warm welcome to St George's Parish Church for our Parish Eucharist. There is Junior Church today in the church hall. Large Print service-books are available. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid. Please join us for coffee and conversation after the service.

Advent, the Season of preparation, watching and waiting. Each of the four Sundays of Advent remind us of those who prepared for the coming of Jesus. Last week we remembered the Patriarchs, today we remember the Prophets, such as Malachi and John the Baptist, who foretold the Messiah's birth.

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Malachi 3.1-4 The passage from the last book of the OT answers the question: 'Where is the God of justice?' Speaking for God, the prophet says that he is sending a Messenger. Five hundred years later, the NT authors interpreted this as a reference to John the Baptist.

Philippians 1.3-11 Paul thanks God for the support of the Philippians. He wrote of them sharing God's Grace and prayed that this would bring forth an overflowing of righteous living as they awaited the anticipated return of Christ.

Luke 3.1-6 Luke recognises John the Baptist as another of Israel's great prophets and so defines his role in the life and ministry of Jesus, as well as within the sacred tradition of Israel.

hymns

Processional: 7 Hills of the North, rejoice
Gradual: 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Offertory: 16 Wake, O wake
Recessional: 10 Long ago, Prophets knew

music

Setting: Widor Messe pour deux chœurs et deux orgues,
Op. 36
Psalm: 80. 1-7
Motets: Duruflé Ubi caritas
Messiaen O sacrum convivium
Voluntary: Bach Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Benedictus (8am service)

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the
prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Junior Church - today Sunday 9 Dec in the hall our theme - 'Prepare the way of the Lord'

Choral Evensong

Responses: Ebdon
Psalm: 75
Canticles: Gibbons Fauxbourdons
Anthem:
Gibbons *This is the record of John*
Hymn: 18 Ye servants of the Lord
Voluntary: Buxtehude
Præludium in G minor, BuxWV 163

Advent wreath Prayer

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
just and true: to you be praise and
glory for ever. Of old you spoke
by the mouth of your prophets,
but in our days you speak through
your Son, whom you have
appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in
his light, that we may be found
ready and watching when he
comes again in glory and
judgement; for you are our light
and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Sunday 16 December 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent - (Year C)

8.00am Holy Communion (said)

9.30am Sung Eucharist

5.30pm Choral Evensong with Britten's Ceremony of Carols

Eucharist

First Reading: Zeph 3.14-end

Second Reading: Philippians 4. 4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.7-18

Choral Evensong

with Britten's Ceremony of Carols

Isaiah 35

Luke 1 57-66 (67-80)

notices

Church Christmas Card — The church Christmas card is available at the back of church. Please inscribe your greetings to other members of the congregation and make a donation to the Yemen Famine Appeal in lieu of buying individual Christmas cards. Many thanks.

Sunday 9 Dec - Alb washing - please collect the Albs for washing after the 9.30am service and return them by 9.15am on Sunday 16 December. With many thanks Joan

Confirmation - Would you like to explore the Christian faith as part of preparation for the possibility of being Confirmed [with Baptism if you are not baptised]? Young people and adults who would like to find out more should talk to Fr Jeremy or Joan as soon as possible.

Fundraising - last chance to buy Jams, chutneys, mincemeat, on sale for the lighting fund - please donate anything suitable. Thank you Joan

Fundraising - Christmas Card, Notelets, Bags and Tea-towels are all now on sale after the Sunday service - see Judi Chapman after the service or enquire at the office during the week.

Christmas raffle in aid of the Lighting-Up St George's Fund. Tickets available from Fiona. Hand in stubs, money and unsold tickets to me (or Mary in the office) before 11am on Sun 21 Dec. Thank you, Fiona Byers

Community Coffee Morning in St George's Church Hall - Thurs 13 Dec at 10am - all ages welcome. Bring your knitting or crafting. Speak to Heather for further information.

Foodbank Urgent Appeal - We will very much need your generosity in the run up to Christmas and the school holidays - Please see poster on the office door for the items most needed.

Penge Night Shelter. Thank you for your very generous donations we have reached the washing target. We still need adult single bedlinen please. Revd. Maggie.

Christmas sidespersons: are required for welcoming the many visitors to our Christmas services. Services that are particularly busy are -the Christmas Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sun 23 Dec; the Christingle Service at 6pm and the Midnight Eucharist at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, and the 9.30am service on Christmas Day. Please speak us if you can help - Wardens Davies and Sykes

Flyers with the 2018 Advent and Christmas Services are available at the back of the church.

Arts and BYMT December events - Please note that tickets for the Sleeping Beauty Pantomime (14 and 15 Dec) are available from the church office.

CTiB Carol Singing at Sainsbury's Beckenham on Sat 15 Dec at 10.30am - Thank you to those singers who have said they will come and support CTiB carols - Nicholas Mannoukas and Fiona Byers will meet you there at 10.20am. Please bring Carols for Choirs 1 if you have it. Many thanks Nicholas Mannoukas and Fiona Byers.

Silver Cleaning for Christmas - Wed 19 Dec from 11.15am - speak to Joan if you can offer some help.

Christingle - Urgent help needed in the Choir Vestry on Saturday 22nd December at 2 p.m. when we will be preparing 300 Christingle oranges for the service on Christmas Eve. Dried fruit and cocktail sticks will be available to take home after the 9.30 service on Sunday 16th December as we have found from experience that it is better to have these prepared in advance. Come and join in the fun! More details from June Mackenzie.

calendar

Sunday 9 Dec

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Eucharist

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 10 Dec

Feria

9.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Dignity Carol

Service

Tuesday 11 Dec

Feria

(No Evening Eucharist)

7.00pm *Langley School*

Wednesday 12 Dec

Feria

10.30am Holy Communion

7.00pm *Maypole Project*

Carol Service

Thursday 13 Dec

Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse

12.30pm Holy Communion

Friday 14 Dec

John of the Cross

12.30pm *Recital*

Saturday 15 Dec

Feria

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am *Coffee Concert*

Monday to Friday

8.00am Morning Prayer



'For he is like a refiner's fire'

intercessions

For those who are sick:

Joan Bell	John Emly	Ron Kirby
Jane Belle	Debbie Evans	David Rogers
Michael Bryant	Hilary Harbron	Brian Bedwell
Jackie Corlett	Doug Stanley	
Hannah Draisey	Simon Waterfield	

collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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