

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Heather Barker + Angela Kenney  
+ David Brecknell + Sylvia Last  
+ Matthew Cook + Jennie Luchmun  
+ Jane Davey + Margaret Parsons  
+ Margaret Dickens + Jean Pikett  
+ Mr De'Souza + Geoff Radford  
+ Charlie Ellacott + Michael Randall  
+ Shirley Eller + Beverley Smith  
+ Annet Fernandez + Mary Lou Sorenson  
+ Betty Fry + Andrea Spalding  
+ Susan Head + Marjorie Stemerding  
+ Pat Hulme  
+ Our neighbours: St Michael & All Angels & Salvation Army

+ The soul of Michael (Mike) Parsons, Elaine & Sue's stepfather whose funeral will take place here on Thursday 13 December at 11.00am.

+ The soul of Ariana Jahangir (Aged 5)

### Services this week

03 December – 08 December

Morning Prayer is said on weekdays at 9.00am

|           |           |  |
|-----------|-----------|--|
| Monday    | 12.00noon | Eucharist                                    |
|           | 2.30pm    | Julian – W. Almshouses                       |
| Tuesday   | 11.45am   | Lectio Divina (small hall)                   |
|           | 5.30pm    | Choral Evensong (Boys & Men)                 |
|           |           | Canticles: Dyson in F                        |
|           |           | Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine <i>Fauré</i> |
| Wednesday | 11.00am   | Eucharist (BCP)                              |
|           | 5.30pm    | Choral Evensong ( <i>Girls'</i> )            |
|           |           | Canticles: <i>Arnold</i> Tone 8              |
|           |           | Anthem: How lovely are... <i>Mendelssohn</i> |
| Thursday  | 10.45am   | CSMA* Concert                                |
|           |           | No Choral Evensong                           |
| Friday    | 10.00am   | Eucharist                                    |
|           | 11.30am   | Elis David Mynde Day Service                 |
|           | 1.10pm    | Lunchtime Recital                            |
| Saturday  | 10.00am   | Eucharist                                    |

\*Croydon Schools Music Association

### Next Sunday, 9 December 2018

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent / Toy Service

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 08.00am | <b>Eucharist</b>  |
| 09.50am | Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG meet  |
| 10.00am | <b>Sung (All Age) Eucharist</b>   |
|         | Readings: <i>Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4;</i><br><i>Canticle Luke 1:68-79;</i><br><i>Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6</i> |
| 6.30pm  | <b>Choral Evensong with Sermon</b>  |

Our Clergy are available to talk, they are:

|                   |                             |               |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Priest-in-Charge: | Revd Canon Dr Andrew Bishop | 07891 994069  |
| Asst. Priest:     | Revd Gareth Powell          | 07917 624177  |
| Asst. Priest:     | Revd Alan Bayes             | 07792 846452  |
| Asst. Priest:     | Canon John Ackland          | 07831 516662  |
| St George's       | Mtr Patricia Vowles         | 020 8688 7006 |

Organists: (RK) Ronny Krippner (Director of Music), (TL) Tom Little (Sub Organist), (HE) Heather Easting (Organ Scholar) (AF) Adam Field (Junior Organ Scholar).

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## MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 2 December 2018

Advent

**08.00am** Eucharist  
*Canon Arthur Quinn*

**09.50am** Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG meet

**10.00am** Sung Eucharist  
Celebrant: *Fr Gareth Powell*  
Preacher: *Canon Andrew Bishop*

Choir: *Minster Consort*

Hymns: **11, 15, 3, 16**  
Setting: *Deutsche Liturgie Mendelssohn*  
Readers: *OT: Gail Winter NT: Rachel Bayes*  
Psalm: *See reading sheet*  
Intercessor: *Stephen Willmer*  
Motet: *Richte mich Gotte Mendelssohn*  
Voluntary: *Veni Emmanuel Leighton (TL)*

**Lighting of Advent Candles** During Advent our children and young people's groups, Kingfishers and Blue Door Group, will be in church for The Gathering part of the Eucharist and lighting of the Advent Wreath. After the Collect is prayed they will then make their way to the hall to explore the day's scriptures before re-gathering in the church towards the end of the service.

*Fr Alan is celebrating the Eucharist & Preaching at St Andrew's Church, Southbridge Road this morning.*

**Children's Activity Bags** for use with your child in the pew are available at the back of church. Please ask a Sides' Person for one and please return it to them at the end of the service.

**If you are new, please complete a 'Blue Welcome Card'. Please ask a sides' person for details.**

**Teal/coffeelsquash & biscuits are available in the church hall after the morning service**

**09.00am** Eucharist – Whitgift Almshouses  
*Canon Andrew Bishop*

**11.40am** Kingfishers & Blue Door Leaders  
*meeting in the small hall*

**6.30pm** Advent Carol Service  
Officiant: *Canon Andrew Bishop*  
Choir: *Full Choral Foundation*  
**See Order of Service**

**December/January Magazine** is available – £1.00.  
**Church Times** is available from the Minster Office £2.40  
**The Bridge Newspaper** is at the back of church.

**Lectio Divina** 11.45am on Tuesdays in the small hall  
**Sponsorship of church flowers** – Forms are available at the back of church. £25.00 buys one arrangement.  
**Bell Quarter Peal** – Forms are available at the back of church (minimum donation £25.00)  
**Food Bank** – All donations, including CASH, are very gratefully received.  
**For Mass Intentions, Visiting the sick** (including Anointing) & **Confession**, please speak to *Father Andrew*.  
**The Book: 'Consumed by Fire'** – by *Brian Lancaster* is available from Ruth Dixon – Priced £4.50.

The text of Fr Andrew's sermons are posted at his blog <https://canonandrewb.blogspot.com/>

**Appeal for the Peal** We need to raise £26,000 to service and update our bells – which have had no substantial work since 1936! You can make online donations to the appeal via the Minster website. So far we have raised over £5000.00.

**Recommended Book for Advent** – A good practice for the season of Advent is to have a source of reflection to feed our spiritual lives. I would like to recommend a book by Bishop Peter Price (former Bishop of Kingston & Bath & Wells) "A Shaking Reality: Daily Reflections for Advent" (DLT) prices £8-9. I hope it feeds you and gives you a blessed Advent. *Fr Andrew*

**Tomorrow, Monday 3 December – Interfaith Seasonal Dinner** in the church hall will run from 6:30 to 8:30pm including Noah's Pudding. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church for those who want to come. No charge, but an opportunity for donations to charity on the night.

**Tuesday 4 December 6.30pm** – The Bishop of Croydon will license Fr Andrew as *Priest-in-Charge of Croydon, St Andrew & also Fr Gareth as Assistant Curate of the Minster*. This will take place at St Andrew's Church, Southbridge Road – all welcome.

**Advent Study Group – Thursdays at 7.30pm** at Fr Alan & Rachel Bayes' home (36 Haling Park Road). Theme: Discipleship.

**Friday 7 December 1.10pm – Lunchtime Recital.** The last in this series will be a 'Venice Chamber Recital' by Students from Trinity School. Free admission. Donations requested.

**Saturday 8 December – 10.30am** Help with erecting & decorating the Christmas Trees would be much appreciated.

**Saturday 8 December 11-3 Quiet@St Mary's** Beddington Park who offer a regular space to be still and pray to which all are welcome, including aid to relaxation, quiet and mindfulness, including an opportunity to walk a labyrinth.

**Saturday 8 December – Croydon Churches Floating Shelter** Carol Singing will take place this year from 10am to 5pm in Whitgift Centre square.

**Next Sunday 9 December 10.00am – Toy Service.** We would be grateful for new toys (not Christmas wrapped) or toiletries or boxes of Christmas Fayre which will be given to families who otherwise might get nothing else for Christmas. *Many thanks*

**Sunday 16 December 6.30pm** – Town Carol Service

**Sunday 23 December 6.30pm – Carols by Candlelight with the Salvation Army Band.** Tickets £10.00 available from the Minster Office.

**Croydon Churches Floating Shelter** – with the help of our friends from St George's & 6<sup>th</sup> Form pupils from both Old Palace School & Whitgift School we will take part in this project again this winter. We will cover Sunday evenings/Monday mornings 17 February – 24 March 2019. There is a Rota in the North Cross Aisle for you to sign up if you are able to assist in any way. Further details are available from the Minster Office. *Many thanks, Denise Mead*

**Head's Up** there will be an Intercessor's workshop on a Saturday morning in mid-January with Fr John Ackland.

**Whitgift Minster Choral Society** reconvenes on Tuesday 15 January 2019 at 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Whitgift School's Concert Hall to sing Handel's Messiah on Saturday 23 March 2019 here in the Minster. If you wish to take part please contact Ronny on 020 8688 9222 ext 2147 or email [rjk@whitgift.co.uk](mailto:rjk@whitgift.co.uk)

**GULLY CLEARING KIT:** particularly for the North side of the church (car park side) where the gullies get full of leaves and debris. Could you spare 10 minutes to clear them? There is a box in the flower arrangers' corner which contains bags, gloves, broom etc., so all you need is yourself...and maybe a friend to help! This will help keep the drains clear and prevent flooding. *Pamela*

**Calendars for 2019** Just £6.50 each or 2 for £12.00, would make lovely Christmas gifts for friends and family. Sign up in the Narthex to reserve yours.

**Singing of the Agnus Dei** during The Administration of Holy Communion In Advent the Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God) will be sung after the Invitation to Holy Communion and not before it. The reason is twofold: first, it enables the service to flow more freely because the administration of communion will begin whilst the choir sings; and, secondly, it will give us all a chance to be reminded that the Agnus Dei is a devotional text to aid our prayer as we come to receive the Lamb of God in the Sacrament. This means that the congregation starts to receive Holy Communion at the altar, but that flow will be paused when the choir comes to the rail after the Agnus Dei. The choir receives Communion and then the remaining people receive. This sounds more complicated than it is! Please allow the sides persons to direct you. *Fr Andrew*

**Help wanted** with a Student's Dissertation on Spirituality. Full details available from the Minster Office or contact [Transpersonalexp@outlook.com](mailto:Transpersonalexp@outlook.com) for more detail and the questionnaire.