

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, 28th November 2021

Advent Sunday



Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Diary

29 *Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church*

30 **Andrew the Apostle**

1 *Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916*

3 *Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552*

4 *John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749*

Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637

5 **The Second Sunday of Advent**

10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints’ Church

Weekly Notices

Team Advent & Christmas Services

19 th	Dec	6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight*	Holy Trinity Church
22 nd	Dec	6:15pm	Living Advents Calendar	Holy Trinity Church
24 th	Dec	3:00pm	Crib Service & Christingle	All Saints' Church
		6:15pm	Living Advents 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

* Please book for Carols by Candlelight here

<https://www.holytrinitywindsor.org.uk/events/carols-by-candlelight/>

or by emailing book@windsorchurches.org.uk

or by leaving a message at 01753 862776

Advent Study Course

The Advent course studying the little known Letter of James continues in All Saints vestry on Tuesdays from 11.00 to 12.00. If you wish to join please contact Jeremy Hurst at jandehurst@btinternet.com

The Children's Society

This week after the morning service at St Stephen & St Agnes, Diane and Laura will be running a stall in aid of The Children's Society. Please bring along your pennies – you never know what you might find. There will be a variety of items to purchase, from toiletries and gifts to clothes and books. Start your Christmas shopping now (if you haven't already) – all for a good cause.

Advent Sunday Evensong

Join us for Choral Evensong on 28th November 5.30pm at All Saints' Church. The officiant and preacher will be Revd June Faulkner who is retiring from ministry at the end of November, therefore, this will be June's last service in this capacity. Please do come along if you are able

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:

- 5th December All Saints' Church
- 12th December Holy Trinity Church
- 19th December Windsor Parish Church
- 26th December 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 28th November

Prayer for the World

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the Earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
(Ps 46)

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 the Church in Myanmar and Thailand; pray for children, especially child soldiers, refugees and orphans; those imprisoned unjustly; women and girls to be protected from forced prostitution and labour; an end to corruption and crime.

Tuesday

For all those involved in Carol concerts over the next few weeks especially for those in the New Windsor Team

Wednesday

For all those who have doubts about their faith; for all those searching for meaning in their lives

Thursday

For the staff and pupils of Upton House School, St. Edward's Royal Free Ecumenical Middle School and Trevelyan Middle School

Friday

For all those who work in maternity units; for new parents and their babies.

Saturday

For all those who live in fear, both real and imagined; for the abused and the neglected in our society

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