

## Sunday 3 December 2023

### ADVENT SUNDAY

**Welcome!** If you are here for the first time please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy or welcome team, and/or email us at [welcome@spwh.org](mailto:welcome@spwh.org)

You can **donate** to our mission and ministry by scanning this QR code, which includes options for regular giving and gift aid. There are also plates for cash donations and a contactless payment machine by the church entrance.



### Today's services

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

10am All-Together Eucharist	
Celebrant	Fr Pete Hopkins
Preacher	Alison Perera
<i>Texts for this service are on the screen</i>	

*Fr Daniel is celebrating and preaching at the 10am Eucharist at St Peter's, Grange Park today.*

6pm Advent Carol Service
<i>Special order of service</i>

### Today's readings

#### Said and All-Together Eucharists

**I Corinthians 1.3-9** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be

blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

**ST PAUL'S TRUST** The Trust holds its AGM today. The AGM is actually very, very short, and what you really want to come to is the interesting talk given by the Area Dean, Fr Stephen Gallagher, and the delicious afternoon tea. It all starts at 4pm in church, finishing in time for the Advent Carol Service. All welcome.

**GIVE TO GROW** We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who signed up to give regularly through our Give to Grow campaign! We are already past the 50% mark which means lots of new people have been signing up to give regularly for the first time and we've been so encouraged by your generosity! If you would also like to join us as we invest in our growing community and especially our children and young people then please use the QR code on the front of this notice sheet to sign up to regular giving. (Please also gift aid your regular donation if you are a UK taxpayer.)

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER** Head to [www.spwh.org/jobs](http://www.spwh.org/jobs) for an application pack, and spread the word that we are recruiting! Deadline 8 December.

**CHRISTMAS POST BOX** Our Christmas Post Box will be in Church 3-10 December. No delivery service is offered, so please only post cards for regular members of our

congregation and please write recipient's name in full on the envelope. Sorted cards can be collected from the cross aisle. Please leave a donation in lieu of postage for our annual charity, Christian Aid.

**POPPY APPEAL** Thank you to everyone who made a donation for a remembrance poppy. We raised over £120 for the Royal British Legion.

**CAROLS ON THE GREEN** Come and join us to sing carols and enjoy a glass of mulled wine, mince pie and other refreshments on Thursday 21 December 5.30pm – 6.45pm. Please bring cash.

**FOODBANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL** We are appealing for donations of special Christmas foodstuffs for the North Enfield Foodbank. Items like tinned ham, Christmas puddings, tins of biscuits or shortbread, chocolates, etc would be very welcome. Please leave donations in the collection box in the church porch by Sunday 17 December so they can be distributed before Christmas.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEER** A volunteer is required on a three-weekly rota to print the notice sheet and undertake other small admin tasks that may arise. This can be carried out on a Thursday afternoon or anytime Friday. Please contact Hilary in the Parish Office for more information on 020 8886 4290 or [office@spwh.org](mailto:office@spwh.org).

**CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS** Thank you to those who have taken leaflets. There are still plenty more to deliver!

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES** Visit [www.spwh.org/christmas](http://www.spwh.org/christmas) for details of our Christmas services. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Saviour.

**CONSULTATION - CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY FROM SEPTEMBER 2025** As a result of their regular review of the school's Admissions Policy, the Governors at St Paul's School have decided that there should be some changes to the current admissions criteria. In particular, the Governors are proposing that the criteria relating to church attendance (current criteria 3, 4, 5 and 7) should be simplified. In addition, the Governors are proposing an amendment to criteria 2 (siblings), to make it easier for children to attend the same school as their older siblings. These changes would take effect for Admissions from September 2025. For full details of all the proposed changes and to find out how you can submit comments head to the school website, under *Admissions*. The consultation will close at 9am on Monday 8 January 2024.

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## This week's diary

Morning and Evening Prayer are usually said publicly 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	3	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b>	8am 10am 11am 4pm 6pm	Said Eucharist All-Together Eucharist Scout Christmas Fair St Paul's Trust AGM Advent Carol Service	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
Monday	4	St John of Damascus			<i>Prisoners</i>
Tuesday	5				<i>Those in fuel poverty</i>
Wednesday	6	St Nicholas	12.30pm 1.30pm	Eucharist Toddler Group	<i>Children's charities</i>
Thursday	7	St Ambrose	1pm	Mothers' Union lunch	<i>Altar servers</i>
Friday	8	Conception of the BVM	7.30pm	Choir practice	<i>Devotion to Mary</i>
Saturday	9				<i>The Mothers' Union</i>
Sunday	10	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>

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