

LOOKING AHEAD

Daily Office (short 15-minute prayer service)

Monday to Saturday 8am and 5.30pm (except Tuesday and Thursday).

Sun 27 November 10am

Mon 28 November 7pm

Sun 4 December 10am

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Mon 5 December 7pm

Sat 10 December 1pm

Sun 11 December 10am

Mon 12 December 7pm

Wed 14 December 9.30am

Sun 18 December 10am

Sun 18 December 4pm

Mon 19 December 7pm

Sat 24 December 11.00pm

Sat 24 December 11.30pm

Sun 25 December 11am

Mon 26 December 11am

Tues 28 December 11am

Wed 29 December 11am

Sun 1 January 2017 10am

Sun 8 January 2017 10am

Mass for 1st Sunday of Advent

Advent Bible Study Course (*Vicarage*)

Mass for 2nd Sunday of Advent

Young People's Service

Advent Bible Study Course (*Vicarage*)

Christingle Service

Mass for 3rd Sunday of Advent

Advent Bible Study Course (*Vicarage*)

School Christmas Service in church

Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent (All Age)

Carol Service (6 lessons & Carols)

Advent Bible Study Course (*Vicarage*)

Carols before Midnight

Midnight Mass

Mass for Christmas Day

Mass for St Stephen

Mass for St John

Mass for the Holy Innocents

Mass for the Naming of Jesus

Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord

THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN

Winner of 'The UK's Best Modern Churches' award November 2013

Next Sunday: 4th December 2016
2nd Sunday in Advent

Hymns: 98 307 519 454

Isaiah 11:1-10 Safia Romans **15:4-13** Cathy

Psalm **72** Gospel: **Matthew 3:1-12**

Intercessions: Julian **Chalice:** Safia

Sides people: Helen/Ayo & Cathy

Vicar Mother Bernadette Hegarty 020 3774 6833

Churchwarden: Julian Bream 020 7515 4938

Churchwarden: Safia Dimsdale



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Sunday 27th November 2016

First Sunday in Advent

Hymns: 358 321 409 329

Isaiah 2:1-5 Jennea **Romans 13:11-14** Joanna

Psalm 122 **Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44**

Intercessions: Arthur **Chalice:** Nikki

Sides people: Nikki & Elaine

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Edmond Brien, William Jarvis, Naomi Harris, Esther Christian, ,
Margaret Diss, John Christian, Rachel Christian, Isobel Coates,
Ray Williams, Charlie Berry, Dawn Smith, Sharni Josephine,
Nojahan Hamid, Mark Emmerson, Jane Keefe, Audrey Mameli,
Blesie Smith, Iyabode Kadhiri, John McLean, Pat Padmore, Baby Jack

For our link church of **Santa Monica, Maputo** in Mozambique
November Year's Mind: Madhavlal Gurjar

Today is Advent Sunday and it marks the **first Sunday of a new year** in the **Christian calendar**.

Advent is a time where we prepare ourselves spiritually as we look forward not only to our annual celebration of the first coming of Christ as the Child in the Manger, but also to that time when He will come again in power and glory at the end of time.

Today also sees the start of year A (the year of Matthew) in our three-year cycle of church readings.

Christmas Bazaar – A BIG THANK YOU to all who make our Christmas Bazaar yesterday so amazing. **So far we have managed to raise: £2,076.93**

Wedding Banns

I publish the banns of marriage between Andrew Derek McHugh Buerger of this parish and *Larissa Dirksen of the parish of St Mary with Christ, Wanstead*. This is the *second* time of asking. If any of you know any reason in law why they may not marry each other you are to declare it.

Please pray for Andrew and Larissa as they prepare for their wedding

POPLAR HARCA invite you to the OVER 50s CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER @ Poplar Union, 2 Cotall St, E14, 6TL.

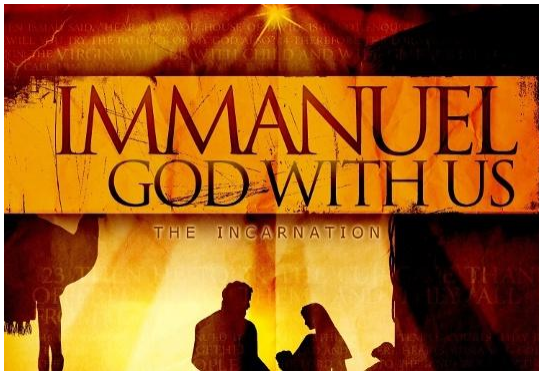


There will be entertainment and complimentary wine and nibbles. Doors open at 1 pm. **£5 per person**. Visit your Neighbourhood Centre for tickets. For more information, see poster in the church hall.

Please note: Tickets are going fast!

Our Church School - St Paul and St Luke will be holding their **Christmas Service in Church at 9.30am on Wednesday 14 December**.

All members of the congregation are especially welcome!



Advent Bible Study Course – ‘God with Us’ Monday evenings in the vicarage **at 7pm starting Monday 28 November 2016.** Four sessions based on readings from the Gospel of St Matthew.

It’s easy to get caught up in the materialism that surrounds this very important celebration of our Christian faith, so why not take some time out weekly to reflect spiritually on the significance of Christmas – **‘God with us.’** All welcome.

Decorating the church: On **Sunday 18th December,** our Sunday School will be offering their Christmas Presentation during the Mass.

After the service, we need lots of help to prepare the church for our Christmas services, e.g. decorating the Christmas trees.



Candlelit Carol Service: 4pm Sunday 18 December 2016. Please invite family and friends to a this very special service of 6 lessons and carols.

There will be mince pies and refreshments served afterwards

Poplar HARCA: **Santa’s Grotto at St Paul’s Way Centre:** Tuesday 20-Thursday 22 December 12-1pm and 3.30-5pm. Admission. Please contact Reception Staff for tickets. Limited spaces [Tel:0207 538 5748](tel:02075385748)

PCC Meeting Highlights

PCC agreed to develop MAP priorities at next meeting.

Transformation Group: working on next phase of repairs and improvement. PCC agreed to engaging Environmental Engineer to provide report, subject to funds being available.

Plane Trees: PCC to seek quotes to crown and or/cut back.

Christmas Bazaar – all in hand.

Youth Group: Quiz planned 19 November to raise funds for Taize.

PCC Secretary: sought as Jo has resigned to worship in her locality.

Additional Lay Assistants at Communion: Mary Straw, Ayo Benson, Julian Bream.