ST PAUL'S CHURCH
WINCHMORE HILL

Sunday 15 November 2026

# Second Sunday before Advent

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## Today's services

| **8am Said Eucharist** | |
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| Celebrant | Fr Daniel Sandham |
| Preacher | Fr Daniel Sandham |

| **9.15am Joyful Noise Eucharist** | |
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| Celebrant | Mthr Lyanne Beckerson |
| Preacher | Mthr Lyanne Beckerson |
| *Texts for this service are on the screen* | |

| **10.30am Sung Eucharist** | |
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| Celebrant | Fr Daniel Sandham |
| Preacher | Fr Daniel Sandham |
| Entrance hymn | 721ii Love divine, all loves excelling |
| Offertory hymn | 644 God is Love: let heav'n adore him |
| Anthem | Expectans expectavi (Expectant and waiting) - Charles Wood (1866-1926) |
| Communion hymns | 575 When I needed a neighbour<br>725 Make me a channel of your peace |
| Recessional | 546 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder |
| Organ postlude | Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr (To God on high be glory) - JG. Walther (1684-1748) |

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# Today's readings

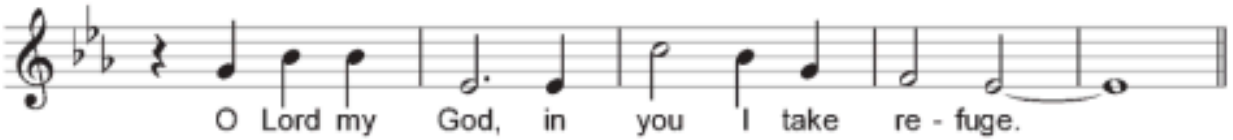
## Joyful Noise

**Matthew 25.14-30** Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

## Said and Sung Eucharist

**1 Thessalonians 5.1-11** Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Psalm 90.1-8**




O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.
**O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.**

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
**O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.**

You turn us back to dust and say: "Turn back, O children of earth." For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night.
**O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.**

You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
**O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.**

**Matthew 25.1-13** Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

# Notices

CEILING INSPECTION It's 12 months since the temporary repairs to our church ceiling were made, which means an inspection needs to take place to ensure its continued safety. This means that the church will not be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Morning and Evening Prayer, and Wednesday's Eucharist, will take place in the Vestry (use the door by the pedestrian entrance to the churchyard on Church Hill).

MU CHRISTMAS PUDDING PARTY This Sunday is your last chance to book a ticket for the Mothers' Union Christmas Pudding Party on Friday 20 November at 8pm in the church hall.Tickets are £15 and include mulled wine and seasonal refreshments. Alternatively you can order a kit to make at home for £12. For more information see the order forms on the table at the back of church or email mothersunion@spwh.org. The Christmas Pudding Party is an event for the whole community to enjoy, not just MU members, so please spread the word and tell anyone you think might be

interested, young and old! The kits are a great activity for families to make together at home, so if you cannot come on the night why not order one and have fun making a pudding at home.

ADVENT SUNDAY The Church's year begins on Advent Sunday. Note that this is a Sunday when we have an All-Together Eucharist at 10am, enabling our 9.15am and 10.30am congregations to come together to start this important season of hope and expectation. In the evening we have a beautiful Advent Carol Service at 6pm.

LECTIO DIVINA This slow and prayerful way of engaging with scripture returns for the Wednesdays of Advent starting at 12pm this precedes the 12.30pm Eucharist, led by members of our Ministry Team.

MAY FAIR 2027 Next year's May Fair takes place on Saturday 15 May. We're looking for a team of people to organise the Fair. Please get in touch with Fr Daniel at vicar@spwh.org to get involved. We particularly welcome fresh ideas and innovation!

## This week's diary

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are usually said publicly in church Monday-Thursday at 9.10am and 5pm. Everyone is welcome. The church is normally open every day for prayer, reflection and visitors.

| | | ***Observance*** | ***Time*** | ***Service/event*** | ***Prayer intention*** |
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| Sunday | 15 | **SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT (Safeguarding Sunday)** | 8am<br>9.15am<br>10.30am<br><br>12pm | Said Eucharist<br>Joyful Noise Eucharist<br>Sung Eucharist with Sunday School<br>Baptism | *Our parish and its people* |
| Monday | 16 | St Margaret of Scotland | 8pm | PCC | *The Royal Family* |
| Tuesday | 17 | St Hugh of Lincoln | | | *Those who teach the faith* |
| Wednesday | 18 | St Elizabeth of Hungary | 12.30pm<br>1.30pm | Eucharist<br>Lunch Club | *Spiritual directors* |
| Thursday | 19 | St Hilda of Whitby | 9am | Eucharist in School | *St Paul's School* |
| Friday | 20 | St Edmund | 7.30pm | Choir Practice | *World leaders* |
| Saturday | 21 | | | | *Licensed Lay Ministers* |
| Sunday | 22 | **CHRIST THE KING** | 8am<br>9.15am<br>10.30am | Said Eucharist<br>Joyful Noise<br>Sung Eucharist with Sunday School | *Our parish and its people* |