

The Parish Church of All Saints

16 December 2018 – 3rd 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 **Missa Papæ Marcelli (Palestrina)**.

The service starts on page 1 of the purple booklet.

The opening hymn is 3.

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

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your
messenger to prepare your way before
you: grant that the ministers and
stewards of your mysteries may
likewise so prepare and make ready
your way by turning the hearts of the
disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the
world we may be found an acceptable
people in your sight; for you are alive
and reign with the Father in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever.
Amen**

The reading from the Old Testament today is **Zephaniah 3:14-end**; which is then followed by the reading from the New Testament, **Philippians 4:4-7**.

The **Gradual Hymn** is **6** 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 3:7-18** - the text is on the back of this pew sheet.

Our preacher today is the **Rector Jonathan Wilkes**.

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 275** 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.

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 **Ave Maria (Parsons)**

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui.
Amen.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.
Amen.*

After Communion the Priest will say:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
Amen

The **Final Hymn** is **9**.

NOTICES AND NEWS

Sun 16th 4.30pm Community Carol Service
Mon 17th 1.15pm Special Christmas Lunchtime Concert – Stephen Westrop (Organ)
Tues 18th Cards for Good Causes cease trading
Wed 19th 7.00pm Tiffin School Nine Lessons & Carols
Thu 20th 1.15pm Tiffin School Carol Service (House 1-4)
Thu 20th 2.00pm Tiffin School Carol Service (House 5-8)
Mon 24th 4.00pm and 5.30pm Carols Around the Crib
Mon 24 11.00pm Midnight Mass
Tue 25th 9.30am Main Christmas Day Service

Christmas and Milad celebrations

A chance to be with our Muslim friends as we prepare for the birth of Jesus and they celebrate the birth of Mohammed at the Huda Surrey Islamic Centre in Gloucester Road THIS AFTERNOON at 1.30pm

Playing Our Part: Stewardship 2019

There's still time to return your stewardship forms. If you have any questions, do contact Anne Packer, Stewardship Secretary, 020 8549 1960, or afjpacker123@gmail.com

Christmas services:

Carol Service - today at 4.30pm
Carols round the Crib - 4pm AND 5.3pm on Christmas Eve followed that night by Midnight Mass at 11pm. On Christmas Day 8am (said BCP Communion) and 9.30am Choral Eucharist

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.

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.

An outing to watch the Leopard

Jeremy Jeffreys would be happy to organise a trip to the Southbank to see this great Luchino Visconti film, 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). 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.

Keith Long - thank you!

Keith will no longer be working for the ASK Trust as of the end of this year. With diligence, skill, good humour and great dedication he has served the Trust, and by it, our church for which we have a great deal to thank him for. "By their fruits you will know them" - we just have to look around on a Sunday morning to see the fruits of Keith's labours. Thank you Keith!

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 **today**.

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.

No right answers - January 17th at 7pm

Faith discussion group in the United Reformed Church

Readings & Music for 23 December 2018

9.30am	Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 [46-55] Mass Ireland in C Motet: Victoria O magnum mysterium
6.00pm	Isaiah 10:33-11.10; Matthew 1: 18-end Anthem Gibbons This is the record of John

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SERVICES

DECEMBER

Sun 16 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10am Parish Communion & Children's Church
6pm Candlelight Carol Service

Sun 23 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10am Parish Communion & Children's Church

Mon 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Tues 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

10am Christmas Communion

Sun 30 1st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10am Parish Communion & Children's Church

Monday Afternoon Club 1.30 – 3.30 pm at St John the Baptist Church Hall

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

December

11th Little Groovers 9.45-11.30am

8pm Choir rehearsal for the carol service

13th King Athelstan School visit to the church

15th Community Café 10.00-12.00noon

17th 10am Bedelsford School Christmas Service

2pm St John's School Christmas Service

18th Little Groovers 9.45-11.30am with Christmas craft

SATURDAY COMMUNITY CAFÉ open on 15th December from 10.00-12.00noon. Pop in and meet friends. Enjoy our refreshments. All ages welcome. Children's play area.

LITTLE GROOVERS returns on Tuesday 11th December, 9.45-11.30am. Bring your babies and toddlers along for playtime, singing and Christmas craft (on 18 December).

CONTACTS FOR ST JOHN'S

Vicar: Revd Vicky Maunder

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Vicky works part time and is available on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sunday mornings.

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Office hours: Saturday 8am-9am,
Wednesdays 9.30am to 11.30am

THE READINGS

Zephaniah 3:14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Philippians 4:4-7.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3:7-18

'John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.