ST PAUL'S CHURCH
WINCHMORE HILL

Sunday 8 November 2026

Third Sunday before Advent

(Remembrance Sunday)

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

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Today's services

8am Said Eucharist	
Celebrant	Mthr Lyanne Beckerson
Preacher	Sarah Elkins

9.15am Joyful Noise	
Celebrant	Fr Daniel Sandham
Preacher	Alison Perera
Texts for this service are on the screen	

10.30am Sung Eucharist	
Celebrant	Fr Daniel Sandham
Preacher	Sarah Elkins
After the Sermon we stand for the Act of Remembrance, which concludes with the Last Post, two minutes' silence, and Reveille. The National Anthem is then sung.	
Entrance hymn	357 All people that on earth do dwell
Offertory hymn	794ii The king of love my shepherd is
Anthem	Turn thee again, o Lord - Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)
Communion hymns	816i Thy kingdom come, O God 764 Peace, perfect peace
Recessional	746 O God, our help in ages past
Organ postlude	Marche Élégiaque, Opus 74/1 - Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

12pm Holy Baptism
Daniel & Sadie Spours

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Today's readings
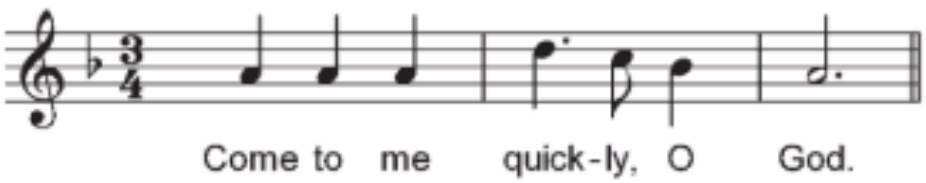
Joyful Noise

Matthew 25.1-13 Jesus said: "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten girls who went to wait for the bridegroom. They took their lamps with them. Five of the girls were foolish and five were wise. The five foolish girls took their lamps, but they did not take more oil for the lamps to burn. The wise girls took their lamps and more oil in jars. The bridegroom was very late. All the girls became sleepy and went to sleep. "At midnight someone cried out, 'The bridegroom is coming! Come and meet him!' Then all the girls woke up and got their lamps ready. But the foolish girls said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil. Our lamps are going out.' The wise girls answered, 'No! The oil we have might not be enough for all of us. Go to the people who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' "So the five foolish girls went to buy oil. While they were gone, the bridegroom came. The girls who were ready went in with the bridegroom to the wedding feast. Then the door was closed and locked. "Later the others came back. They called, 'Sir, sir, open the door to let us in.' But the bridegroom answered, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' "So always be ready. You don't know the day or the time the Son of Man will come."

Said and Sung Eucharist

1 Thessalonians 4.13-end We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Psalm 70



Come to me quickly, O God.
Come to me quickly, O God.

O God, make speed to save me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion; let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil. Let those who mock and deride me turn back because of their shame.
Come to me quickly, O God.

But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say always, "Great is the Lord!" As for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.
Come to me quickly, O God.

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

COFFEE MORNING AND BOOK LAUNCH Everyone is welcome to come and have a cup of coffee on Saturday 14 November (10.30am-12pm) in the Paulin Room of the Church Hall. We are very pleased that Liz Veitch will tell us about the book she has recently published entitled Grief and Loss and Love and read some poems from it.

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.



MU CHRISTMAS PUDDING PARTY The Mothers' Union is hosting this popular event on Friday 20 November at 8pm in the church hall. Tickets are £15, or you can order a kit to make at home for £12. For more information see order forms on the table at the back of church.

CHRISTMAS Get our Christmas services into your diaries now!

MANAGING OUR MONEY Our Treasurer, Colin Green, is seeking a small number of people, two or three, to help him review where and how we manage our savings and investments and to establish some guidelines for the Treasurer for the movement of money between our accounts. If you are interested please contact Colin by emailing treasurer@spwh.org.

SIGNING IN FOR SECONDARY ADMISSIONS If you are likely to require a reference for Year 7 admissions in 2029 to a school which requires regular attendance at church for two years or more, then you need to start registering your attendance at church from the beginning of November. Please familiarise yourself with schools' admissions policies, which vary from school to school.

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***
Sunday	8	**THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT Remembrance Sunday**	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist and Act of Remembrance with Sunday School Baptism	*Our parish and its people*
Monday	9		7.15pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	*Peace in the world*
Tuesday	10	St Leo the Great			*Pope Leo*
Wednesday	11	St Martin *Armistice Day*	9am 12.30pm 1.30pm	Whole School Service Eucharist Lunch Club	*The fallen*
Thursday	12				*HM Armed Forces*
Friday	13		7.30pm	Choir Practice	*Carers*
Saturday	14		10.30am	Coffee morning and book launch	*HM The King*
Sunday	15	**SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT (Safeguarding Sunday)**	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist with Sunday School Baptism	*Our parish and its people*