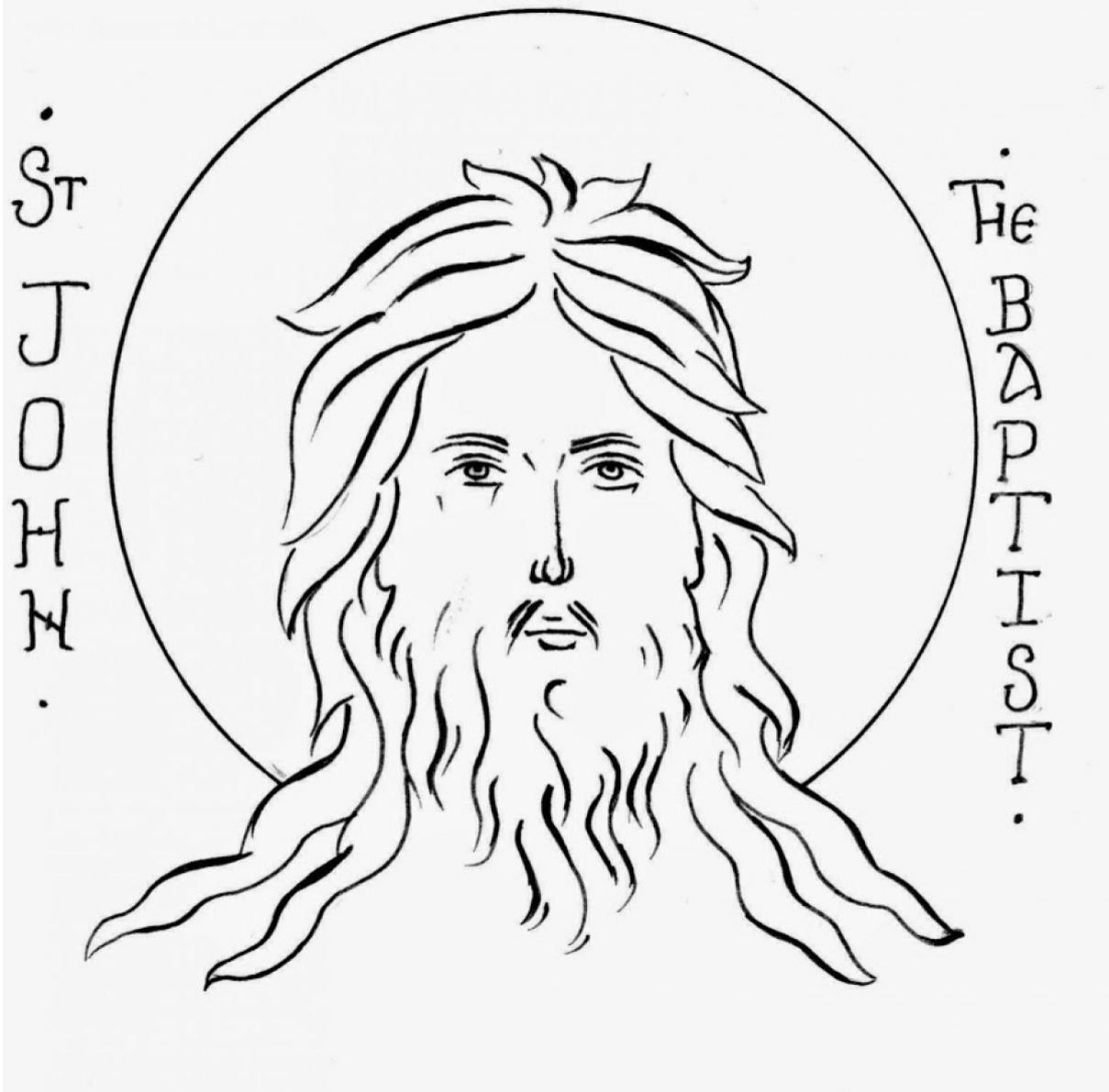




ST JOHN THE
EVANGELIST
UPPER NORWOOD



High Mass
The Third Sunday of Advent

GAUDETE SUNDAY
13th December 2020 10am

The Gathering

The Organ plays as the sacred ministers and altar party enter

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

The president introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

We are invited to confess our sins

A voice cries out in the wilderness,

‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’

So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

The third candle on the Advent wreath is lit.

The president says the absolution

Almighty God,

who in Jesus Christ has given us

a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,

forgive us our sins,

open our eyes to God’s truth,

strengthen us to do God’s will

and give us the joy of his kingdom,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then sings

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

We SIT for the readings.

read by David Simmons

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,

the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-end

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The choir sings Psalm 126

The Lord hath done great things for us.

Tone 4 vi

The Lord hath done great things for us.

- 1 When the Lord turned again the captivi-ty of Si-on :
then were we like unto them that dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laugh-ter :
and our tongue with joy.
- 3 Then said they a-mong the hea-then :
The Lord hath done great things for them.
- 4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us al-rea-dy :
whereof we re-joice.
- 5 Turn our captivi-ty, O Lord :
as the rivers in the south.
- 6 They that sow in tears :
shall reap in joy.
- 7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, | and beareth forth
good seed :
shall doubtless come again with joy, | and bring his sheaves
with him.

The Lord hath done great things for us.

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

read by Margaret Stephens

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

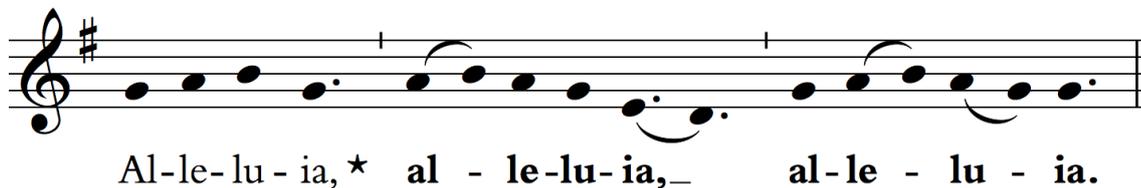
1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24

This is the word of the Lord.

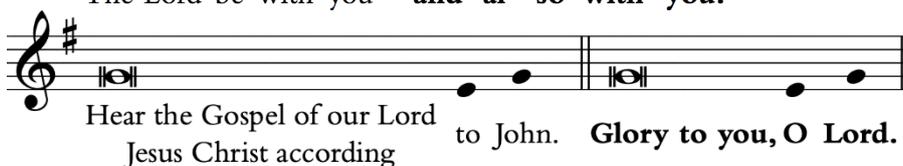
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

The choir sing



Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the sal-va-tion of God. **Alleluia, alleluia,**
alleluia.



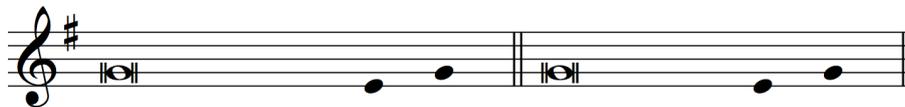
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.'

'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

John 1. 6-8, 19-28



This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Tim Brunt

Ordinand on placement

We SIT. The sermon is followed by an organ reflection.

'Nun komm der Heiden Heiland'

Now come, Saviour of the heathen

Andreas Kneller (1649-1724)

We STAND.

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine



**O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
that into exile drear is gone
far from the face of God's dear Son.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw
the quarry from the lion's claw;
from the dread caverns of the grave,
from nether hell, thy people save.**

**O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.**

**O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;**

**safeguard for us the heav'nward road,
and bar the way to death's abode.**

**O come, O come, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty
from that high mountain clothed with awe
gavest thy folk the elder law.**

'Veni Emmanuel'

Melody from 15th century French Franciscan Processional

*words 18th century,
translated T. A. Lacey*

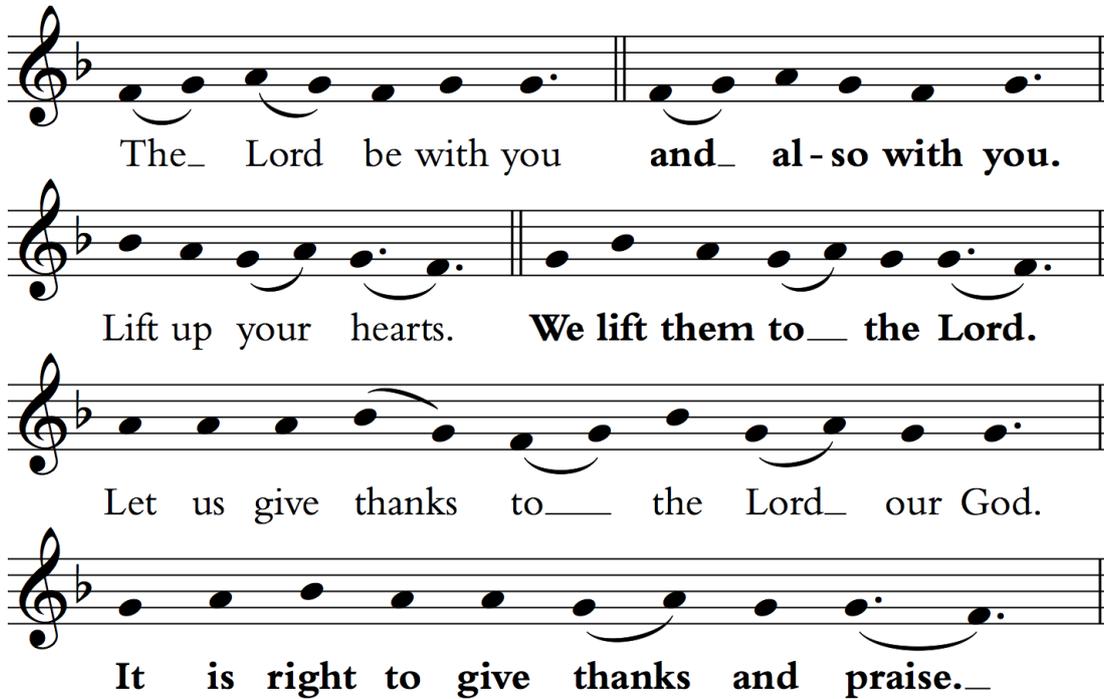
The following prayers are said

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his church.**

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The_ Lord be with you and_ al- so with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to_ the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to_ the Lord_ our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise._

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sing the Sanctus and Benedictus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus

Dominus Deus Sabaoth

*Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua
glory.*

Osanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might, .

heaven and earth are full of your

Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit

Blessed is he who comes

*In nomine Domini
Hosanna in excelsis*

*in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

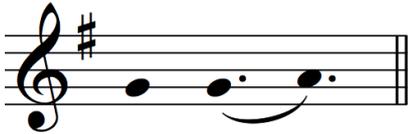
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Our Lady Mary, John the Evangelist,
Alban the Martyr and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.



A- men.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**
The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. Amen

The choir sing the Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The choir sings

This is the record of John

This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,
I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not.
Art thou the prophet?
And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.

John 1. 19-23

Orlando Gibbons 1583 - 1625

Prayer after Communion

We STAND

We give you thanks, O Lord,
for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;

who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Amen.

Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies

to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices may be given and Banns of Marriage read.

The Sending Out

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

May God himself, the God of peace,

make you perfect and holy,

and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,

for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

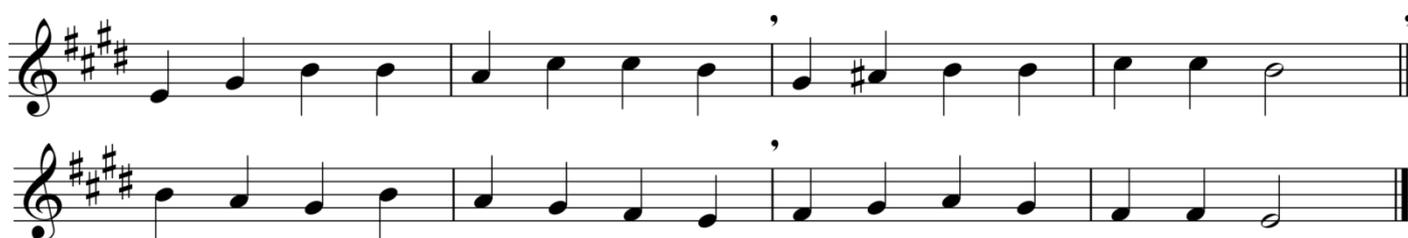
The deacon says

As we await our coming Saviour,

go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Vox clara ecce intonat

**Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'**

**Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;**

**So when next he comes in glory,
And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender**

On the clouds of heaven appear.

**Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.**

From the Latin
Tr E Caswall 1814-78

Merton
WH Monk 1823-89

*We remain **STANDING***

Devotions after Mass

A&M 85



**The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady.'**

Gloria!

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
You shall bring forth a son and call his name Jesus.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,

so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Organ Voluntary

'O come, O come Emmanuel'

Kenneth Leighton 1929-88

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER DIARY

Christopher our Bishop; Justin our Archbishop; Jonathan, Bishop of Croydon

Those we have been asked to pray for

Donovan Donaldson, Liz Woodhouse, Pat Parker, Nathan Tulip,
Celeste Prinsloo, Roy Rae, Robbie Middleton, Christopher Love,
David Ogundeji, Lorna Gautier, David Maitland, Simon Gabe,
Michael Hale, Vinnette & Mike Melbourne, Michael Cooper, Adam Phillips,
Peter Bibby, Janet Kempson, Philippa Pearce, Alison O'Melia, Julie Loh, Ann
Newman, Naomi Ioannou, Alan Driedger, June McCallum, Carmen Alveraz,
Paul Allen, and Poh Wong

Those known to us recently departed

Neville Prinsloo and Terry Paxton

Past priests, benefactors, friends, and all whose year's mind occurs this week

Edward Bradley, Gwyneth Barber, Sarah Arkell, Ada Winstone,
Louisa Chapman, Mary Turner, Henry Williams, Henry Buckland,
Eleanor Maguire, John Sowersby, Margaret Kingdon, Auriol Horsley,
Florence Caley, Kate Denny, John Nankivell, Randall Sweeting, Beatrice
Miller.

NOTICES

APCM: this will be rescheduled and a new date will be circulated in due course

Advent Course, Wednesdays from 2 December, 7pm: this year's Advent Course will continue on Zoom on 16 and 23 December at 7pm. The theme will be "hope", following our Black Lives Matter theme. We find it difficult to talk about race because it is so firmly embedded in our western, European culture. In our Advent course we will look at some of the issues, in the hope we will all be able to better understand each other. What is race? Is there such a thing? What does the Bible say about it and about slavery?

Christmas events: please see the website for details of Christmas events. You will need to pre-book for these events and numbers will be strictly limited in order to comply with Covid-19 regulations.

Christmas Day social on Zoom: Mindful that some of our congregation will be alone for Christmas this year, we are planning to hold a get-together at 3.15pm on Zoom hosted by Fr John. If you would like to be involved, please email sjunoffice@gmail.com to receive the link.

Foodbank: This month, as well as the usual donations, we are particularly asking for supplies of pet food

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday

6pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Tuesday

3.30pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Wednesday

10am Low Mass (*on Zoom*)

7pm ADVENT COURSE (*on Zoom*)

Saturday

10am Low Mass (*on Zoom*)

Next Sunday, 20th December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

10am Parish Mass **in person and Facebook**

3pm Carol Service

6pm Carol Service

*For an invitation to the Christian Meditation, contact Fr Tom
(hurcomt@aol.com).*

An invitation to the Low Mass on Wednesday and Saturday will be circulated to all those who receive the parish email on the afternoon of the day before. If you do not receive it, please contact sjunoffice@gmail.com.

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