

Sunday 4 December 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome! If you are here for the first time please introduce yourself to a member of the welcome team, and/or email us at welcome@spwh.org

Today's services

8am Said Eucharist		9.15am Joyful Noise	
Celebrant	Fr Daniel Sandham	Celebrant	Fr Daniel Sandham
Preacher	Fr Pete Hopkins	Preacher	Fr Daniel Sandham
<i>Texts for this service are on the screen</i>			

10.30am Sung Eucharist	
Celebrant	Fr Daniel Sandham
Preacher	Fr Pete Hopkins
Entrance hymn	816ii Thy kingdom come, O God
Offertory hymn	37 Hark! What a sound, and too divine for hearing
Anthem	Never weather-beaten sail — <i>Charles Wood</i>
Communion hymns	51 The Lord will come and not be slow 57 Ye servants of the Lord
Recessional hymn	30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Organ voluntary	Capriccio in G major — <i>Handel</i>

Today's readings

Joyful Noise

Luke 1.57-63 When it was time for Elizabeth to give birth, she had a boy. Her neighbours and relatives heard how good the Lord was to her, and they rejoiced.

When the baby was eight days old, they came to circumcise him. They wanted to name him Zechariah because this was his father's name. But his mother said, "No! He will be named John." The people said to Elizabeth, "But no one in your family has this name!" Then they made signs to his father, "What would you like to name him?"

Zechariah asked for something to write on. Then he wrote, "His name is John." Everyone was surprised.

Said and Sung Eucharist

Isaiah 11.1-10 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm 72.1-7,18-19

May all nations be blessed in him

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Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

May all nations be blessed in him

May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May all nations be blessed in him

May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

May his foes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,

may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

May all nations be blessed in him

Matthew 3.1-12 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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.'

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Notices

CHRISTMAS SERVICES Make sure these are in your diary. Invite your friends and neighbours!

CAROLS ON THE GREEN Our popular Christmas singalong fundraiser takes place on 20 December. If you are able to support with preparations, serving food and drink, singing with the choir, collecting donations, or clear up at the event, please email volunteer@spwh.org

FOODBANK EMERGENCY APPEAL For the first time ever, foodbanks are giving out more food than is being donated. During what is likely to be the most challenging winter the Foodbank network has ever faced, more people than ever are being forced to use foodbanks. As a result, our annual Christmas appeal for donations of special Christmas foodstuffs for the North Enfield foodbank is even more important than ever this year – so please give generously. Items such as tinned ham, tins of biscuits or shortbread, Christmas puddings, mince pies, chocolates, etc. would be very welcomed. All donations can be left in the collection box in the church porch.

LIVING NATIVITY TICKETS These are now available via the website or from the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS CARDS We have several thousand Christmas cards, with details of our Christmas services, to deliver in the next couple of weeks. Please take a bundle with you when you leave church on Sunday!

SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS The night shelter model that we have supported in recent years is being replaced by more daytime static support for the homeless in Enfield. Our local Churches Together group are looking for volunteers to join a rota to prepare and cook a hot main course meal at home that can be transported to the Day Centre, or to volunteer in the Day Centre in Edmonton Methodist Church on a Wednesday. If you are interested to find out more please contact Fr Pete.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 Please contact the Parish Office on 020 8886 4290 or office@spwh.org to make an appointment with Fr Daniel to complete your Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for admission to St Paul's School (or other primary schools). Availability for these appointments will be:-

- Wednesday 18 January 7pm-8pm
- Saturday 21 January: 11am-12pm
- Monday 23 January 10am-12noon

WARM WELCOME SPACE Tuesdays 2-5pm in the Church hall.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX Our usual Christmas Post Box will be at the back of church between 27 November and 11 December. No delivery service is offered, so please only post cards for regular members of our congregation and write the recipient's name in full on the envelope. Sorted cards

can be collected from the cross aisle. Please leave a donation in the box provided in lieu of postage for our annual charity, The Nightingale Cancer Support Centre.

2023 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20 January: Burns Night event – order forms available at the back of church

Sunday 29 January: Patronal Festival 10am All-Together Eucharist. Preacher: The Bishop of Lewes.

This week's diary

Morning and Evening Prayer are usually said publically Monday-Thursday at 9am and 5pm

The church is open for private prayer Monday-Thursday from 9am to 5.15pm

Day		Observance	Time	Services/Events	Prayer Intention
Sunday	4	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
Monday	5				<i>Those at sea</i>
Tuesday	6	St Nicholas			<i>Children's charities</i>
Wednesday	7	St Ambrose	12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>Altar services</i>
Thursday	8	Conception of the BVM			<i>Devotion of Mary</i>
Friday	9				<i>Uniformed organisations</i>
Saturday	10				<i>HM Government</i>
Sunday	11	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>

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