

Welcome to All Saints West Dulwich

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3 December 2017 1st Sunday of Advent

Collect

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

This morning's readings

Isaiah 64.1-9

Mark 13.24-end

This morning's hymns

9, 1 (v1), *Wait for the Lord,*
Longing for Light, 2, 3

Anthem:

This is the truth - Vaughan Williams

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

This Week's Services & Groups

Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday at 9.15am

Evening Prayer

Monday to Thursday at 5pm

Eucharist

Tuesday at 7.30pm

Thursday at 12.15pm

Knit & Natter, Sew & Chatter

Monday at 2pm

Bible Reading Group

Tuesday at 10am

Pathways for Pilgrims

Tuesday at 8pm

Community Coffee Morning

Thursday at 10.30am

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Friday at 10.15am

10 December 2017 2nd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Isaiah 40.1-11 or 2 Peter 3.8-15a

Mark 1.1-8

6.30pm Advent Meditation

Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at
your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your
adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at
your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we
did not expect,
you came down, the mountains
quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your
ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we trans-
gressed.
We have all become like one who is
unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a
filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take
us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of
our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our
potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for
ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Mark 13.24-end

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from
heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be
shaken.
Then they will see “the Son of Man
coming in clouds” with great power and
glory. Then he will send out the angels,
and gather his elect from the four
winds, from the ends of the earth to the
ends of heaven.
‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as
soon as its branch becomes tender and
puts forth its leaves, you know that
summer is near. So also, when you see
these things taking place, you know that
he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell
you, this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place.
Heaven and earth will pass away, but
my words will not pass away.
‘But about that day or hour no one
knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor
the Son, but only the Father. Beware,
keep alert; for you do not know when
the time will come. It is like a man
going on a journey, when he leaves
home and puts his slaves in charge, each
with his work, and commands the
doorkeeper to be on the watch.
Therefore, keep awake—for you do not
know when the master of the house will
come, in the evening, or at midnight, or
at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may
find you asleep when he comes
suddenly. And what I say to you I say to
all: Keep awake.’

Notices

Advent Carol Service tonight at 6.30pm

Our theme for Advent this year is 'Rumours of Angels'. A beautiful way to mark the beginning of this season of preparation and promise.

Christmas & Carols 4ALL Publicity

Please help deliver these to our parish. Bundles in the welcome hall for you to collect.

All Saints Nativity Play

We are seeking adult as well as junior actors for this year's production. We need to know who will be around on Christmas eve and Christmas day from amongst the children so that we can begin to build the cast list. Sign up in the welcome hall if you'd like to take part.

4ALL's popular drop in carols event

Saturday 16 December from 11am to 1pm. This is when the church opens its doors to the local community to sing traditional carols – drop in for 10 minutes or 2 hours, and bring family, friends and neighbours. Lots of gifts of mince pies needed please. To help, sign up in the welcome hall or email jenny@the-picks.co.uk.

L'Arche London: HR Vacancy

L'Arche London is looking for a new HR co-ordinator to join its leadership team. They need someone who has the experience to manage their HR Systems and who is willing to get involved in the wider development of the community. The role is based in its main office in West Norwood and the hours can be flexible to suit the right candidate. There is more information on the vacancies section of its website www.larchelondon.org.uk.

Spare Brahms Requiem Programmes

Help yourself to these in the welcome hall.

The All Saints Ghillies Ball 2018

Saturday 13 January, 7-10.30pm. Please save the date and tell all your friends. This is a very enjoyable evening at the start of the new year, and a successful fundraiser for All Saints. Email hilaryputt@aol.com for tickets and details.

Longing for Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts,

shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light! ...

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light! ...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light! ...

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! ...

Prayer Matters : 3 December 2017 : First Sunday of Advent

Please keep in your prayers this week:

All refugees: Especially the Syrian families being resettled in Lambeth and the migrants in the camp at Calais, that they be given shelter and succour.

All Saints: That Advent may be for us a time of hope. That we may find time and space to pray, read and prepare ourselves for Christ's coming. That we may grow in love and understanding.

Those who struggle in winter: the frail, the lonely, the homeless, those with too little money to keep themselves warm and well fed, those whose mental health is affected by short, dark days.

All Saints Charity of the week: Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East (FRRME) FRRME was founded in 2005 as a development of the work of the Anglican church of St George's Baghdad. It works to bridge the sectarian divide through interfaith dialogue and by providing emergency relief to those who have been driven apart by war. In partnership with other churches it is feeding thousands of Christians and other persecuted minorities in Iraq and Jordan, funding schools and providing work for refugees.

Those who are sick or in need: Mary Goodlad, Sam Axten, Gosia Gardiner, Emily Rixon, Ronald Alcock, Cass, Ruth Bennet, Beth, Hyacinth Brown, Wisdom Kari Kari, George Farmer, Zee Zee Gwaite, Jenny Bundark, Jan Ross, Aldwyn Holley, Katie Gedge, Anthony Backs, Julian Greene, Tishawah Binns, Orlando Gordon, Dazlyn Dawkins, Lucille Simpson, Jenny Pick, Mary Vernon, Elizabeth Flood, Ben, Alan Phillips, Thomas Hardy, Peter, and those who support.

Those who have lately died and all who mourn.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: Margaret Shepherd (2015), Max Jones (2004), Ron Everson (2004), Peter Ansdell Evans (2002), Preb. Austen Williams (priest) (2001), Nora Hart (1996), Barbara Davidson (1992) and David Chitney (1989).

Commemorated this week on 6th December: Nicholas of Myra, Bishop (270-343)

Patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, students, pawnbrokers and brewers. Born in the city of Patara in Asia Minor to a Greek family, Nicholas was orphaned when a boy and was brought up by his uncle, the Bishop of Patara. This uncle ordained Nicholas as priest. Nicolas made pilgrimages to Egypt and the Holy Land, living in a monastery near the Dead Sea in 312-15. He became Bishop of Myra in 317 and quickly won a reputation for holiness. Following invasions of Asia Minor by Seljuk Turks in the 11th century, Nicolas's skeleton was removed from his burial place; the majority was taken to Bari in Italy and other relics to Venice. Many miracles are attributed to him, and Nicolas is still widely venerated, especially in the Eastern Orthodox Churches.

Thought for the week:

So then just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2, vv6-7

If there is something or someone we should call to mind in our prayers, please phone Judy Powles on 0208 693 4437 or leave a message at the Church Office on 020 8676 4550.