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**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

## HYMNS

Introit	646
Gradual	156
Offertory	295
Communion	655
+ St G Singers	
Recessional	480



## COLLECT

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, who comes as Christ to  
reconcile the world: give us grace to  
imitate him in the humility and purity of  
his birth so that, when he comes, we  
may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**FOR OUR PRAYERS:** Tony, Samantha, Maria, Graham J.

**RIP:** Margaret Hemsall

**IN REMEMBRANCE:** Eileen Hodgson

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

## **Carol Service**

Sunday 21 December 16:00

## **Crib Service**

Wednesday 24 December 16:00

## **Midnight Mass**

Wednesday 24 December 23:30

## **Christmas Family Communion**

Thursday 25 December 10:00

## **Parish Eucharist**

Sunday 28 December 10:00

## LEWISHAM CHORAL SOCIETY -

### MAGNIFICAT

Music by Pergolesi Durante and Arvo Pärt **19:30, Saturday 20 December**  
at St Mary the Virgin, Lewisham. High Street. More info and tickets here:  
<https://www.lewishamchoralsociety.org.uk/concerts/winter25>



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB

Christmas Lunch Club will be on

**Wednesday 10 December** at 13:00.



## MARGARET HEMPSALL

Margaret Hemsall's funeral will be at 12:00 on **Wednesday 3 December**.



## REFLECTIVE EVENING PRAYER

Our monthly evening service is the second Sunday of the month. Our next one is **Sunday 14 December** at 18:00.



## ADVENT GROUPS

Our discussion and reflection group this year will be using 'Sing but keep on walking' by Jan Sutch-Pickard.

We will be meeting at 19:30:

**Monday 8 December**

**Tuesday 16 December**



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

PCSO Andrea and Rev'd Dan at Perry Rise Baptist have organised a free

**Community Christmas Concert** on

**Wednesday 17 December** from

19:00-20:00. All are very welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Monday 8 December**

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

**Church: 19:30 - Advent Group**

**Tuesday 9 December**

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Ecumenical service

Church: 18:00 - Brownies

**Wednesday 10 December**

**Church: 13:00 - Christmas Lunch**

**Club**

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

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

**Thursday 11 December**

Hall: 18:15 - 19:15 - Beavers

**Saturday 13 December**

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

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

Studio: 14:30 - 15:30 - Outside group

**Sunday 14 December**

Church: 10:00 - Parish Eucharist

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

**Church: 18:00 - Reflective evening prayer**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 16 December**

**Church: 19:30 - Advent Group**

**Wednesday 17 December**

**Perry Rise Baptist: 19:00 -**

**Community concert**

**Sunday 21 December**

**Church: 16:00 - Carol Service**

## OT: Isaiah 11:1 - 10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,

and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb,

the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze,

their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,

and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1 - 12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup> Do not presume 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'