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Intention:
Electoral Roll: Marrisser O'Meara
Res. Care Win and Ivy Martin
The Departed: Arthur Strangleman, Harold Milne

Tues. 13th December **S. Lucy, V and M**
Intention: Uniformed Organisations
Electoral Roll: Andrew Raivio
The Departed: Ann Wright, George Cornell, Minnie Cornell

Wed. 14th December **Feria**
Intention: Voluntary Care
Electoral Roll: Virpi Raivio
The Departed: Laura Plummer, Scott Young

Thurs. 15th December **Feria**
9.30am Morning Prayer
Intention: Parents
Electoral Roll: Alyenka Payne
We pray for the sick: Christine Minnis, Ronnie Meah, Lee Frost, Dennis Clark, Maud Hardwick, John Wright, Joan Wright, Bill Murray, Fr. Michael Hore, Fr. Bill Kirkpatrick, Fr. Ken Leech, Fr. Jim Cotter, Stuart Hayward, Dorothy Meah and Rosemary Warner
The Departed: Annie Carlier

Fri. 16th December **Feria**
Intention: Single Parents
Electoral Roll: Jacqueline Payne
The Departed: Millicent Browning, Alice Cook

Sat. 17th December **Feria (O Sapienta)**
Intention: The Waterloo Estate
Electoral Roll: John Pearce



THE CHURCH
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St. Andrew's and St. Agnes' Bulletin

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ADVENT 3

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Associate Minister: The Revd. Suzanne Mayes

Churchwardens: Mrs. Phyllis Dearsley and Mr. Graham Gore

Welcome to Mass

Sunday, 11th December

10.30am Parish Mass at St. Andrew's

Preacher: The Rev. Shirley Papworth

Hymns: HEH – 443, 11, 493, 391 & 384

Recessional – see printed sheet

Final Voluntary: Choral no. 3 in A minor: Cesar Franck

6pm Candlelit Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

followed by mince pies

If you are a Newcomer.....please ask
a member of the Welcome Team for a *Welcome Booklet*.

- *The Church of England invites all who receive the Sacrament in their own church to do so at our altar. If you wish a blessing, please come to the altar step and place your hand on your heart.*
- *Please join us after the service for refreshments*

We pray for the recently departed and for those whose Anniversary falls today, Adelaid Hud

(Memorial flowers may be arranged through Pat Harris or Margaret Pettit)



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upon me,
g good news to the
oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and
release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of
vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in
Zion . to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the
devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and
wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting
covenant with them. 9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their
offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a
people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole
being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he
has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a
garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its
shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will
cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Psalm 126

R The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad indeed.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5.16–24

My brothers and sisters, Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the
Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is
good; abstain from every form of evil. 23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you
entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Alleluia alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me
to bring the good news to the poor. **Alleluia!!**

GOSPEL John 1.6–8, 19–28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to
testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light,
but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews
sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, *Who are you?* He confessed and
did not deny it, but confessed, *I am not the Messiah.* And they asked him, *What
then? Are you Elijah?* He said, *I am not.* *Are you the prophet?* He answered, *No.*
Then they said to him, *Who are you?* Let us have an answer for those who sent us.

What do you say about yourself? He said, *I am the voice of one crying out in the
wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord,* as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they
had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, *Why then are you baptizing if you
are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?* John answered them, *I baptize
with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming
after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.*
This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER G: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Church of England receives no State or outside support and depends on your
generosity to maintain our service in this area. i.e. If you are a UK Tax payer, please
place your donation in GIFT AID envelope (from the back of the church) and fill in the
details required. **We can then claim back the Income Tax you have already paid.**

St. Agnes £2 St. Andrew's £91 Planned Giving (BOs averaged) £404.50
TOTAL £497.50

(We need to raise £650 per week)

NEXT WEEK: Sunday, 18th December

ADVENT 4

9am Mass at St. Agnes

10.30am Parish Mass at St. Andrew's

Preacher: The Rev. Elwin Cockett – Archdeacon of West Ham

**4.30pm Carol Singing in the streets –
finishing at 6pm in Cottons Park-**

refreshments will be served at the Parish Centre afterwards

Readings : OT II Sam 7: 1-11 NT Rom 16: 26-27 Gospel: Lk 1: 26-38

Dates for your Diary

December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm Children's Crib Service at St. Andrew's
11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS at St. Andrew's

December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Mass of the Dawn – St. Agnes'
10.30am Mass of the Day – St. Andrew's



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