

Welcome to All Saints West Dulwich

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9 December 2018 Second Sunday of Advent

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and
wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before
us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

This morning's readings

Malachi 3.1-4

Philippians 1.3-11

Luke 3.1-6

This morning's hymns

420, 5, 451, 409, 499

Anthem: *How beautiful upon the
mountains* - Stainer

6.30pm Advent Meditations

This Week's Services & Groups

Morning Prayer

Tuesday to Friday at 9.15am

Eucharist

Tuesday at 7.30pm

Thursday at 12.15pm

L'Arche Carol Service

Tuesday at 7.30pm

Knit & Natter, Sew & Chatter

Monday at 2pm

Bible Reading Group

Tuesday at 10am

Community Coffee Morning

Thursday at 10.30am

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Friday at 10.15am

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8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Zephaniah 3.14-end

Philippians 4.4-7

Luke 3.7-18

6.30pm Evensong

Isaiah 35

Luke 1.57-66(67-end)

Malachi 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Philippians 1.3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on

the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '



Notices

The Christmas party for resettled families from the Middle East is TODAY

Please help to set up tables and chairs in the Crypt Hall during coffee time. Do come along to meet the families and get to know them a bit better.

L'Arche Carol Service

This Tuesday 11 December at 7.30pm here at All Saints. Everyone is warmly welcome to share this with the L'Arche Community. It starts at 7.30pm and is followed by wine and mince pies. There will be a retiring collection to raise money for a minibus.

Carols 4ALL

Saturday 15 December 11am to 1pm. Please put the date in your diary and bring friends, family, neighbours. Offers of help very welcome: deliver bundled publicity flyers in Welcome Hall; set-up Friday evening 14 December 5.30 to 7pm and Saturday from 09.30, clear up from 1pm. Also, as usual, please bring mince pies. Sign-up sheets in Welcome Hall. Call Jenny or Christopher, 07432 118859; christopher@the-picks.co.uk

L'Arche Fundraiser

'Summer in the Forest' is being shown on 20 December at 6pm in the West Norwood Picture House cinema. Profits raised from this screening will go towards their fundraising drive for a new wheelchair accessible minibus.

Ghillies Ball Saturday 12 January

Save the date! Tickets available now from Hilary (020 8761 4265).

Christmas services

If you can offer some help welcoming people to our services over the Christmas period please do sign up on the lists in the welcome hall. In particular we need lots of help with the Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We need people to be welcomers and also candle bearers. More details to follow. Services as follows:

Sunday 23 December: Christmas Carol Service at 4pm

Monday 24 December: Crib service with nativity play at 4pm

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 11.30pm

Christmas Day service with nativity play at 10am

Sunday 6 January: Epiphany Carols at 6.30pm.

Tidying up, washing up & laundry

We all share in keeping All Saints clean and tidy and making sure that all of our resources are ready to use. If you use tea towels do take them home to wash. If you use cups, plates etc do wash them up or put them in the dishwasher. Thank you.

Parents & Carers: Take Good Care

Please supervise those in your care during and after the service. We all share in making All Saints a safe place.

No cash to callers please

As hard as it is to say 'no' in times of need, please don't give 'cash to callers' calling at the church and asking for money. This is a guideline for all churches in the Diocese.

Prayer Matters

Second Sunday of Advent : 9 December 2018

Please keep in your prayers this week:

Advent - may we find opportunities for reflection and prayer in this season of expectation and preparation; our services and activities here at All Saints during Advent and all who may share in them.

Lambeth South Deanery - our Area Dean Rev Jonathan Croucher and Assistant Area Dean Rev Richard Dormandy; Emmanuel Church, our neighbouring parish in West Dulwich, the vicar the Rev Canon George Ansah and all who worship there; those who live, work or study in the parish.

UN Human Rights Day observed on 10th December - this year is the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly; we remember those for whom the principles of equality, justice and dignity, as enshrined in this Declaration, are yet to be achieved.

Charity of the week - Five Talents UK

In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Five Talents UK in partnership with Five Talents USA and World Concern, have launched a new programme in the Anglican diocese of Aru located in the north east of the country. This much appreciated venture combines literacy and business skills training along with the formation of local savings and loans groups. Although the DRC has experienced its worst period of violence since 1960, with fighting continuing in many areas, the diocese of Aru, covering an area larger than England and Wales, is currently peaceful.

Those who are sick or in need: Gina Vaughan, Liz Ray, Isobel Ward, Rosemary Cave and those who support and care for them. The names of those who are regularly prayed for are on the Church Prayer Board.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: Enid Mary Scott-Baker (2008), Preb Sidney Austen Williams (priest) (2001), Oliver Vernon (2000), Keith Lindsay (L'Arche) (1999), Nora Hart (1996), Barbara Davidson (1992), Betty Spacey (1980), Charles Patterson (vicar 1931 -1937).

Commemorated this week - John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith (14 December)

John was born in 1542 near Avila in Spain. At 21 he entered the Carmelite order and after excelling at Salamanca University he was ordained in 1567. John later met Teresa of Avila and helped with her reform of the Carmelite order. This brought him into conflict with the religious authorities and he was even imprisoned for a while. These experiences were a fruitful source for some of his best poetry and mystical writings. He wrote of the soul's 'dark night' and its purification as it approached God. John spent 10 years as superior in several religious houses before being banished to Andalusia where he died on this day in 1591.

Thought for the Week:

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.

Amen.

(From a Selection of Prayers on the theme of Advent 2 - *Common Worship - Times & Seasons*)

If there is something or someone we should call to mind in our prayers, please phone Moira Roberts (020 8473 3683) or leave a message at the Church Office (020 8676 4550).