

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	1030 Lakeside Sch -Service 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1030 Said Eucharist</b> <b>2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting</b>
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1600 Family Carol Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0800 Said Eucharist</b> <b>0915 Parish Communion</b> <b>with Nativity Play</b> <b>1800 Traditional Nine</b> <b>Lesson and Carols Service</b>

## News

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Dec@4pm**

Family Carol Service

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Dec:**

**@9:15am** Family Communion

Service with Nativity Play

**6pm** Traditional Nine Lessons &

Carols Service (*quiet & reflective*)

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Dec:**

**4pm & 6pm** Christingle / Crib

Services

**11pm** Midnight Mass

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Dec @10am**

Family Communion for all

## St Francis Shoebox Appeal 2021

**Thank you** to everyone for your filled shoeboxes with Christmas treats - we are aiming to deliver them on Thursday. So far we have collected 40 and the deadline is today.

**The Flower Team would be most grateful for any donations towards the Christmas flowers.**

## REMINDER:

**Social distancing rules still in place!**  
**Use hand sanitiser gel upon entry & exit and keep your masks on whilst on the premises!**

## Post CTF 2021:

**THANK YOU** to everyone for your support and generous gifts of goods and time. The winners have been announced in our church website: 'What's On' page and also on FB.

**Cake Tins** - Please don't forget to collect your cake tins from the back of the Hall. They tend to get lost if left unclaimed in the Hall for too long.

## Welcome

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## Third Sunday of Advent

### Services Today

**8am SAID EUCHARIST**

**9:15am PARISH COMMUNION**

**With regrets, there is no Parish Coffee for now.**

*Youth & Children's Church (YACC) sessions take place in their usual age groups within the Govt's COVID-19 guidelines.*

**Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1&2, 3 & 4 - Hall**

*(Younger children including babies who are accompanied are very welcome)*

**Years 5 –7 Song school; Year 8 upwards in the Cellar**

*Music* **Hymns to be sung by the congregation with masks on!**

**609 767 27 362**

Men's Choir: Edwards - The Highgate Service  
Voices Vaughan Williams - The Call

This week we pray for all who live and work in Valley Road.

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## OPENING HOURS (0930 - 1200):

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**Sunday 12 December 2021**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Zephaniah 3: 14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

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.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

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.

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.

**Philippians 4: 4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Luke 3: 7-18**

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?

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.

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.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?'

In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'

Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.'

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.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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 the Holy Spirit and fire.

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.'

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

**Next Sunday: Nativity Play - Luke 1: 39-45**