

## CALENDAR

### Sunday 23rd December

**NO** Pram Service

**9.00am** Said Eucharist

**10.30am** Parish Eucharist

**12 noon** Christmas Flower Arranging

**6.30pm** Service of Lessons and Carols

### Monday 24th December

**12 noon** Christingle making

**2.30pm** Nativity dress Rehearsal

**4.00pm** Christingle Service

**11.30pm** Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

**10.30am** Christmas Festival Eucharist

### Thursday 27th December

No weekday Eucharist

### Sunday 30th December

**NO** Pram Service

**9.00am** Said Eucharist

**10.30am** Parish Eucharist

**6.30pm** Evening Prayer

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Today 6.30pm

### **Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols**

*followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies*

Monday 24 December

Christmas Eve 4pm

### **Christingle Service** *lively family nativity service*

Monday 24 December

Christmas Eve 11.30pm

### **Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day 10.30am

### **Festival Eucharist**

## Please pray for

Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Albert Bell, Sara Carter, Ruby Mitchell, Enzo Saunt, Bernard Maciejko, Jane Taylor and Mike Lovick

## NOTICES

**Theology Uncorked** will meet again on 15th January when Rachel will lead us with 10 Questions, come and find out what they are! 7.30pm onwards



**Robes Nightshelter**, We are now recruiting volunteers for here on Saturday evening and at Ace of Clubs on a Tuesday evening starting 26th January. Volunteer forms at back of church or email [claphamrobes@gmail.com](mailto:claphamrobes@gmail.com) for more info. We are particularly looking for overnight and morning volunteers as well as a Team Leader.

**Book Group** Our next meeting is on Monday 14th January at Jane's house - 45 Lessar Avenue. We will be discussing *The Lie of the Land* by Amanda Craig which has extremely good reviews.



**Friday 11th January Doors open 7.30**

**Tables of up to 8, come as a group or buy an individual ticket and we will find you a table. Mixed age tables may be an advantage! cost £10 a head or £5 child/concessions to include a delicious supper (vegetarian option too) Pay Bar Tickets from Church office or Paula Wilson**

## Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.  
Bless your church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.  
Amen



## Our BIGGEST Service of the Year **CHRISTINGLE** (the unsafe kind)

Fire! Sugar! Children! HELP!

Monday 24th Dec service at 4pm,  
we meet from 12 noon to make Christingles,  
rehearse and "herd" the child stars for the Nativity.  
2.30pm dress rehearsal.

Please speak to Sara or Ruth if you can help and if your child would like to take part.





## Welcoming Church Clapham

A safe, sacred space of welcome and reflection particularly for those who have felt excluded  
**Sundays, 6:30pm - refreshments afterwards**

**20 January 2019:** St Paul's Clapham, Rectory Grove, SW4 0DX

**17 February 2019:** Church of the Holy Spirit, Narbonne Avenue, SW4 9JU

**17 March 2019:** Church of the Holy Spirit, Narbonne Avenue, SW4 9JU

**19 May 2019:** Church of the Holy Spirit, Narbonne Avenue, SW4 9JU

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**Sunday 23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### WELCOME

Sunday School (from Reception age upwards) during term time & crèche all year round. For LARGE print hymn & service books ask the sidespeople. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid.

### JOIN IN

Please come to the Lord's table: whether or not you are used to receiving communion. We gather as members of God's family to receive bread & wine or a blessing.

**Please stay for a drink & a chat after the service**

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### READINGS

**Micah 5: 2-5a** Israel, a little nation, is barely surviving the military ambitions of her larger, mightier neighbours. Yet God promises that from the littlest town of this littlest of nations he will bring forth a ruler who will be mightier than all of these and yet will not come with a great army but with peace.

**Luke 1: 39-55** In the story of the visitation God again reverses human order and upsets human expectations: Here Elizabeth: older, married, of higher social and religious status should take precedence over Mary who is not only younger, unmarried & of lower status but has brought shame and disgrace upon her family. Yet Elizabeth gives precedence to Mary, acknowledging that God has favoured her; choosing the littlest and lowliest to make himself most fully known. In response to Elizabeth's greeting Mary sings the Magnificat: a hymn to the divine disruption of human hierarchy and expectation. A song of trust in the divine promise of justice, mercy and a new way of being human.

Hymns:

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