

**SERVICES THIS WEEK: Advent 4 Year 2**

<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Feria</b> (O Radix) <i>Hospital Chaplains</i> <i>Kathryn Pettet</i> Win and Ivy Martin Mary Snashall, George Benee, Lilian Harris
<b>Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Feria</b> (O Clavis) <i>Prisoners</i> <i>Margaret Pettit</i> Christopher Taylor, Marjorie Johnson, Ernest Benee
<b>Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Feria</b> (O Oriens) <i>The lonely</i> <i>Gerry Phillips</i> Roy Green
<b>Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Feria</b> (O Rex) 9.30am Morning Prayer <i>Youth Groups</i> <i>Elaine Whitmee</i> 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
<b>Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>Feria</b> (O Emmanuel) <i>Night Workers</i> <i>Lee Port</i> Amelia Barker
<b>Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> <i>The Children's Society</i> <i>Sharon Port</i> Alice Parsons, Jill Darby, Gertrude Rainsford, Gladys Tring

**4pm Children's Crib Service** at St. Andrew's

**11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS** at St. Andrew's  
*Preceded by carols at 11.15pm*



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**ADVENT 4**

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Churchwardens: Mrs. Phyllis Dearsley and Mr. Graham Gore

*Welcome to Mass*

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**9am Mass at St. Agnes'**

**10.30am Parish Mass at St. Andrew's**

**Preacher: The Ven. Elwin Cockett – Archdeacon of West Ham**

*Hymns: NEH – 3, 10, 278, 28 & 271, 7*

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

*refreshments will be served at the Parish Centre afterwards*

**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, Alice Maisey*

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

## **READING FOR: Advent 4 Year B**

### **FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7.1–11, 16**

Now when David, the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

### **Psalms 89.1–4, 19–26**

**R Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.**

### **SECOND READING Romans 16.25–27**

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

**Alleluia alleluia!** I am the handmaid of the Lord; let what you have said be done to me. **Alleluia!!**

### **GOSPEL Luke 1.26–38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

**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' £ St. Andrew's £ Planned Giving (BOs averaged) £  
**TOTAL £**

**(We need to raise £650 per week)**

**NEXT WEEK: Sunday, 25th December**

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9am Mass at St. Agnes'**

**10.30am Parish Mass at St. Andrew's**

*Preacher: The Rev. Suzanne Mayes*

*Readings: Mass of the Day OT Isa 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-6 Gospel: 1: 1-14*

## **Dates for your Diary**

**January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**8pm PCC Meeting in the John Jones Room**