



St Matthew's Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 23rd December 2018

Welcome to St Matthew's, which is part of the Wimbledon Team Ministry in the Diocese of Southwark, Church of England. Our services today are:

8am Said Mass; and 9.30am Sung Mass

At the 9.30 service, children are welcome to use the crèche (0-2), or join a group. Pebbles (3-5 yrs) meets in the main room in hall; older children (6-11 yrs) go to the second room in the hall.

Opening Voluntary

Prière à Notre-Dame (from Suite Gothique)

Léon Boëllmann (1862 – 1897)

Processional Hymn

NEH 501 *Advent Prose*

The Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading

Micah 5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80.1-8

R. Turn us again, show us the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your strength
and come and help us. **R.**

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R.**

Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,
and upon the son of man, whom you made so strong for yourself.
And so we will not go back from you;
give us life, and we shall call upon your name. **R**

Second Reading

Hebrews 10.5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God” (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’ When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.

The Gospel

Luke 1.39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’

Offertory Hymn

HON 516 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

1 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!

2 'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee.
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said.
'My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name.'
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn;
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

Communion Antiphon

The virgin is with child and shall bear a Son:
and she will call him Emmanuel.

Communion Motet

I sing of a maiden
Lennox Berkeley

Communion Hymn
NEP 601 *A Maiden most gentle*

1 A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King
Ave, ave, ave Maria;
Ave, ave, ave Maria.

2 How blest is the birth of that heavenly Child,
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild
Ave, ave, ave Maria.

3 The Archangel Gabriel foretold by his call
The Lord of Creation, and Saviour of all.
Ave, ave, ave Maria

4 Three Kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare
And marvelled in awe at the Babe in her care.
Ave, ave, ave Maria.

5 Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray;
Sing praise to the Saviour, sing endless Ave:
Ave, ave, ave Maria;
Ave, ave, ave Maria.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Final Hymn
NEH 186 *Tell out my soul*

News and Notices

MASS AT CHRISTMAS Have you planned where you will be receiving Holy Communion, the Eucharist, the body and blood of Christ on Christmas Day...? At St Matthew's there are three opportunities: Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve (11.30pm), and the 8am and 9.30am services on Christmas Day. If you are away with family, then plug the postcode into www.achurchnearyou.com and you will find your nearest church. Do ensure you have factored Jesus into your plans on His birthday!

VASO DI FIORI The traditional, and somewhat infamous, Flower Jar has exited the cupboard and is very hungry for your money! Please donate for Christmas flowers.

CHRISTMAS PERIOD Please note that there will be no Wednesday 10am mass on Boxing Day, or morning prayer on 27 and 28th.

PEACE SERVICE There will be a Service for Peace on New Year's Day, 1st Jan, at 7.30pm at St John Fisher church, Cannon Hill Lane. All are invited

EASTER BAPTISMS It is not too early to think about Easter, surely! There will be baptisms at the 0930 on Easter Day, 21st April. If you have a child/adult in mind, then please let me know at your leisure!

Wimbledon Team Ministry



WEEKLY SERVICES IN THE TEAM

Monday	Daily Prayer		St Mary's 8.45am
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am	St Mary's 8.45am
Wednesday	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am St Matthew's 10am	St Mary's 8.45am St Mark's 1.00pm St Mary's 5.00pm
Thursday	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am St Mary's 10.30am	St Mary's 8.45am St Mary's 5.00pm
Friday	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am	St Mary's 8.45am St Mary's 5.00pm
Saturday	Morning Prayer		St Mary's 12noon

PARISH NEWS

TEAM PRAYERS at St John's on Thursday 3 January at 12.30pm.

'THE HIDING PLACE', ST MARK'S WIMBLEDON 26TH JANUARY: This is a production by the Lantern Theatre Company, a small, but intensely lively and accomplished group of players. The play depicts the actions of Corrie ten Boom in Holland during the 2nd World War; its courage and its consequences.

Ticket will be on sale after Christmas. Enquiries Nick Wolff c/o St Mark's.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Monday 24 December until Thursday 3 January

Please email news items by Wednesday each week to
parish.office@stmaryswimbledon.org
The Parish Office, Fellowship House, 30 St Mary's Road, SW19 7BP. Tel: 0208 946
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Services and Events during the Week

Monday Christmas Eve
 4.00pm Christingle and Nativity Service
 11.30pm First Mass of Christmas

Tuesday Christmas Day
 8.00am Said Mass
 9.30am All Age Festal Mass

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Next Sunday

First Sunday of Christmas

Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-end