



# Newsletter and Notices

# Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 Third Sunday before Advent



**8am Morning Prayer, Broadcast by [Zoom](#)**

**10am Service of the Word, Broadcast by [Zoom](#)**

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

**1. Join with Zoom on your computer**

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.

Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, (Password **834900**).

**2. Join with Audio Zoom via phone**

a) Call **0131 460 1196**

b) Enter Meeting ID: **846 662 9590** followed by #

c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #

d) Enter Meeting Password: **834900** followed by #

*You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).*

Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-conference or communicate with one another.

**Collect for The Third Sunday before Advent**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**In these times when it's not feasible for the Junior Church to meet we've created a few children's resources for families to share together on Sundays –**

- There's a [printable sheet on our website](#) which offers a prayer and activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading from Matthew.
- You might also like to share in this week's Godly Story, 'The story of The Wedding Helpers', also from Matthew 25. 1-13. It's a fantastic visual version of the scriptures in age appropriate language, with wondering questions for families to talk about together. Find the video on YouTube [here](#).

**We've made some changes to our *Children and Young People* page on our website too! Do have a look and explore the links.**

**Bridge Youth Church, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 5:30-6:30pm via Zoom.** Meeting ID: 633 408 9648. For meeting password email: [bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com). We'll be thinking, talking and praying about the armed forces, all those affected by war, and how war can affect young people. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday! Al Evans.

**A Psalm for The Third Sunday before Advent, Psalm 70**

To the leader. Of David, for the memorial offering.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire to hurt me.

Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!' turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

**Gospel for The Third Sunday before Advent, Matthew 25. 1-13**

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**An anthem for today**

You might like to listen to Felix Mendelssohn's [Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme](#), Chorale from Paulus, Op. 36, sung by Stuttgart Gachinger Kantorei:

*"Wachet auf!", ruft uns die Stimme  
der Wächter, sehr hoch auf der Zinne,  
"Wach auf, du Stadt Jerusalem!  
Wacht auf, der Bräut'gam kommt,  
steht auf, die Lampen nehmt,  
Hallelujah!*

*"Awake!", calls out the voice  
of the guard, very high on the battlements,  
"Awake! You city of Jerusalem!  
Awake, the Bridegroom comes.  
Arise, take up the lamps,  
Hallelujah!*

*Macht euch bereit zur Ewigkeit!  
Ihr müsset ihm entgegengeh'n."*

*Make yourself ready for eternity!  
You must go to meet him."*

**Parish Register for October**

We remember in our prayers the families of June Ball, Mary Ho, Ray Wilkinson and Paul Harris, whose funerals have taken place this last month.



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**NHS Test and Trace App** – Anyone who downloads the NHS Covid-19 app onto their phone can scan the code when they arrive at Church for prayer, and the app on their phone then remembers that they have visited the Church (data deleted after 21 days). You might prefer this option, or to complete the paper form (or do neither).

**Participation at services via Zoom** – It's good to share the leading of our services between a range of voices. If anyone else would like to volunteer to participate in services – reading, praying, etc., do please let us know. **We would also value more stewards for the Personal Prayer sessions: it's a vital role in this time of Lockdown.** Thank you for considering. Derwyn.

**Activities in Church.** If you need to carry out any currently permissible activities in Church, please co-ordinate this with the Parish Office and make arrangements with a keyholder (such as a Warden) to access the Church at a suitable time. Please arrange such activities to take place outside the times when the Church is open for private prayer.

**If you'd like the Prayer Chain to pray for some concern which is on your heart,** please make your prayer request to the coordinator, Diane Pettitt: [diane.pettitt@hotmail.com](mailto:diane.pettitt@hotmail.com) / 461845. Requests are strictly confidential to the Prayer Chain, who will simply pray as asked and a request won't lead to further contact or action. If a request to the Prayer Chain would help, don't hesitate to make it.

**Children's Society Collecting Boxes** – Many thanks to all our box holders for their contributions to this year's excellent total of £1,020, raised for the work of The Children's Society. More box holders welcome - contact Pat Matthews (659476) if you're interested.

**A very different Company at Christmas 2020** – This year we are unable to host an event but there are ways you can help! Could you be a Christmas Day driver with goody bags / ready meals? Could you be a pre-Christmas shopper? Could you be a goody bag packer? Details are available on our website and if interested, please email [companyatchristmas@gmail.com](mailto:companyatchristmas@gmail.com) or contact Jenny Klincke (833523) or Margaret Fox (658638). Volunteers will largely need to be car drivers and *preferably* able to Zoom! As well as considering whether you can volunteer, can you recommend to Jenny any potential new guests who should be contacted, i.e. those that would otherwise be alone at home on Christmas Day. Also, Jenny is compiling a small booklet of Christmas poems, readings, meditations and carols. If you have something dear to you that you would like to share with our guests, please send it to her at [jennyklincke@gmail.com](mailto:jennyklincke@gmail.com).

**Street Pastors update** – The team ask for your prayers: for volunteers (they continue to train and equip volunteers throughout lockdown so that they are ready to go out on the streets again soon), for new trustees, especially a treasurer and a secretary, and for financial support. More information and contact details [here](#).

**The church is open for Personal Prayer  
11am-1pm Monday-Wednesday, Friday-Sunday**  
Reflective piano music will be played for prayer time, from around  
11:30am-midday, each Wednesday in November.



**Services this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – At 8am and 10am we will celebrate services, via Zoom, for The Third Sunday before Advent. There will be a small element of remembrance during our prayers at 10am when we will read out the names of those whose funerals or burials have been within the past year; and we will hold in our hearts all those whom we love and see no longer.

After the service, we invite you to switch on the TV for the National Act of Remembrance, as we won't gather at our War Memorial.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Please keep an eye on the website for details about Wednesday services and activities.

**The Easneye Lecture, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm** – The Bishop of London, The Rt Revd Sarah Mullally will be sharing, together with other contributors. Sarah will be speaking on the impact of the pandemic on mission and the church. This free event will be live-streamed at [youtube.com/allnationsuk](https://youtube.com/allnationsuk). Further details, including registration links, on the *Forthcoming Events* page on our website.

**Prayers for our Community, 9:30am, Saturdays in November** – We will meet via Zoom (Roger's Meeting ID: 458 034 0358, Password: 435609) each Saturday in November for a half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Private Prayer Times** – Please note that we have slightly extended our church opening times for individual prayer during this period of lockdown. The church will be open each day from 11am to 1pm (although not this Thursday). We are extremely grateful to our stewards for enabling this session. Please do publicise this amongst those you know: there must be many people who would value an opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection in these times.

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