

Christmas Services and Events at Church of the Holy Spirit



Sunday 4, 11 and 18 December 6.30pm
Evening Prayer - Advent Reflections
Half an hour of calm in the countdown to Christmas

Sunday 11 December 4pm
Carols by Candlelight
ideal for all ages

Thursday 15 December 6pm
Carol Singing in the Village
*meet at the church, invite all your local friends,
sing on Abbeville Road with some of the traders*

Sunday 18 December 6.30pm
Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols
followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve 4pm
Christingle Service
Lively family nativity service

Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve 11.30pm
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10.30am
Christmas Festival Eucharist

Calling all Elves!



We need HELP to:

- * Deliver our Christmas services flyers,
- * Welcome visitors at our Carol Services,
- * Help at Youth and Silver Socials Christmas Party
- * Make mulled wine
- * Volunteer, young and old, to come and make Christingles on Christmas Eve morning,
- * Move chairs
- * Sing Carols

**Please speak to Ruth,
Helen or Sara**

Holy Spirit



Sunday 4th December Second Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

Welcome to Holy Spirit. We have Sunday School for children from Reception age upwards during term time & a 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 ALL COME to the Lord's table: whether or not you are used to receiving communion. We all 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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THANK YOU!

READINGS

Advent is a time of waiting, of hoping, of expectation. In our readings we hear of the hopes of God's people through the words of Isaiah and John the Baptist. Both hope for the day when the kingdom will come and God will be present with us. They both hope for a time of justice and peace:

Isaiah 11:1-10 imagines a world where there will be equity for the meek and justice for the poor a a world of harmony where the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. He imagines that this world requires judgment; for the wicked to be killed with the breath of God's lips.

Matthew 3:1-12 John also expects a kingdom that will bring justice; a time when those who do not bear good fruit are cut down. He hopes for a God coming with fire who will have a winnowing fork in his hands to separate the wheat from the chaff, the good from the bad.

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Hymns: 392 32 75 26 (v1&2) 41

CALENDAR

Today

9.00am Said Eucharist
10.30am Parish Eucharist
& Baptism
6.30pm Advent reflections

Mon 5th December

9.00am Morning Prayer

Tues 6th December

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Molies
10.30am-12.00pm Silver Socials
6.00pm Guides Carol Service

Weds 7th December

9.00am Morning Prayer
12.00pm Silver Socials singing at
Charleston House

Thurs 8th December

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
followed by simple lunch
7.30pm Knitting Group
7.45pm PCC meeting

Friday 9th December

5.30pm Children's Christmas Party

Sun 11th December

9.00am Said Eucharist
10.30am Parish Eucharist
4.00pm Carols by Candlelight
6.30pm Advent reflections

Prayer around the Advent Wreath

We sing the first 2 verses of the hymn of the
Advent wreath:

Advent candles tell their story

**as we watch and pray;
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness on that Day.**

**Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self denying,
calling all to hear.**

**Through their message-challenged, shaken-
hearts awoken: God is near!**

Advent Prayer

Blessed are you God our Father you give us more
than we can hope for

To be you be praise and glory forever

Though we wander far from you and busy our-
selves with the cares of the world

You promise to search us out and make your home with us

Like the prophets before us we long for justice
and yearn for peace

but look for peace in all the wrong places and listen for justice from all the wrong lips

Give us eyes to see and ears to hear
**the voice of one calling us into the wilder-
ness to prepare the way for our God**

That wherever he comes, wherever he comes,
**He may find us there, ready to make our
home with him: Emmanuel, God with us**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be God for ever

Please pray for:

Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Terry Tait, Tim Grisdale, Nick Lynch, Cassie Williams,
Charles Donoghue, Anthony Walker, Sara Carter, Harry Rich, Lynford Esterine, Jean Boxill,
Jean Day, Aude Bonnetain and Molly Price Owen.

Welcome to Freddie, Reuben and Oliver and their families and friends who are with them for
their baptism today.

Notices

Sarah Miles would like to thank all those who sponsored her for the Robes sleepout
last Friday, it was a chilly night. It is not too late to sponsor her ,
or indeed to volunteer to help with the nightshelters running in
Clapham for more information see <http://www.robos.org.uk/>,
email claphamrobos@gmail.com or speak to Sarah Miles.



Knitting Group next meet to click their needles on 8th December, 7.30pm at 13
Chelsham Road, all welcome to chat and craft.

Christmas Flowers Judith Vickery is now happy to receive dona-
tions towards the cost of the Christmas flowers. Karen and Judith
will go to the flower market on Friday 23rd December and be back
by 10am to decorate the church. Please do come and join us, we'll be there until about
1pm. No experience needed and guidance given.



Book Club meet next on 12th December at 17 Elms Road to drink wine, eat mince
pies and talk about Do no Harm by Henry Marsh. Do come and join us.

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make a small contribution to our church at no extra cost to yourself visit [http://
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Chairs we now have permission from the Diocese to replace our congrega-
tional chairs, the new ones will be arriving in January. Most of the current
ones will be sold, all money going towards funding the new chairs, if you
wish to purchase one please contact the church office, they will be £30 each
and **sold** as seen, come and choose the ones you want. Available from Sun-
day 15th January (NB any with labels on such as wardens will be sold separately)
20th December 10.30am **Silver Socials Christmas party** put it in your diary more
info to follow



Youth Christmas Party

9th December 5.30pm in church, open to all aged 4-16, fun
and games, wear your Christmas jumper, bring and share
tea. Pick up an invite!