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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14th December 2025

HYMNS

Introit 527

Gradual Psalm Antiphon (Ps 25)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

Offertory 282

Communion

Anthem: The Record of
John by Orlando Gibbons
263

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: Tony, Samantha, Maria, Elizabeth, Graham J.

IN REMEMBRANCE: Jane Pike, Sheila Cameron

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



CRIB SERVICE

Could you help dress children as shepherds, angels, etc, at the crib service on Christmas Eve from about 15:30? If you can, please have a word with Richard or Mike.

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.



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>



FILM NIGHT

From January 2026, the Film group meeting will move to the last Tuesday of each month. Next meeting, **27**

January 2026, to discuss *First Cow*.

REFLECTIVE EVENING PRAYER

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



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: **Tuesday 16 December**



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 15 December

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

Tuesday 16 December

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Ecumenical service

Church: 18:00 - Brownies

Church: 19:30 - Advent Group

Wednesday 17 December

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

Perry Rise Baptist: 19:00 -

Community concert

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

Thursday 18 December

Hall: 18:15 - 19:15 - Beavers

Saturday 20 December

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

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

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

St Mary's, Lewisham: 19:30 -

Lewisham Choral Society concert

Sunday 21 December

Church: 10:00 - Parish Eucharist

Church: 16:00 - Carol service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 24 December

Church: 16:00 - Crib Service

Wednesday 24 December

Church: 23:30 - Midnight mass

Thursday 25 December

Church: 10:00 - Christmas Day Service

OT: Isaiah 35: 1 - 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'
the majesty of our God.

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for
joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.



GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 2 - 11

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴ Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.