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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15th December 2024

HYMNS

Introit 527

Gradual Psalm Antiphon (Ps 25)

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

Offertory 405

Communion 263

Anthem: The Record of John by

Orlando Gibbons

Recessional 406



COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare
the way of your Son:

give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these
heavenly gifts;

kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for
ever.

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED: Ariel & Adriel

RIP: Beryl Stokes, Daphne Latter, Gill Putt

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Jane Pike, Sheila Cameron

ADVENT 2024

Our Advent preparation group this year will meet at 19.30 on 17 December in church. We are 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 16 December

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

Studio: 19:00 - 20:30 - Guides

Tuesday 17 December

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Ecumenical service

Church: 19:30 - Advent Group

Wednesday 18 December

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

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

Thursday 19 December

Hall: 18:15 - 19:15 - Beavers

Chapel: 18:30 - Ecumenical Service

Saturday 21 December

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

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

Sunday 22 December

Church: 10:00 - Advent 2

Church: 16:00 - Carol Service

Studio: 14:00 - 16:00 - Outside group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 25 December

Church: 10:00 - Christmas service

OT: Zephaniah 3: 14 -end

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgements
against you,

he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your
midst;

you shall fear disaster no more.
¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you^[a] in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸ as on a day of festival.^[b]

I will remove disaster from you,^[c]
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 7 - 18

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹ In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³ He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,^[a] ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with^[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.