

What's on this week...

Monday 18th Advent Weekday
9.00am Morning Prayer
2.30pm A Victorian Christmas with St John's School
5.15pm Mass for the 999 services
6.00pm Evening Prayer
6.30pm Parish Office Surgery Hour

Tuesday 19th Advent Weekday
9.00am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Carol Service with St John's School
6.00pm Holy Hour & Evening Prayer
7.00pm Mass for penitents

Wednesday 20th Advent Weekday
9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass for peace (followed by coffee)
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 21st Advent Weekday
9.00am Morning Prayer
10.45am St John's End of Term Mass in Church
1.15pm Mass for the dead
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 22nd Advent Weekday
9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass for all who are travelling
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 23rd Advent Weekday
9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Sunday 24th 4th Sunday of Advent
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Mass
6.00pm Crib Mass for families with a special visitor
11.30pm 'Come and Sing' Carols before Christmas
12.00pm Midnight Mass of Christmas for the Parish

Monday 25th Christmas Day
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) for the Parish
10.00am Solemn Mass of Christmas Day
followed by sherry with the Vicar



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Kay Kemp, Catherine Bradshaw, Charles Crisp, Michelle George, Eileen Black, Mrs Robb, Dorothy deGale, Alicia deGale, Caroline Farodoye, Lorraine Mack, Audrey Marshall, Leslie Utting, Valerie Lomer-Panek, Peggy Bownes, Alice Wright, Rosemary Makhulu, Fiona McKenna, Dorothy Bradshaw, Colin Busby, Miriam Hartigan, Sue Fraser, Tina, Francesco, Josephine Leaton, Therese Lucas, Gillian Murtagh, Lucy Gillert, Libertine Quinn, Anna Ross, Richard, Joanne Lees, Nicky Ewen, Lesley Elkington, Patrick Goodacre, Janet Morgan, Nancy Coxall, Betram Hodge, Molly Addison, Nicky and Harry McElligott, Mary Pierce.

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St John's, Fulham

Walham Green, SW6

Over 175 Years at the heart of Fulham

Sunday 17 December
Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

Welcome to St John's today, especially if you are a visitor or newcomer. As we continue our wait for the coming of Jesus, we take a break from our Advent penitence and rejoice in what God has called us to be.

There is a loop system for those with assisted hearing and the Lower Hall has everything piped through for anyone accompanying a child wishing to exercise lungs or limbs!

The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing

Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
Show all the world he is your choice: Alleluya!

The first Apostles round them drew
Thousands of faithful men and true,
Sharing a faith for ever new: Alleluya!

The magnify the Lord and raise
Anthems of joy and holy praise
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days:
Alleluya!

O Christian women, Christian men,
All the world over, seek again
The Way disciples followed then: Alleluya!

Christ through all ages is the same;
Place the same hope in his great name,
With the same faith his word proclaim:
Alleluya!

Let love's unconquerable might
God's people everywhere unite
In service to the Lord of light: Alleluya!

The Greeting

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The appropriate candle on the Advent Wreath is lit and we respond to the prayer with **Amen.** The Mass is then introduced and we are invited to remember our sins and to confess them to God as the Advent Wreath is lit

Help us O Lord: and do not hide your face from us.
Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

Look upon us and answer us, give us your light,
that we sleep not in death.
Christe eleison. **Christe eleison.**

Rise up O Lord, and give us the help we long for.
Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

The absolution is given and we respond with **Amen**. Then the Opening Prayer is sung. We respond with **Amen** and then sit to hear the Scriptures.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

We hear a reading from Scripture before and after the Psalm. The psalm follows the first reading. We sing the response to be found on the Readings sheet. (Zephaniah 3.14-20 and Philippians 4.4-7)

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

After the second reading, we stand to herald the Gospel

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel (Luke 3.7-18) is announced, and all respond

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

We sit for the Homily or Sermon.

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.**

NOTICES

Carols by Candlelight is tonight at 6.00pm! Our Parish Choir with St John's Schola are singing some stunning music including a **world premiere** of *Nativity* by Hannah Kendall. Hannah is a student at the Royal College of Music. This is a real treat for us so do come along, join in the fun, enjoy the music and stay for a glass of mulled wine afterwards!



Parish Cards advertising what we're doing still need delivering! Can you help by taking a pile for your street or building? Please remember to mark down what you're doing on the list at the back of Church.

Christmas is coming... and what better way to prepare for this celebration than by being at peace with God and neighbour? Information about the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available in the Lower Hall today and Father Mark is available in Church on Monday's at 5.45pm-6.30pm or Tuesday's 6.00pm-7.00pm, or by appointment, if you want to talk.

Would you like to explore Confirmation and are aged between 11-16 years old? We have a course beginning in the new years as part of our **Encounter** group. Please pick up a leaflet or talk to James Bradley.

The Cockpit Crew will meet this Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Vicarage for a budgeting meeting. This will include a light supper.

Home Groups are starting in January. If you want to be part of St John's during the week — to pray, read the Bible and support each other in living out and exploring the implications of your faith in every day life — pick up a leaflet today.

Want to get more involved? At the back we have a selection of the opportunities available for volunteers here at St John's. How can you offer your time or your talents to your church community? How are you going to make our vision a reality here at the heart of Fulham?

The Sick List for this month is on the back table or you can ring and leave a message for David in the Parish Office. Father Mark would like to hear about people who are ill so that we can arrange visiting, Anointing and Communion.

The Parish Office is open as usual this week. David will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10am and 1pm. The Parish Surgery hour is between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Monday evenings and this is the time for enquiries about Banns of Marriage, Baptism (christening), Confirmation and First Holy Communion classes.

Our Lady's Lamp this week is burning in thanksgiving for Nathaniel's choir Chantage winning BBC Choir of the Year. If you would like to sponsor a lamp please sign the list and give your money (£10) into the Parish Office.



Carols by Candlelight

Come along tonight at 6.00pm for
our traditional carol service
for all the family

- * **Stunning Music**
- * **Christmas Carols**
- * **World Premiere Composition**
- * **Mulled Wine**

**What more could you want
for Christmas?***

Why don't you invite your family, friends
and neighbours to come along this evening
and kick-start the Christmas spirit!

**Ok, Santa, but he's busy!*

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Mass

6.00pm Crib Mass for families *with a special visitor*

11.30pm 'Come and Sing' Carols before Christmas

12.00pm Midnight Mass of Christmas *for the Parish*

Christmas Day Monday 25th

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Solemn Mass of Christmas Day

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Please take this leaflet away with you

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**We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

*We remain standing to prayer together. At the end of each
petition this response is used*

Come, O come:
Emmanuel, God with us.

At the end, we ask Mary to pray for us as we say

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners now, and at the hour of our death.**

After a pause for silent prayer, we conclude

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the
sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.

*We are invited to give one another a sign of peace. After this, the
gifts of bread & wine and money are brought to the Altar as we
sing the Offertory hymn*

**Rejoice! the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing;
and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

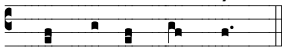
After the hymn, this prayer is used

Pray, my brothers and sisters ...
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

The celebrant sings a prayer over the gifts and we reply **Amen.**

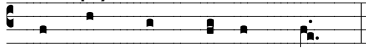
The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



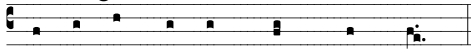
and al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and then all sing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might.
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth
are full of your glory, your power and might.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'n
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'n.**

**Blesséd, blesséd is he who comes,
blesséd, blesséd is he who comes,
blesséd is he, blesséd is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna...**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

At the end of the prayer we all respond Amen.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We remain standing to sing Lamb of God

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us. (x2)**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

The celebrant invites the people to Communion

This is the Lamb of God...
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion if you do so in your own church. If you would prefer, please come forward and bow your head for a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Sidespeople. After all have received Communion, we sing

**There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.**

*Thank you O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit,
'Til the work on Earth is done.*

**Jesus my redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Oh, for sinners slain. Chorus**

**When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever,
In that Holy Place. Chorus**

We remain silent in prayer after the hymn and then stand with the celebrant for the Prayers after Communion

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ and given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet prepared
for all peoples. Amen.**

We sit to hear the notices, most of which can be found on the back of this sheet. After this we stand for the Blessing.

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God the... Amen.

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

We all sing the final hymn

**Thy kingdom come, O God,
thy rule, O Christ, begin;
break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.**

**Where is thy reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?**

**When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
and lust, oppression, crime
shall flee thy face before?**

**We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.**

**O'er lands both near and far
thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O morning star,
arise, and never set!**

There is no organ voluntary in Advent so please leave church SILENTLY after the final hymn so that those who wish to, can remain in prayer.

Please join us for coffee in the Lower Hall after Mass