

## NOTICES

Please take this copy of the Bulletin home with you and go through it carefully. If you can take another copy to pass on to a friend or neighbour, so much the better. Thank you.

### Christmas Fayre

A big thank you to all who helped to plan and run this event and to those who supported it.

### Christmas Tree Festival

Thank you to all who organised, assisted with, presented trees and all who attended the Songs of Praises and the church throughout week.

### Counters Wanted

If anyone can help count the Xmas Tree Money on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am it would be greatly appreciated

### Advent Lectio Divina

There will be Lectio Divina following Mass at 1900hrs throughout Advent on Mondays starting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### Prayer Group

There will be a prayer group meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 20.00 at 9 Queensmead 5 Manor Road

If you would like notices adding to please let the parish office know via 01784 259093 or [office@smam.org.uk](mailto:office@smam.org.uk).

For visitors, envelopes with Gift Aid declarations are available so we can make your gift even more valuable.



Please ensure watch alarms and mobile phones are silenced.



Refreshments are served after Parish Mass in the Church Hall. Please stay to continue the fellowship.



Do take the news-sheet away with you for reference during the week. Please recycle your copy of the weekly news-sheet when you have finished with it



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9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

II<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

#### TODAY

08:00	Low Mass	SMAM
08:30	Low Mass	SMVS
09:30	Parish Mass	SMAM
11:00	Parish Mass	SMVS
18:30	Advent carol Service	SMVS

#### Monday

19:00	Low Mass	SMAM
	followed by Lectio Divina	

#### Tuesday

19:00	Low Mass	SMAM
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#### Wednesday

12:30	Low Mass	SMVS
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#### Thursday

10:00	Low Mass	SMAM
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#### Friday

19:00	Low Mass	SMVS
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#### Saturday

09:00	Rosary	SMAM
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#### Sunday

08:00	Low Mass	SMAM
08:30	Low Mass	SMVS
09:30	Parish Mass	SMAM
11:00	Parish Mass	SMVS
18:30	Solemn Evensong & Benediction	SMAM



#### WELCOME TO VISITORS

If you are visiting today, please do stay for refreshments (*served after the main mass in the hall*); we would be delighted to meet you. Baptised people who are communicant members of other churches are welcome to join us in communion at the Altar today. Everyone is welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing. For visitors, envelopes with Gift Aid declarations are available so we can make your gift even more valuable.

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**THE CHURCH:**

For Elizabeth our Queen  
 For Ordinands  
 For those who prepare our music

**OUR NATION & THE WORLD:**

For victims of War & natural disasters  
 For those who live in fear  
 For Foodbanks

**LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

For Health Care workers  
 For those with Mental Illnesses

For St James Apostolic District

**THE SICK:**

(SMVS): Peter Baker, Peter Belshaw, Betty Byng, Stephen Gamble, Evelyn Griffin, Alma MacMillan, Henry McGee, Sharron Moloney, Eileen Moys, Mervyn Moys, John Oweena, Anthony Owen, Elsie Rendell, Marge Taylor, Brian Williams, Amanda Worsley, Katherine Wood, Rebecca, Sophie, Tina.

(SMAM): June Beasley, Mary Haarer, John King, Pat Kyle, Emma Morgan, Paul Rayner, Bernice Ross, John Swaffield, Elaine Towner, Frederick Warr.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

(SMVS): Norman Taylor

(SMAM): Edward Day, Margaret Billet

**IN LOVING MEMORY:**

(SMVS): Shrian Oscar, Peter West, Vic Roberts, Jenny Solbett, Denis Watson.

(SMAM): Jean Reed - Deacon, Sybil Randall, Kathleen Trethowan, Chris Judkins

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**THE READINGS NEXT WEEK**

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**Zephaniah 3:14-18      Isaiah 12**  
**Philippians 4:4-7      Luke 3:10-18**

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**EVENSONG READINGS NEXT WEEK**

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**Psalm 50:1-6;(62)**  
**Isaiah 35**  
**Luke 1:57-66**

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**2019 Stewardship envelopes**

Named 2019 Stewardship envelopes are available for collection near the door at the back of the church.

**Advent IV (23/12/17)**

08:00 Low Mass	(St Matthew's)
08:30 Low Mass	(St Mary's)
09:30 Parish Mass	(St Matthew's)
11:00 Parish Mass	(St Mary's)
18:30 Nine Lessons & Carols	(St Matthew's)

**Christmas Eve (24/12/18)**

14:00 Family Crib Service	(St Mary's)
16:30 Family Crib Service	(St Matthew's)
18:30 Nine Lessons & Carols	(St Mary's)
23:30 Midnight Mass	(St Mary's)
23:30 Midnight Mass	(St Matthew's)

**Christmas Day (25/12/18)**

09:30 Family Mass	(St Matthew's)
11:00 Family Mass	(St Mary's)

**Holy Family (30/12/18)**

08:00 Low Mass	(St Matthew's)
08:30 Low Mass	(St Mary's)
09:30 Parish Mass	(St Matthew's)
11:00 Parish Mass	(St Mary's)

**The Epiphany (6/1/19)**

08:00 Low Mass	(St Matthew's)
08:30 Low Mass	(St Mary's)
09:30 Parish Mass	(St Matthew's)
11:00 Parish Mass	(St Mary's)
18:30 Solemn Evensong	(St Matthew's)

**Candlemass (3/2/19)**

08:00 Low Mass	(St Matthew's)
08:30 Low Mass	(St Mary's)
09:30 Family Mass & Christingle	(St Matthew's)
11:00 Family Mass & Christingle	(St Mary's)
18:30 Solemn Evensong	(St Matthew's)

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



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9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

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## LOW MASS

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Is 30: 19, 30**

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O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**COLLECT**

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Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9**

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*A Reading from the book of Baruch*  
Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the

ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 125 (126)**

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*What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

**SECOND READING: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11**

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*A reading from the epistle to the Philippians*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for

each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LK 3:4,6**

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Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6**

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In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**