

# Welcome

Sunday, 2 December, 2018

The First Sunday of Advent (purple)

**EAST BARNET**   
**PARISH CHURCH**  
St Mary the Virgin

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*Advent is observed as a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. We share in the ancient longing for the Messiah's coming and also ready ourselves for his second coming as our judge.*

**10.00am**

**All Age Eucharist**

*This service will be led by Bishop Stephen Venner*

**6.30pm**

**Advent Carol Service**

*Please see the separate order of service*

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**10.00am**

**All Age Eucharist**

**¶ Advent Prose**

*Please see the order of service*

**¶ Collect**

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**

**¶ First Reading**

Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**¶ Psalm 25**

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.**
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.**

5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

6 **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

8 **He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**¶ Gospel**

Luke 21.25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you

unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

## ¶ Offertory Hymn

*During this hymn a collection will be taken*

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us forever;  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine own sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## ¶ Communion Hymn

Be still and know that I am God,  
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Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,  
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## ¶ Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## ¶ Closing hymn

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me,  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow Thee,  
that where thou art in glory,  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my Friend.

## ¶ The Vacancy Prayer

God of our past, present and future, you call us to follow in faith, with confidence in your abiding presence. Be with us in this time of vacancy, and prepare us for a new chapter in our ministry together in Christ's name. Give wisdom and discernment to those who act on our behalf, that your will may be done to the glory of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen**

# Notices & Information



## ¶ Please pray for

*Our Wardens, Curate, Reader, Parish Administrator and PCC, and all those involved in caring for us in the vacancy and in finding a new Rector.*

*All victims of war, natural disasters, famine, and refugees; the emergency services.*

*Those who have asked for our prayers:*

Trevor and Luke; Janet; Don, Jilly and family; Deborah and family; Joan; Molly and family; Mike and family; David; Janet; Carmen; Michael; Margaret and Paul; Louise; Helen; Marcia and family; Audrey; Ros and Alan

*R.I.P.*

Roy Boniface, Gwyneth Collé

*Anniversary of Death*

Pat Coates, Jean Abbott

*Those living in:*

Barons Gate, Benfleet Way, Bishop Road, Bohun Grove

*Anniversary of Baptism*

Olivia Marrinan; Elizabeth Goodwins; Isla Lawrence

## ¶ Happy New Year

A new Church Year starts today. Our Gospel readings this year will be mainly from Luke. You may wish to read through this Gospel during Advent.

## ¶ Church School admission

Parents and guardians of children who will be applying for admission to church schools should sign in the book confirming their attendance at our Sunday services, to support their application. The book is available from a Churchwarden.

## ¶ Toddler Praise and Little Tots - help!

**Toddler Praise and Little Tots will not be able to continue unless more people are prepared to help with preparing for them and running them.** Please consider if you can help, and speak to Claire or Chris (contact details overleaf) as soon as possible.

The next Toddler Praises will be on Monday 3 and 17 December at 9.30am.

## ¶ Chipping Barnet Food Bank

Currently, the food bank has the following shortages:

**Long life juice or squash, long life milk, tinned meat, tinned pulses, pasta sauce, Christmas treats.**

They have plenty of pasta, soup and baked beans. Donations can be placed in the box in the South Aisle or a box in the atrium at Brookside.

The Annual Report of the Food Bank can be found here <https://chippingbarnet.foodbank.org.uk/2018/11/07/agm-annual-report/> **Thank you for your kind help to local people in crisis.**

## ¶ Come and sing carols

**Wednesday 12 December 2pm and 3pm**

The Rev'd Shaun Sanders will be taking a Communion service followed by Carols at Apthorp Lodge and Apthorp Lodge Day Centre. Everyone welcome.

**Wednesday 19 December 8pm**

Carols in the Prince of Wales Pub

Come and join us as we sing carols at the East Barnet Village pub.

## ¶ Winter Shelter

Could you help with the staffing of the East Barnet Winter Shelter on Saturday nights? This provides supper, overnight accommodation and breakfast to guests referred by Homeless Action in Barnet during the winter months. Contact Roger Melling (0208 449 2283) who will be able to explain the different ways in which you could help. You would not be expected to help every week.

# Notices & Information

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## ¶ Next Sunday, 9 December, 2018

The Second Sunday of Advent (purple)

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club

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## ¶ Thank you

Many thanks to **everyone** who helped in any way to make our Christmas Fayre such a success.

## ¶ Christmas Services

Please pick up a leaflet at the back of church with full details of our Christmas events and services. Our **Carol Services** will be on Sunday 16 December at 4.30pm and 6.30pm; there will be a **Crib Service and Nativity Play** on Christmas Eve, Monday 24 December at 4pm (when the Travelling Crib, which sets out today, will return, and the collection will go to Noah's Ark Children's Hospice), with **Midnight Mass** at 11.30pm; and at 10am on Christmas morning we will have a **Parish Eucharist** for all ages, with carols. On Sunday 3 February at 10am we have our **Candlemas Messy Mass and Christingles**. We look forward to welcoming you to our services.

## ¶ Sunday 16 December

Due to leaders being away, there will be no Sunday Club at the 10am Parish Eucharist on this day, though the Crèche and the activities table will be in place.

## ¶ This week

### Monday 3 December

9.30am Toddler Praise  
9.30am Staff prayers and meeting  
1.30pm Monday Club at Brookside

### Tuesday 4 December

3.00pm Tea on a Tuesday at Wesley Hall  
7.30pm East Barnet Residents' Association at Brookside  
8.00pm Adult choir practice

### Wednesday 5 November

10.00am Holy Communion  
4.00pm Junior Choir at Brookside

### Thursday 6 December

Morning Brunswick Park School visit to the church  
9.30am Little Tots group at Brookside  
10.45am Holy Communion at Brookside  
5.45pm Brownies at Brookside  
7.30pm Guides at Brookside

### Friday 7 December

9.30am School Communion in church  
7- 9.00pm Churchwardens' drinks in church  
7.30pm Regent Brass Concert at Brookside

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