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St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry



# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

30<sup>th</sup> November 2025



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## Hymns:

- ♪ Processional-  
The Advent Antiphon (below)
- ♪ Gradual- 566
- ♪ Offertory- 295
- ♪ Communion- 333  
- Sleepers, wake! JS Bach
- ♪ Recessional- 98
- ♪ Voluntary- Wachet Auf!  
JS Bach

## Advent Prose

**Drop down, ye heavens,  
from above,  
and let the skies  
pour down righteousness.**

## Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of  
the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain  
of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth  
instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from  
Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the  
nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into  
ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against  
nation,  
neither shall they learn war any  
more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the LORD!

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalms 122

### Refrain:

I WAS glad when they said unto me:  
**We will go into the house of  
the Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> I WAS glad when they said unto  
me: We will go into the house of  
the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O  
Jerusalem. **R**

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at  
unity in itself.

<sup>4</sup> For thither the tribes go up, even  
the tribes of the Lord: to testify  
unto Israel, to give thanks unto the  
Name of the Lord. **R**

<sup>5</sup> For there is the seat of judgement:  
even the seat of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup> O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
they shall prosper that love thee. **R**

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within thy walls: and  
plenteousness within thy palaces.

<sup>8</sup> For my brethren and companions'  
sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.

<sup>9</sup> Yea, because of the house of the  
Lord our God: I will seek to do  
thee good. **R**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Romans 13.11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul  
to the Romans.

<sup>11</sup> Brothers and sisters,  
you know what time it is,  
how it is now the moment for you  
to wake from sleep.

For salvation is nearer to us now  
than when we became believers;

<sup>12</sup> the night is far gone,  
the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of  
darkness

and put on the armour of light;

<sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the  
day,  
not in revelling and drunkenness,  
not in debauchery and  
licentiousness,  
not in quarrelling and jealousy.

<sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus  
Christ, and make no provision for  
the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel: Matthew 24.36-44

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

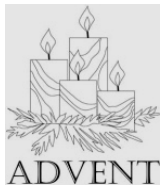
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to St Luke.

**Glory to you O, Lord.**

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

<sup>36</sup> 'About that day and hour no one  
knows, neither the angels of heaven,  
nor the Son, but only the Father.

<sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so  
will be the coming of the Son of  
Man.



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<sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark,

<sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

<sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.

<sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

<sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

<sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

<sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Notices

**A new Advent course** is now available on the Church YouTube page, explaining the different parts of our service.

We'll also be following it on Wednesdays after Mass.

**On the Church Facebook page** there will be daily images from 'The Jesse Tree'

## Community Carol Service

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, 4pm. All donations of new toys welcome.

## Our headteacher, Mrs Derham

will be moving on to a new school at Christmas. Donations towards a leaving present can be given to Rev'd Peter.

## Peace of Cake Sat 6<sup>th</sup> December,

11am- 1pm St Laurence's Catford. Members of all faiths & none gathering to demonstrate that Lewisham communities are good neighbours.

Bring some cake to share, tea & coffee provided.

Also that day:

**St Barnabas' fair** from 2pm

The **red chair** in church is a reminder of victims of gender based violence.

## Prayers

For healing and protection for: Blessing, Barry Langridge, Eric, Carolyn Lindo, Joshua, Annie, Dwayne, Beverley, Glyn, Drew Spikes, Ruth Bennett, Bilki, Marcel, Leila, Theresa, Valerie Stevenson, Trishia Reed.

For those departed this life, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time, including Gregg Bear, Lillian Williamson, Ann Porter.

## Church Diary

### Prayer Chapel open:

Weekdays- 7.30am-5.30pm

Weekends- 9.30am-5.30pm

### The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (30<sup>th</sup>)

10.30am Sung Mass

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Charles de Foucauld, religious, 1858

7.30pm Morning Prayer (MP)

5pm Evensong (ES)

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

7.30am MP. 8.30am Said Mass

2pm School Christingle service.

5pm ES.

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Francis Xavier, missionary, 1506

7.30am MP. 10am Said Mass with

Advent course. No ES.

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Nicholas Ferrar, religious, 1592

7.30am MP. 5pm ES.

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

No MP. 1pm 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Club

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (7<sup>th</sup>)

10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church & Youth Church.

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