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Advent Sunday

1st December 2024

HYMNS

Introit	405
Gradual	66
Offertory	295
Communion	557 (omit v3)
Recessional	480



COLLECT

Loving God,
as your new day dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our friend and brother, Jesus Christ.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, help us to be
watchful and faithful
as we wait for the coming of Jesus;
that, when he is with us,
he may not find us sleeping but active
and joyful in his service.

FOR OUR PRAYERS: Brian, Kathy, Jewel, Beverley, Wendy, Ted, Valerie

RIP: Beryl Stokes

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Osbourne Knight

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday December 8th at 6.00pm we look forward to the confirmation of candidates from St George's and St Michael's. This is an occasion of celebration and thanksgiving. We'd really like to celebrate with cake so if you're able to contribute to the refreshments that day, please sign the list in the foyer.



ADVENT 2024

Our Advent preparation group this year will meet at 7.30pm on December 3rd, 10th and 17th in church.

We will be using Richard Harries book 'Wounded I Sing'.



FROM MORWENNA

'Do you know anyone who rents rooms? My friend knows 2 Ukrainian women who need to move from their current accommodation as their host has family who need to move in.

'The daughter is a part time researcher at Kings. She and her mother do cleaning jobs together to earn money. They are very reliable and hard working.

Please speak to me, Morwenna, if you would like their contact details and some more information.'

CHAPEL SERVICES

The Ministry Team has taken the difficult decision to stop Thursday evening services at the Chapel.

The last Thursday service will be on December 19th at 6.30pm.

We will continue to hold occasional services such as Ascension Day at the Chapel.



NEW SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S

In the New Year we will be starting a monthly evening service in the style of the Taize Community.

We will begin on Sunday February 9th at 6.00pm

It would be lovely to gather a group of musicians to play at these services.

Please speak to Richard if you'd like to contribute.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Our recent survey indicated a desire from about 10 members of the congregation for a new monthly study/ bible/discussion group.

Inevitably, there was no consensus over which day/time was preferred. Therefore, I have fairly arbitrarily plucked Thursday evenings out as a possible starting point.

Starting on February, 6th I suggest we meet on the 1st Thursday at 7.30pm in church.

Our first meeting will be a discussion about what we'd like to use as our starting subject and we might discuss the previous Sunday's sermon as well.

Please sign the list in the Foyer if you'd like to be part of this new venture.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 2 December

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

Studio: 19:00 - 20:30 - Guides

Tuesday 3 December

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Ecumenical service

Church: 19:30 - Advent Group

Wednesday 4 December

Hall: 18:00 - Cubs, 20:00 - Scouts

Studio: 19:30-20:30 - Yoga class

Thursday 5 December

Church 10.00-16.00 Quinquennial

Hall: 18:15 - 19:15 - Beavers

Chapel: 18:30 - Ecumenical Service

Saturday 7 November

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

Studio: 11:00-12:00 - Yoga class

Sunday 8 December

Church: 10:00 - Advent 2

Studio: 14:00 - 17:00 - Outside group

Church: 18.00 Confirmation

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 10 December

Church: 19:30 - Advent Group

Sunday 22 December

Church: 16:00 - Carol Service

OT Jeremiah 33:14-16

God said, "The time is coming when I will fulfill the promise that I made to the people of Israel and Judah. At that time I will choose as king a righteous descendant of David. That king will do what is right and just throughout the land. The people of Judah and of Jerusalem will be rescued and will live in safety. The city will be called 'The Lord Our Salvation.'

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

Strange things will happen to the sun, the moon and the stars. Whole countries will despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the planets will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in a cloud with power and glory. When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near."

Then Jesus said "Think of the fig tree and all the other trees. When you see their leaves beginning to appear, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happen, you will know that the Kingdom of God is about to come.

"Remember that all these things will take place before the people now living have all died. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. "Be careful not to let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that Day may suddenly catch you like a trap. For it will come upon all people everywhere on earth. Watch and pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man."