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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8th December 2024

HYMNS

Introit 128

Gradual Psalm Antiphon (Ps 25)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Offertory 646

Communion 703

Recessional 282



COLLECT

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Brian, Kathy, Jewel, Beverley, Wendy, Ted, Valerie, Ben

RIP:

Beryl Stokes

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Eileen Hodgson

CONFIRMATION

TODAY 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. Please do come to support them.



ADVENT 2024

Our Advent preparation group this year will meet at 19.30 on 10 and 17 December 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 19 December at 18.30.

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 Taizé Community.

We will begin on **Sunday 9 February at 18.00.**

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.



MINCE PIES

If you're able to contribute mince pies for our Carol Service (Sunday 22 December), please sign the list in the foyer.



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 **6 February**, I suggest we meet on the 1st Thursday at 19.30 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 9 December

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

Studio: 19:00 - 20:30 - Guides

Tuesday 10 December

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Ecumenical service

Church: 19:30 - Advent Group

Wednesday 11 December

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

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

Thursday 12 December

Hall: 18:15 - 19:15 - Beavers

Chapel: 18:30 - Ecumenical Service

Saturday 14 November

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

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

Sunday 15 December

Church: 10:00 - Advent 2

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

Church: 18.00 Confirmation

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 17 December

Church: 19:30 - Advent Group

Sunday 22 December

Church: 16:00 - Carol Service

OT Malachi 3: 1 - 4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.^[a]⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

GOSPEL Luke 3: 1 - 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler^[a] of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler^[b] of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler^[c] of Abilene,

² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"