

LOOKING AHEAD

Daily Office: 8.00am & 5.30pm Monday-Wednesday, Friday & Saturday.

Sunday 16 December 10am

Sunday 16 December 7pm

Tuesday 18 December 9.15am

Saturday 22 December 12pm

Sunday 23 December 10am

Sunday 23 December 4pm

Monday 24 December 11pm

Monday 24 December 11.30pm

Tuesday 25 December 11am

Wednesday 26 December 11am

Thursday 27 December 11am

Friday 28 December 11am

Sunday 30 December 10am

Sunday 6 January 10am

Sunday 13 January 10am

Sunday 13 January 7pm

Wednesday 16 January 6.45pm

Friday 18 January 9.30-11am

Sunday 20 January 10am

Friday 25 January 9.30-11am

Sunday 27 January 10am

Friday 1 February 9.30-11am

Sunday 3 February 10am

Friday 8 February 9.30-11am

Sunday 10 February 10am

Friday 15 February 9.30-11am

Sunday 17 February 10am

Friday 22 February 9.30-11am

Sunday 24 February 10am

Friday 1 March 9.30-11am

Sunday 3 March 10am

Friday 8 March 9.30-11am

Mass for Advent 3

Young People's Service

School Christmas Service

Christingle (*Christingle making in hall @ 11.30am*)

Mass for Advent 4 (*All Age with Sunday School*)

Carol Service (*by candlelight*)

Carols for Christmas

Midnight Mass

Mass for Christmas Day

Mass for St Stephen

Mass for St John

Mass for the Holy Innocents

Mass for Christmas 1

Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany

Mass for the Baptism of Christ

Young People's Service

PCC Meeting

Little Lights

Mass for Epiphany 3

Little Lights

Mass for the Conversion of St Paul

Little Lights

Mass for Candlemas

Little Lights

Mass for the 4th Sunday before Lent

Little Lights

Mass for the 3rd Sunday before Lent

Little Lights

Mass for the 2nd Sunday before Lent

Little Lights

Mass for the Sunday next before Lent

Little Lights

THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN

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

Next Sunday: 23rd December 2018

Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent

307 496 53 400

Readings: Sunday School **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45

Intercessions: Sunday School **Presentation:** Sunday School

Chalice: Toni **Sidespeople:** Elaine & Edward

Vicar: Mother Bernadette Hegarty 020 3774 6833

Churchwarden: Julian Bream 07818 048048

Churchwarden: Safia Dimsdale

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✠ **THE PARISH OF
ST. PAUL WITH ST. LUKE** ✠
BOW COMMON



Sunday 16th December 2018

Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

358 467 287 329

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Safia **Philippians 4:4-7** Mary S

Canticle (*Isaiah 12*) **Gospel** Luke 3:7-18

Intercessions: Julian **Chalice:** Mary S

Sidespeople: Nikki & Safia

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Esther Christian, John Christian, Rachel Christian,
Caroline Smith, Layo Olaniyan, Florence Ebseye, Audrey Mamei,
Tracy Deirki, Robert Partridge, Latarshia Bailey, Tom Cantwell

Our link church of **Santa Monica, Maputo** in Mozambique

Our church School – **St Paul with St Luke**

December Year's Mind: Fr. John Rowe, William Mc Crossan,
Carl Clark



Today we celebrate **the 3rd Sunday of Advent**. We are now approaching the end of our time of preparing spiritually, not only on our annual celebration of the first coming of Christ as a baby born in a manger, but also his Second Coming at the end of time in power and glory.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. – ‘Gaudete’ is the Latin word meaning ‘rejoice’. We mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle to reflect the joy of our salvation.

Christmas can be a stressful time for many, despairing for others, exciting for some and lonely for others. As we enter into this third week of Advent, we might take the opportunity to reflect on ‘joy’ as the true gift of Christmas, not the expensive gifts that call for time and money. We can bring joy into the lives of others with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help and forgiveness. And the joy we give to others will certainly come back to us in many surprising ways.

Candlelit Carol Service: 4pm NEXT Sunday 23rd December 2018. Please invite family and friends to this very special service of five lessons and carols.
There will be mince pies and refreshments served afterwards.



Christingle Service: Saturday 22nd December 2018 at 12.00noon.

Come along at 11.30am and make your Christingle for the Service.

Our Church School - St Paul and St Luke will be holding their Christmas Service in Church at 9.15am on Tuesday 18th December.

All members of the congregation are especially welcome!

NEXT Sunday 23th

December our **Sunday School** will be offering their **Christmas Presentation** during the Mass.

DECORATING THE CHURCH

After the service, we need lots of help to prepare the church for our Christmas services, e.g. decorating the Christmas trees, so do please stay behind to help if you can.



**St Paul with St Luke Primary School
Open Days Nursery and Reception**

Monday 17th December 2018

Thursday 10 January 2019

9.00am – Welcome from Headteacher

9.05am – Tours of Nursery and Reception followed by a question and answer session and help with completing the application form.

St Paul with St Luke's Primary School Christmas Fayre on 3.30-4.30pm Wednesday 19th December 2018 in the school hall. All Welcome

Don't Forget – Mass on Christmas Day will be at 11am.

Young People's Service tonight at 7pm.

Thank you to **Ruth and Julian** – who did a splendid job and delivered 1,000 Christmas cards to new homes in our parish.

I've already had feedback from some parishioners who said how pleased they were to receive it.



Happy
CHRISTMAS