

Christmas cards - these are now available for sale at the back of church in packs of ten for £5. All proceeds to St George's.

Diary

The Immaculate Conception - Wednesday 8 December at 12.00 Noon. SSC Mass at St George's with Bishop Norman. All welcome.

St George's School Christmas Fair - Saturday 11 December

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols - Tuesday 21 December at 8pm.

For your prayers

In need: John Bamford, Neil Boorman, June Callow, Dorothy Clinning, Linda Courquin, Alan Cowell, Beatrice Dadson, Gordon Good, Elaine Greasley, David Harrison, Frances Hollingsworth, Catherine Jones, Sharon Murphy, Elsie Neill, Theresa O'Rourke, Ann Sangan, John Squirrel, Michael Turner, Ann-Louise Whittaker, Tara (12 years old).

Recently departed: Paul Ward, Fr Robert Featherstone

St George, Bickley

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The church is open daily, c.9am-c.4pm

Welcome to St George's. Our parish is "in interregnum", which means that we are waiting for our new parish priest to arrive. Until then, please contact the churchwardens for all queries:

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Sunday, 28 November (First Sunday of Advent)

10.30am Sung Mass with Children's

Church from 10.20am

6.00pm Advent Carol Service

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33. 14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3. 12-4. 2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21. 25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

Hymns:

Entrance: NEH 3 (Come thou long-expected Jesus)

Offertory: NEH 5 (Hark the glad sound)

Communion: NEH 1 (Creator of the stars of night)

NEH 9 (Lo, he comes with clouds descending)

Wednesday 1 December

9.30am Mass

Readings: Isaiah 25. 6-10

Matthew 15. 29-37

The response to the psalm is:

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Friday 3 December (St Francis Xavier)

9.30am Mass

Readings: Isaiah 29. 17-24

Matthew 9. 27-31

The response to the psalm is:

The Lord Is my light and my help.

Saturday 4 December (St John Damascene)

9.30am Mass

Readings: Isaiah 30. 19-21, 23-26

Matthew 9. 35- 10.1, 6-8

The response to the psalm is:

Happy are all who hope in the Lord.

Masses at The Annunciation, Chislehurst:

Monday 29 November – 8am

Tuesday 30 November – 6.30pm (St Andrew)

Thursday 2 December – 7.30pm

Sunday 5 December - 8am

Confession

Fathers David and Owen will hear confessions by appointment and after Mass on Sunday.

Holy Communion at home.

If you know of anyone who would like Holy Communion at home, please contact Father David.

Notices

Lamps - If you would like to sponsor a lamp in memory of a loved one to burn for a week before the Image of Our Lady, the Sacred Heart or beside the Tabernacle on a date of your choice, please sign the list on the notice board for the week you would like and give your donation to one of the churchwardens. The suggested donation is £5.

The **Food Bank** requires goodies for their Christmas hampers - last week next Sunday. Donations can be left (bagged) in the box at the foot of the font.

100 Club - this has restarted and will run for 12 months. Entry costs £10 per month per entry. Please see Beverley Braybrook to sign up.