

CALENDAR

Sunday 9th December

- 8.00am Pram Service
- 9.00am Said Eucharist
- 10.30am Parish Eucharist
- 3.00pm Children's Choir
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Monday 10th December

- 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 11th December

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Holy Molies
- 10.30am Silver Socials
- 12 noon Silvers Christmas Party
- 6.15pm Guides and Brownies Carol Concert

Wednesday 12th December

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 7.30pm Standing Committee meeting

Thursday 13th December

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist followed by simple lunch
- 7.30pm Knitting Group

Friday 14th December

- 9.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 16th December

- 8.00am Pram Service
- 9.00am Said Eucharist
- 10.30am Parish Eucharist
- 3.00pm Children's Choir
- 4.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Please pray for

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 16 December 4pm
Carols by Candlelight
ideal for all ages

Sunday 23 December 6.30pm
Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols
followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

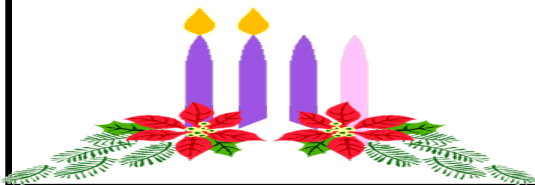
Monday 24 December Christmas Eve 4pm
Christingle Service
lively family nativity service

Monday 24 December Christmas Eve
11.30pm
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10.30am
Christmas Festival Eucharist

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring
peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love
Amen



NOTICES

Today we welcome The Venerable Simon Gates, our Archdeacon, who will be taking both the 9am and 10.30am services.

A big **Thank You** to all who helped and came to the Christmas Fair last week, it was a great day and many helped tirelessly to make it all happen.

Robes Nightshelter , new logo, new season. We shall be hosting here and at Ace of Clubs after Christmas. Volunteer forms out soon. We are particularly looking for overnight and morning volunteers as well as a Team Leader.

Knitting Group Thursday December 13th - 19 Rodenhurst Road from 7.30pm

Children's Choir will meet today and next week from 3-4pm. Open to all aged under 6, fun, songs, snacks for adults and children, getting ready to sing at the Community Carol Service on 16th December

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

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 if you can help and if your child would like to take part.

SILVER SOCIALS CHRISTMAS PARTY

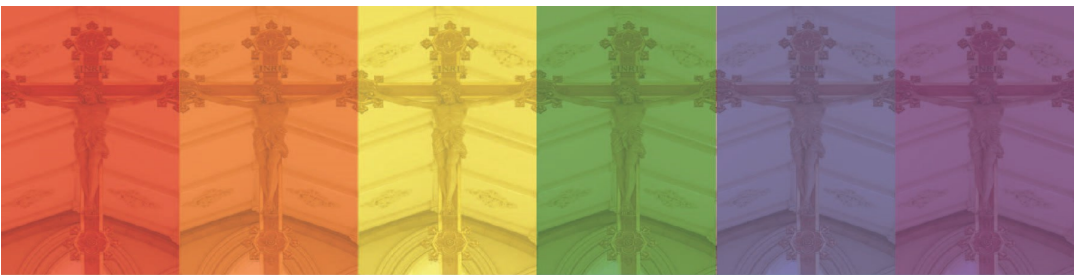
Tuesday 11th December 2018

Join us for

Coffee, cake, music and games from 10.30am

Christmas lunch from 12 noon





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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Holy Spirit



Sunday 9th December Second 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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THANK YOU!

READINGS

Malachi 3.1-4 In those days, roads tended to be marginal, so a king would send people ahead to smooth the path before him—to fill in potholes and to remove rocks and other obstructions. In like manner, the Lord is sending a messenger to prepare his way so that he might come to his temple. However, the preparation for the Lord's coming will be spiritual rather than physical. The people need to repent of their sins.

Luke 3:1-6 The promise of a return to God found in Baruch and Isaiah is retold by John the Baptist. The time when God will lower the high and mighty and raise the lowly will start in the wilderness. To see this time we are called to "metanoia" translated as "repent" but literally to turn round; to change direction, to direct our lives towards God's kingdom.

Hymns: 810 36 45 41