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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**14<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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>



## **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.

## **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**



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our services this year will be:

**Sunday 14 December** at 18:00, **TONIGHT!**

**Wednesday 19 December** at 19:30, **Advent Group**

**Wednesday 20 December** at 19:30, **Advent Group**

**Wednesday 24 December** at 16:00, **Crib Service**

**Wednesday 24 December** at 23:30, **Midnight mass**

**Thursday 25 December** at 10:00, **Christmas Day Service**

## 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 <sup>2</sup> 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,

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> 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;

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah  
was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and  
said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come,  
or are we to wait for another?' <sup>4</sup> Jesus  
answered them, 'Go and tell John what you  
hear and see: <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is  
anyone who takes no offence at me.'

<sup>7</sup> 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? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to  
see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look,  
those who wear soft robes are in royal  
palaces. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A  
prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a  
prophet. <sup>10</sup> 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.'

<sup>11</sup> 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.