

St George



'A voice cries out in the wilderness'

Second Sunday of Advent 5 Dec 2021

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SUPPORT

A very warm welcome to St George's Parish Church for our 9.30am Parish Eucharist and 5.30pm Choral Evensong.

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: I IO come, o come - omit vv 3&7

Gradual: 12 On Jordan's bank

Offertory: 18 Ye servants of the Lord

Recessional: Thy kingdom come

Benedictus (Luke 1. 68-79)

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.

Choral Evensong

Responses: Ayleward

Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

Psalm: 75

Reading: Luke 1. 1-25

Canticles: Dyson in F

Anthem:

Stainer - *How beautiful are the feet*

Hymn: 12 On Jordan's bank

Voluntary:

Advent wreath Prayer

God our Father,

you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.

You helped them to spread the joyful
message of his coming kingdom.

Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his
birth, to share with those around us the
good news of your power and love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

Amen.

Sunday 12 December 2021 - Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Sung Eucharist with guest Preacher The Right Revd Andrew Nunn

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Eucharist

First Reading: Zeph 3.14-end

Second Reading: Philippians 4. 4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.7-18

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 35

Luke 1 57-66

notices

Choral Evensong today Sunday 5 December at 5.30pm

Today **Sunday 5 Dec - Alb washing** - please collect the Albs for washing after the 9.30am service and return them by 9.15am on Sunday 12 December. With many thanks Joan

All events will be subject to covid 19 guidelines in place at the time of the event

St George's Players Pantomime tickets will be on sale today after 9.30am service and again on Sunday 12 Dec - see **Dame Maliphant** at the rear of the church.

Flyers with the 2021 Christmas Services are available at the back of the church.

Craft Group - Rev Beverley has launched a **Craft and chat group** on Monday mornings at the rear of the church **11.30am to 1.15pm**. It is an opportunity to relax, learn or improve craft skills. This is an excellent opportunity to tell and invite people in the wider parish to the group and we welcome parent/carers and young babies, young adults and older people, anyone who would welcome some company. Refreshments provided.
****We plan to make items for Christmas during our next 3 sessions.**

Charlie our Director of Music is conducting his external choir Hesperos on **Saturday 11 December** in St Francis Notting Hill W11 4NQ at 7.30pm in a concert of Advent and Christmas Music - tickets prices £12 general and £8 concession. tickets via <https://www.hesperoschoir.com/concerts-events/2021/12/11/christmas-concert>

On Sunday 12 December we welcome as guest preacher The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark Cathedral to our 9.30am Sung Eucharist.

Come and Sing for Welcare in Bromley, Thur 16 Dec, 5 – 6 pm in The Glades. Meet on 1st floor near Boots. Carol sheets provided, bring green carol books. All welcome. Gillian Scales, Parish Rep and Chair of Friends of WiB.

Christian Aid Quilt raffle update: Last few weeks for buying your raffle tickets before the draw on Sunday 19th Dec. Buy in the church office or from Fiona after the 9.30am service.

Living Well Foodbank Christmas 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, the list is also on the flyers with the Christmas Services and on our website.

Welcare Families in Crisis Christmas Appeal: This year Welcare is appealing for funds, to be used in a way best suited to each family's needs. Cash or cheques (payable to Welcare) should be put in a labelled envelope and handed in to the office, or given to Gillian Scales at the end of a service. Thank you for your support. *Gillian Scales, Parish Rep and Chair of the Friends.*

Pantomime 2021 - St George's Players Pantomime is Aladdin. Friday 17 December at 8.00pm and Saturday 18 December 3.00pm and 8.00pm. Tickets available online at <https://stgeorgesarts.co.uk/events/> or after the 9.30am service on 5 December and 12 December

Mince Pie Appeal please - On Sunday 19 Dec 2021 we plan to offer refreshments in the church hall after the Carol Service - if you can help to provide some mince pies please sign up at the rear of the church. Thank you very much.

RNIB Used Stamp Collection. Please bring your used, trimmed stamps and place them in the RNIB box near the church office. Please trim the envelope leaving about 1cm of paper around the stamp and keep foreign, Channel Islands and Isle of Man stamps separate from British stamps. Thank you. Revd. Maggie

calendar

Sunday 5 Dec

Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Eucharist with
hymns

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 6 Dec

Nicholas, bishop

Church open 9am to 1pm

Tuesday 7 Dec

Ambrose, bishop

Church open 9am to 1pm

Wednesday 8 Dec

Conception of the BVM

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Maypole Project

Carol Service

Thursday 9 Dec

Feria

Church open 9am to 1pm

Friday 10 Dec

Feria

12.30pm Music Recital

Saturday 11 Dec

Feria

11.00am Music Recital



'For he is like a refiner's fire'

intercessions

For those who are sick:

Jean Arbon

Caroline Baylis

Rodney Brook

Pam Carpenter

Debbie Clarke

John Emly

Louise Williams

Michael Woodfield

For the departed

Rev Anne Townsend - funeral 6 Dec at 2pm

Thelma Taylor - funeral in church 21 Dec at 11.00am

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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