

Clergy

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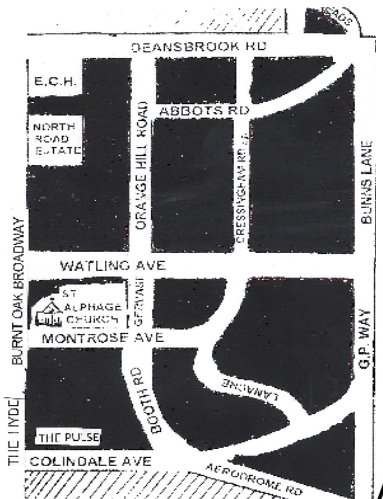
*Stewardship* **Angela Weston** 8458 5549

*Organist* **Rosemary Evans**



*'Adoration of the shepherds', by Gerard van Honthorst.*

**Parish of S Alphage, Burnt Oak**  
[Hendon] with  
**S Augustine, Grahame Park.**  
[www.stalphage.org](http://www.stalphage.org)



**Sundays**

**8am Holy Communion**

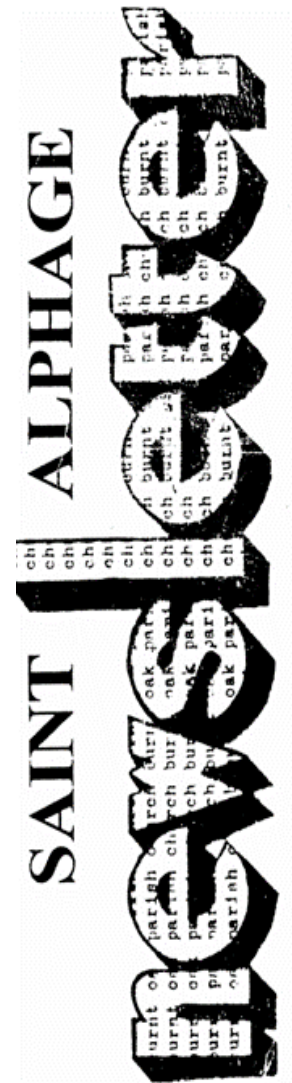
**11am Parish Mass**

**Baptism at parish mass**

Please let the clergy know about those who are sick or dying.

For appointments regarding anything else please call Lynn on 07507 235 445.

To hire the hall ring Maureen Stankiewicz  
**0208 930 5994**



**DECEMBER 2022**

# DECEMBER

4 Sun ADVENT 2

8 Thurs *Immaculate Conception BV Mary*  
**Mass 9.30am**



11 Sun ADVENT 3



18 Sun ADVENT 4

**Carols round the parish 6.15pm**

24 Sat **CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE 4pm**

Sat **FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS 9pm**

25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** Holy Communion 8am  
**FAMILY MASS 11am**

26 Mon St Stephen

27 Tue St John

28 Wed Holy Innocents

29 Tue St Thomas Becket, martyr



## WHAT'S ON

### Holy Communion Daily (Mass)

Monday	9.30am
Tuesday	9.30am
Wednesday	12 noon (St Augustines)
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	12 noon
Saturday	9.30am

**Confessions** By appointment with the vicar

**Sunday club** Sun 11am  
 Lynn Gilling - 07507 235 445  
 Nwando Ngoka, Emily Jones Dawson  
 Ann West

**Choir** Clive Swan  
 01923 269 036

**Flowers** Maureen Stankiewicz  
 02089305994

**Coffee** Wednesday 10:00-11.30am

**Morning** Len Thoroughgood

**Nursery** Hall Mon-Fri 9.15-12.15.  
 Loris Gurnah  
 0771 710 3730

### HALL HAPPENINGS

**Monday 4-8pm:** Emmense Dance Class. Children 4 years & over. Emma Mannion 07719 594 262

**Monday 8:30-9:30pm:** Zumba.  
 Natasha. 07817570477

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**Thursday 6.00 -7.30pm:** Martial Arts for  
 Children. Mehmet Memmet. 07958 367 311.

**Thursday 8pm-10.30:** Adult badminton. Bharat  
 Vyas. 07875 490 487.

**Friday 5pm-7pm** Emmense Dance Class.  
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## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Sarah Anne Wood, May Moore,  
John Leslie Mease, Tom Budd.
  - 2 Joan Whiteman.
  - 3 Leonard West, Alice Kirby.
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- 4 Thomas Robert Orwin.
  - 7 Elizabeth Newall, Jim McGlone.
  - 8 Margaret Mary Chisholme.
  - 9 Phyllis Matthews, Hazel Keene (2014).
  - 10 John Jefford, Gertrude Spencer.
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- 11 Penelope Jean Mortimer ,  
Valerie Baker
- 12 Louie Branch, John Mulvey.
- 14 Sarah Sheppard, Frederick Keene,  
Peter Edwards



- 15 Richard Wilding.
  - 16 Harriet Florence Vast.
  - 17 John Arthur Chisholme.
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- 18 Jack Lowdwell White.
  - 19 Harriet Robertson.
  - 20 Henry Charles Hathaway,  
Flossie Mills.
  - 22 Edith Jane Warne,
  - 24 Henry James Godbold,  
Leonard Lambeth,  
Arthur John Weston,  
Alfred Henry Lanchbery.
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- 25 Mary Chick.
- 26 Mary Ann Ellen Bruce,  
Mary Ella Fielder.
- 28 Henry Luke Somerville,  
Edith Almond (2014).
- 29 Isabel Marion Houghton,  
Evelyn Ethel Capenhurst,  
Joan Stockwell.
- 30 Ernest William Fitch.

## Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all who helped prepare our Christmas fair, and came along, a lovely time was had by all.

A great number of local families came and enjoyed the afternoon.

In total we raised £2121, a new record!



### Prize winners

Door hamper	87	Tim
Name the Bear	France	Tony
Raffle:		
Hamper	656	Julie Ann
Glasses	653	Sonia
Coffee machine	670	Billy Crosby
Cuddly Toy	489	Jessica
Baileys	700	Yvonne
Blender	154	Heather
Wine set	158	Maria
Childrens set	286	H Salim
Laughing moose	418	Lorraine

# Advent Wreath

## Darkness and Light

Advent candles readily demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light, which is an important biblical image. Jesus referred to himself as the "Light of the World" that dispels the darkness of sin: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

It also reminds us that, as Christians, we're meant to shine the light of Christ in this world. As Jesus tells us,

You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

**Shape, number and colour:** The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us—a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

**NUMBER:** The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Each candle represents 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the world's Saviour—from Adam and Eve to Jesus, whose birth was foretold in the Old Testament.

Some Advent wreath traditions also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity, that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. Many circular wreaths can incorporate a white candle by adding a pillar candle to the wreath centre.

**COLOR:** Violet is a liturgical colour that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent. Advent, also called "little Lent," is the season where we spiritually wait in our "darkness" with hopeful expectation for our promised redemption, just as the whole world did before Christ's birth, and just as the whole world does now as we eagerly await his promised return.

## THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudet* (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical colour that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.

The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### *Something's coming, something good ...*

as the musical "West Side Story" puts it. These weeks leading up to Christmas are called Advent – which means "coming".

We look forward: to the end of our world; to the Second Coming of Christ; and to our own destiny, the end of our life in this world. We look ahead with the prophets of Old Testament times to the coming of the Messiah.

We remember that the Christ who will come in glory at the end of time is the One who came so humbly and lovingly as Mary's child.

Christians use these weeks of Advent to prepare to celebrate and welcome his birth.

Yes, of course we are busy with all the shopping and card-sending of yule-tide. But Advent is also a time

- for **prayer**,
- for **meditating** on our Bible,
- for **penitence** and
- for **generosity** towards those in need. Christ identified himself with them when he entered our world and life in a manger.

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On Sundays in Advent, we shall be hearing

- **from the prophets** – especially Isaiah, who so closely predicted the sort of Messiah God would send his people.
- from the last of the prophets: **John the Baptist** with his call to repentance. And
- from S Luke's gospel which tells us so much about **Mary, created and chosen by God** to be mother of his only Son.

Be at mass each Sunday to join in our preparation for the Christmas festival.

### **Christmas Eve:**

#### **4pm Children's Crib Service**

Come and help us set up the Christmas crib.

We'll read the story and sing the carols.

Mums and Dads welcome

### **9pm First Mass of Christmas**

Join us for the first mass of Christmas and the blessing of the Crib

### **Christmas Day:**

**8 am Holy Communion**

**11am Mass & carols**