



# Welcome to St Mary's Church

*Following Christ, serving you*

## SUNDAY SERVICES 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

8.00am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

10:15am

**ALL SORTS PARISH  
COMMUNION**

**Anthem: Come Lord Jesus (Tarney)**

**Hymns: 31, 505, 578, 433**

6:00pm

**ADVENT SERVICE**

**Introit: Cantate Domino (Pitoni)**

**Hymns: 35, 24, 28, 29, 31**

**Organ voluntary: Hailstork Toccata  
on 'Veni Emmanuel'**

## ADVENT SUNDAY

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.

### First Reading – Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

## **Gospel Reading – Luke 21:25-36**

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

### **Post Communion Prayer**

○ Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Please pray for all preparing for baptism and marriage, those who are sick or in hospital, and those who have died, and all who mourn.**

# Church Diary

## NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

Monday 9:15am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:00am – Holy Communion

10:15am – Parish Communion

6:00pm – Evening Prayer

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

Malachi 3:1-4 | Philippians 1:3-11 | Luke 3:1-6

## Parish news and notices

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY Thursday 5, 12 and 19 December 8pm at the Rectory.** Join us as we reflect together on the significance of stars, light and the Advent theme of Emmanuel – God with us. Ginger wine will be served!

This is an invitation for you to join us for our **CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH at 12:30pm on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.** Please do ask others you know to join us for this event too as all are very welcome. The cost will be £12.00 per person. There is a 'sign up' sheet on the notice board in the Church OR you can contact Diana on: 020 8398 1184 to book a place or let us know any dietary requirements you may have (by Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December). We look forward very much to welcoming you then.

The next **BOOKBOX** will be held on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in the Community Hall.** Nicholas Allen, celebrated author of 'Jesus' Christmas Party' and 'The Queen's Knickers' will be joining us on his birthday! We are delighted to host Nicholas' birthday party! Nicholas' books are loved worldwide and we will have books to sign and sell – all make perfect Christmas gifts for children from 0-90+!

**BURNS NIGHT – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025.** We will be selling tickets for Burns Night from next **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December.** They will be available in church from Alison after the service, although if you want to reserve places, please email her [Alison.baverstock@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:Alison.baverstock@kingston.ac.uk). Tickets cost £25 each and tables will seat 8. Why not put together a table? The price includes a three-course meal, piper and traditional renderings. This is always a great evening. Do join us!