

Keeping Us in Touch

The Church of England in Central Windsor

‘Working together to make God’s love known in Windsor’

The Parish Church of St John the Baptist
The Parish Church of St Stephen & St Agnes
Holy Trinity Parish Church
All Saints’ Church

Sunday, 12th December 2021

Third Sunday of Advent



God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the
way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Diary

13 Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304

Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784

14 John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591

17 *O Sapientia*

Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of ‘Save The Children’, 1928

19 **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

10am Sung Eucharist – Windsor Parish Church

6pm Carols by Candlelight – Holy Trinity ([Fully Booked](#))

Weekly Notices

Team Advent & Christmas Services

19 th	Dec	6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight*	Holy Trinity Church
22 nd	Dec	6:15pm	Living Advent Calendar	Holy Trinity Church
24 th	Dec	3:00pm	Crib Service & Christingle	All Saints' Church
		6:15pm	Living Advent Calendar	Windsor Parish Church
		11:00pm	Midnight Mass	St Stephen & St Agnes Church
25 th	Dec	8:30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Holy Trinity Church
		10:00am	Family Eucharist with Carols	Windsor Parish Church
26 th	Dec	10:00am	Patronal Sung Eucharist (St Stephen's Day)	St Stephen & St Agnes Church
2 nd	Jan	10:00am	Sung Eucharist (Epiphany Sunday)	Holy Trinity Church

* *Carols by Candlelight is now fully booked.*

Live Nativity

Windsor Methodist Church are holding a Live Nativity with real animals on Saturday 11th December. Everyone welcome between 11am-2pm.

Midweek Service

There will **not** be a service of Holy Communion (BCP) at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday, 15th December

Christmas Day Lunch

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is again putting on the Christmas Day lunch at St Edwards RC Church Hall. The meal begins at 12 noon and ends around 3.30pm.

If there is anyone in our community who will be on their own for Christmas Day and would like to join them for lunch please let Yvonne Conroy know at ymconroy@aol.com. Transport to and from the hall will be arranged. Christmas Day lunch deliveries will also be done.

Messy Church

We invite you to join us for our Epiphany Messy Church on Friday 7 January at 4pm, at All Saints' Church, Frances Road, for craft activities, a bible story, songs and a hot meal. Messy Church involves all ages (children, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles) and it's free of charge! Please let us know you would like to come by emailing book@windsorchurches.org.uk or completing the booking form <https://www.holytrinitywindsor.org.uk/events/messy-church/>.

New Pathways Bereavement Group

This group will **not** meet in December. The next meeting will be 27th January 2022.

Church Opening Times

Windsor Parish Church and St Stephen & St Agnes Church are open most days for individual prayer. All Saints' Church is open on Tuesday & Saturday, and Holy Trinity Church from 9.30-11.30am on Wednesday-Saturday. Please observe social distancing and sanitise your hands. Please wear a face covering over mouth and nose.

Items For The Pew Leaflet:

Please send any requests or information for the pew leaflet to the Team Administrator, Steve Smith - Email: windsor.churchoffice@gmail.com

Team Information

Future Sunday Services in the Team (usually at 10:00am)

The pattern of services in the Team is:

- 19th December Windsor Parish Church
- 26th December St Stephen & St Agnes Church
- 2nd January Holy Trinity Church
- 9th January St Stephen & St Agnes Church

Covid Safety

The safety of our congregation and visitors remains paramount. We ask that you continue to wear a face covering when attending a service, especially if you wish to join in with the singing. Hand sanitiser is available in all our churches. If you wish to use NHS Test and Trace, please sign the sheet on entry or check-in with the QR code. We will continue to maintain social distancing in the manner in which seating is arranged. The position regarding sharing the chalice remains under review and we will advise you accordingly of any changes. If you have any concerns please contact the Rector.

Service Booklets

It is really good to see so many at our 10:00am services. With the need to be Covid safe and protect the vulnerable at this time we would **urge you, if at all possible, to download the service booklet to your tablet/smartphone or print it off at home before you come to church.** A QR code is available at the back of the church for you to download the order of service from one of our web sites.

Parish Finances

As we emerge from Covid restrictions regular activities that generate much of the income that serves to maintain our church, mission and fabric, are still not happening. Never the less, a large proportion of the usual expenditure to keep things going is still needed. If you can give the donation that you usually would in person, or more, it would help the Team to maintain your Church. You can donate to one of our churches by giving regularly by Direct Debit through the scheme Parish Giving Scheme. You can register over the phone by calling 0333 0021271. You will need your bank details and the relevant code for your churches.

Windsor Parish Church : 270627391

All Saints : 270627392

SS Stephen & Agnes: 270627373

Holy Trinity: 270627390

Alternatively should you wish to give a 'one off' donation please speak to our Rector (windsor.rector@gmail.com) or Team Administrator (windsor.churchoffice@gmail.com).

For Your Prayers - Week Beginning 12th December

World in Need

Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock. You wait for me and only I can let you in. I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence. Feed me that I may be your blessing in a world in need. Amen

Please pray for:

The residents of local care homes and sheltered housing; for the staff and patients of King Edward and Princess Margaret hospitals; for the staff and patients of Thames HospiceCare

Monday

For those suffering fuel poverty; for all those concerned about paying fuel bills this winter

Tuesday

For visitors over the Christmas period; for local pubs, restaurants and hotels.

Wednesday

For the church in China, Hong Kong and Macau; please pray for miners and all who face hazardous working conditions; all who do not have equal opportunities; the rural poor; reduction in the amount of pollution and environmental damage; refugees from North Korea

Thursday

For those who doubt their faith; for evangelists and seekers of truth

Friday

For those who are working over the Christmas and New Year period and for their families

Saturday

For all those who are travelling over Christmas and New Year; for traffic officers and motoring rescue services

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