St George



Second Sunday Before Advent 15 Nov 2026

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to St George's Church for our 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.30am Sung Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong Large Print service-books are available. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid. Join us for refreshments and conversation after the service.

ZEPHANIAH

The Book of Zephaniah is set in the time of Josiah (late 7th Century BC), the last great king of Judah. The Book announces severe judgement against Judah, which was fulfilled, but ends with prophecies of hope. Today's reading comes from the parts of the Book known as the 'Announcement of Doom'.

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readings

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18 Amidst the chaotic events of his time, the prophet pronounces strong denunciation of the sins of his fellow Judeans. Zephaniah saw the threat of the Babylonian empire as an imminent judgement of God which he called the, 'Day of the Lord'.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 If Christ is to return, when will that be and how can people be ready? St Paul writes that the *parousia* will be sudden and its consequences unavoidable; 'like a thief in the night'.

Matthew 25.14-30 The meaning of the 'Parable of the Talents' has nothing to do with money. The issue is faithfulness; not how skilfully one invests their cash. The harsh end to the story points us toward God's final judgement - a real and significant element of our faith.

hymns:
Processional: 466 Thou whose almighty word
Gradual: 129 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire
Offertory: 420 O Jesus, I have promised
Post communion: 449 Soldiers of Christ, arise

music
Psalm: 90.1-8, 12
Setting: *Missa de Angelis*
Offertory anthem: *Give us the wings of faith* - Bullock
Communion anthem: *O taste and* see - Vaughan Williams
Voluntary: *Recessional* - Mathias

psalm 90 1-8 (8am service)

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn us back to dust and say:
'Turn back, O children of earth.'
For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night.
You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

5.30pm Choral Evensong
Responses: Reading
Psalm: 89.19-37
Canticles: *Short Service* - Gibbons
Anthem: *In the beginning* - Locke
Hymn: 382 Jesu, grant me this, I pray
Voluntary: *Voluntary VIII in D minor (1st Mvt)* - Stanley

Sunday 22 Nov 2026 - Christ the King - (Year A)

8.00am - Holy Communion (said)
9.30am - Sung Eucharist
5.30pm - Evening Prayer

Eucharist
First reading: Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95. 1-7
Second Reading: Ephesians 1. 15-23
Gospel: Matthew 25. 31-46

Evening Prayer
2 Samuel 23. 1-7
Psalm 93
Matthew 28. 16-end

notices.

Craft and Chat Group **Mondays - 11.30am - 1pm**. Please bring your craft or come and learn a new one. Refreshments are provided.

Living Well Foodbank - We continue to support the foodbank with food which can be left in the trolly at the back of the church or financial support which should be handed into the office. *With many thanks Anne and Nigel*

The flower team would like to thank the many people who made poppies for the Remembrance displays, Jilla who made 1000 cranes for the peace display, Margretta who strung the cranes and the members of the congregation who made them fly after the Wednesday service. We are so grateful to you all. Heather and the team

Welcare in Bromley, Annual Service of Thanksgiving. Fri 20 Nov 2026 at 11.30am, in Bromley Parish Church (behind Primark). Followed by buffet lunch. **All are welcome.** Gillian Scales, Chair of the Friends of WiB.

Advent Book Groups - will commence on Wed 25 Nov at 11.10am in the Lady Chapel and via zoom on Mon 30 Nov at 7.30pm.
We shall be discussing ***The Anticipated Christ* by Brian Zahnd**
Spello Press 2022 ISBN: 9 780966 842128 Not available through bookshops.
Amazon - paperback - £10.65; Kindle - £8.87[AbeBooks.co.uk - used - £4.97 + delivery]

A date for our diaries. On 29 Dec 2026 at 11am, Janey and Ian (M) will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary with a renewal of vows service in St George's followed by refreshments.

Alb washing Please can you help with washing the servers' albs so that they are clean for Christmas. They will be ready for collection after the 9.30 Eucharist on Sunday 13 Dec and should be returned by 9.15am on Sun 20 Dec.

Altar vessels cleaning- Wed 16 Dec at 9.00am (before the 10.30 am Holy Communion) please come and help clean the altar vessels ready for Christmas. Please bring an apron and gloves and, if you have it, silver cleaning equipment.

Christmas sidespersons: are required for welcoming the many visitors to our Christmas services in the coming weeks. Those services that are particularly busy are - the Christmas Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sun 20 Dec; the Christingle Service at 4pm and the Midnight Eucharist at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, and the 9.30am service on Christmas Day. Please speak to one of us if you can help - with thanks in anticipation! Jane, Nigel and Sarah

calendar

Sunday 15 Nov
Second Sunday before Advent
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist
5.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 16 Nov
Margaret, Queen
9.00am Church open
11.30am Craft and Chat group in the Narthex
6.00pm Private event

Tuesday 17 Nov
Hugh, bishop
9.00am Church open

Wednesday 18 Nov
Elizabeth, princess
9.00am Church open
10.30am Holy Communion
7.00pm Private event

Thursday 19 Nov
Hilda, abbess
9.00am Church open

Friday 20 Nov
Edmund, King, martyr
9.00am Church open
12.30pm *Music recital*

Saturday 21 Nov
Feria
11.00am *Music recital*



intercessions

For those who are sick
Adah B. Broome
Enid Bateman
Gill Clark
Pam Carpenter
Terry Carpenter
Judi Chapman
Jack Heaton
Jill Hollamby
Graham Howard
Arlo Albert Patel (baby)
Robert Powles
Nick Sales
Logan Searle (baby)
Rev Margaret Tremeer
Benjamin Washington
David Weston
Deirdre Wingfield - Digby
Gary Wilkins

For the Departed:
Emma Allen - died on 5 Sept 2026

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. **Amen**

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