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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22ND 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

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Brian, Kathy, Beverley, Ted, John

RIP:

Beryl Stokes, Daphne Latte, Gill Putt

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Margaret Exley, Ronald Cooper, John Surrey

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office is now closed and will re-open on **Monday 6 January 2025**.

Hope you all have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!



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 (**TONIGHT** 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 23 December

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

Tuesday 24 December

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Ecumenical service

Church: 16:00 - Crib Service

Church: 23:30 - Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25 December

Church: 10:00 - Christmas Family Communion Service

Saturday 28 December

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

Sunday 29 December

Church: 10:00 - Parish Eucharist

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 6 February 2025

Church: 19:30 - Discussion Group

OT: Micah 5: 2 - 5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of
Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
³ Therefore he shall give them up until
the time
when she who is in labour has
brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall re-
turn
to the people of Israel.
⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock
in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of
the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he
shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

GOSPEL: Luke 1: 39 - 45

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went
with haste to a Judean town in the hill
country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house
of Zechariah and greeted Eliza-
beth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's
greeting, the child leapt in her womb.
And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy
Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry,
'Blessed are you among women, and
blessed is the fruit of your
womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to
me, that the mother of my Lord comes
to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the
sound of your greeting, the child in my
womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she
who believed that there would be^[a] a
fulfilment of what was spoken to her by
the Lord.'