

# The Parish Church of All Saints

## 2 December 2018 – 1st Sunday of Advent

You are very welcome to All Saints this morning for this sung Eucharist (Holy Communion). Children are very welcome here and, if they want to, they can take part in the children's activities that happen at the east end of the church and in the choir vestry.

Children leave after coming to the altar for a prayer at the end of the first hymn and return for the Communion.

At certain times in the service the choir sings on behalf of the congregation; this allows us to think more deeply about our relationship with God in our lives, through meditating on the words and music chosen for the day. The words that they sing can be found either in the service book or later in this sheet. Today the mass setting is **Mass for four voices (Byrd)**.

The service starts on page 1 of the purple booklet.

**The opening hymn is 501.**

We say together the collect – the special prayer for this Sunday.

**Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of  
darkness and to put on the armour of  
light, now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to  
us in great humility; that on the last  
day, when he shall come again in his  
glorious majesty to judge the living and  
the dead, we may rise to the life  
immortal; through him who is alive and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever  
Amen**

The reading from the Old Testament today is **Jeremiah 33:14-16**; which is then followed by the reading from the New Testament, **1 Thessalonians 3:9-end**.

The **Gradual Hymn** is **16** after which we remain standing and turn to face the centre of the church from where the Gospel is read.

Today's Gospel is **Luke 21:25-36** - the text is on the back of this pew sheet.

Our preacher today is the **Rev's David Bell**.

After the sermon we stand together to say the Creed, which begins on page 4 of the purple booklet.

After the Peace we sing the **Offertory Hymn Hark what a sound** during which a collection is taken for the work of the church, and the bread and wine for the Eucharist are brought to the altar.

*1 Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,  
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air;  
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?  
Is it the music of His people's prayer?*

*2 Surely He cometh, and a thousand voices  
Shout to the saints, and to the deaf and dumb;  
Surely He cometh, and the earth rejoices,  
Glad in His coming who hath sworn: I come!*

*3 This hath He done, and shall we not adore Him?  
This shall He do, and can we still despair?  
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before Him,  
Cast at His feet the burden of our care.*

*4 Thru life and death, thru sorrow and thru  
sinning*

*He shall suffice me, for He hath sufficed:  
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,  
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.*

The service continues with the Preparation of the Table on page 6 of the purple booklet.

While the congregation comes forward to receive Holy Communion the choir will sing the motet **Rorate cæli desuper (Byrd)**

*Drop down ye heavens, from above, and let  
the skies pour down righteousness: Let the  
earth open and bring forth a Saviour.*

*Lord, thou hast blessed thy land: Thou hast  
turned away the captivity of Jacob.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is  
now, and ever shall be, world without end.*

*Amen.*

After Communion the Priest will say:

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful as we  
await the coming of your Son our Lord; that,  
when he shall appear, he may not find us  
sleeping in sin but active in his service and  
joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**Amen**

The **Final Hymn** is **3**.

## NOTICES AND NEWS

<b>Tue 4th</b>	Banquet Records – As It Is
<b>Thu 6th</b>	11.30am Diocesan Mother's Union Advent Carol Service
<b>Sat 8th</b>	12.30pm Wedding of Carly Skilton and Emmet Murphy
<b>Sat 8th</b>	7.30pm Twickenham Choral Society

### Playing Our Part: Stewardship 2019

This is the single time each year we talk about the money to keep All Saints going strong. Do please collect the envelope addressed to you on the piano (or one marked 'Friend of All Saints' will do too). When you have had a chance to consider, please return your response in the smaller envelope enclosed. If you have any questions, do contact Anne Packer, Stewardship Secretary, 020 8549 1960, or [afjpacker123@gmail.com](mailto:afjpacker123@gmail.com)

### Advent Carol Service – 6pm Tonight

Our traditional beginning of Advent with this choral feast of word and music. Spread the word!

### All Saints Christmas Cards

We now have 2 designs of our own Christmas Card for sale through Cards for Good Causes in the East end of the church.

### Christmas (Tree Festival) is coming ...

Can you help "lifting and shifting" and putting the trees into position around the church on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you, or anyone you know, are able to help, please get in touch with Vikki Hone [vbiggs@ymail.com](mailto:vbiggs@ymail.com)

### Scriptural Reasoning

This is a chance for us to join with Jewish and Muslim friends to look together at our sacred texts, to learn about them, explore them, reflect upon them and think about how they help guide our lives. It's a tried and trusted method that we thought we'd try locally with the Liberal Jewish Synagogue and the Surrey Islamic Centre. The first meeting will be at **1.30pm on Tuesday the 11th December** in the Choir Vestry/Heritage room. Everyone is very welcome.

### Burns Night

Saturday the 26th of January for dancing and general carousing – it's not too early to book a table or a place. The sign up sheet is by the south door.

### Children's Society boxes

Thanks to all who have returned CS boxes. There are 8 outstanding: if yours is one please hand it in asap.

### An outing to watch the Leopard

Jeremy Jeffries would be happy to organise a trip to the Southbank to see this great Luchino Visconti film

on 9th (4.30pm), 23rd (4.10pm) or 29th (1.50pm) December. See him or Jonathan if you're interested.

### ASK Office closure: disposal of surplus equipment

At the end of the year the ASK Trust will be closing its office, currently located in the Guildhall, and there are a number of items of office equipment that we will become surplus to requirements. The main item is an Optiplex 9030 computer, but there are also an HP Officejet 6600 printer, two under-desk drawer pedestals and a selection of extension cables, staplers, hole punches and other small items. If you are interested in having any of these, please contact either Jonathan or Keith Long (on [klong@whereenglandbegan.co.uk](mailto:klong@whereenglandbegan.co.uk)). For the most part they are free to anyone who is prepared to collect them (early in January), although for the computer and possibly the printer we would expect a donation to the Trust's funds.

### MINCE PIES!! MINCE PIES!! MINCE PIES!!

Donations of mince pies, both shop bought and home made are needed for the Community Carol Service at 4.30pm on Sunday 16th December. This very busy service attracts hundreds and we offer free mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Last year your response was magnificent and we would be most grateful for all donations. The pies could be left in the office or cafe at any time before the service.

### Donald Trunk on sale

Juliet Coombe will be selling her book Donald Trunk after the 9.30 service on Sundays in the run up to Christmas which includes a £2 donation to the church.

### No right answers - January 17th at 7pm

Faith discussion group in the United Reformed Church

### Music with Soul - December 12th

Worship service using secular music, the topic this time "You are not alone". All Welcome

### Readings & Music for 9 December 2018

9.30am	Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6 Mass Darke in F (S, B, A) Motet: Goldschmidt A tender shoot
6.00pm	Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 1:1-25 Anthem Josquin Ave Maria

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**Could you provide a lot for the Silent Auction?** Do you have business contacts who could provide event tickets, meals out, flights, weekends away home or abroad, or signed merchandise? Please contact Tony Hardy [tonyhardy@fifty3.net](mailto:tonyhardy@fifty3.net) if you can help. Thank you!

Also needed bottles of every kind for the bottle tombola, home-made cakes, biscuits and festive treats for the cake stall and new items for adults or children for the gift stall. Please bring any donations to church during the evening of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> or on the Saturday morning from 9am. Thank you.

**Christmas Services**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6pm Candlelight Carol Service  
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service. Children are invited to come  
dressed up as angels, shepherds or kings.

Christmas Day 10am Christmas Communion for all ages.  
11.30pm Midnight Communion  
Everyone is very welcome.

We'll be getting together a **community choir for the Candlelight Carol Service** on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Anyone is welcome to sing, it doesn't matter if you've not sung before, lots of help is provided! There are 3 practices in the church on Tuesdays 27<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December; do come along, bring a friend, or for more info contact Mimi, [mimifagan@gmail.com](mailto:mimifagan@gmail.com)

**CONTACTS FOR ST JOHN'S**

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**FROST FAIR**



Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>  
2.00-4.00pm  
Church Hall, Robin Hood lane  
SW15 3PY

Come to our wonderful festive event, with lots of interesting stalls selling a fantastic array of gifts for family and friends. Come and treat yourself in our café with tea, coffee and cake. There will be a raffle, Tombola, games, a treasure hunt and many more exciting stalls



**Order your Christmas Tree**

Contact parish Office: 0208546 2590  
Collect from St Johns Car park,  
8 December, 2-4.00pm  
Nordman Fir:  
3-4' £26  
4-5' £29  
5-6' £33  
6-7' £40  
7-8' £49

## THE READINGS

### Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### Luke 21:25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'