

# 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, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## Second Sunday of Advent



Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes  
again  
as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.  
Amen

### *Diary*

- 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326
- 7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397
- 8 The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
*Ember Day*
- 10 *Ember Day*
- 11 *Ember Day*
- 12 **The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Church**

# Weekly Notices

## Team Advent & Christmas Services

19 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight*	Holy Trinity Church
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dec	6:15pm	Living Advent Calendar	Holy Trinity Church
24 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	8:30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Holy Trinity Church
		10:00am	Family Eucharist with Carols	Windsor Parish Church
26 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	10:00am	Patronal Sung Eucharist (St Stephen's Day)	St Stephen & St Agnes Church
				Holy Trinity Church
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jan	10:00am	Sung Eucharist (Epiphany Sunday)	Holy Trinity Church

\* *Carols by Candlelight is now fully booked.*

Welcome to **Heather Young and Charlie, Monty and Flo Chambers** who are being baptised at All Saints' Church later today and their parents and godparents

## Midweek Service

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

## Live Nativity

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

## 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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:windsor.churchoffice@gmail.com)

# *Team Information*

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

The pattern of services in the Team is:

- 12<sup>th</sup> December Holy Trinity Church
- 19<sup>th</sup> December Windsor Parish Church
- 26<sup>th</sup> December St Stephen & St Agnes Church
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December TBC

## **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](mailto:windsor.rector@gmail.com)) or Team Administrator ([windsor.churchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:windsor.churchoffice@gmail.com)).

## ***For Your Prayers - Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December***

### **A Prayer for Reconciliation**

Lord Jesus Christ, the light that is coming into the world, guide our nation through the inspiration of your Spirit, that understanding may put an end to discord and all bitterness. Give us grace to rebuild bonds of trust that together we may work for the dignity and flourishing of all. 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 the church in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam; pray for those who suffered losses in tragic wars and genocide; the establishment of economic justice; the land that it may be green again; the poor; Christian witness to the Gospel.

### **Tuesday**

For our families and friends; for neighbours who live on our street – those we know and those we have yet to meet

### **Wednesday**

For all those who will be separated from loved ones this Christmas

### **Thursday**

For visionaries and mystics; for an inspired Advent as we approach Christmas

### **Friday**

For the staff and pupils of The Windsor Boys School and Windsor Girls School

### **Saturday**

For funeral directors and support staff especially for those who work in the local area

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[www.windsorparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.windsorparishchurch.org.uk)

[www.allsaintswindsor.org.uk](http://www.allsaintswindsor.org.uk)

[www.holytrinitywindsor.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitywindsor.org.uk)