

# The News Sheet

Sunday 2nd December 2018

1st Sunday of Advent (C) Psalter Week 1

The Parish of the Holy Trinity,  
Stroud Green



with  
Holy Innocents, Hornsey

## WELCOME TO CHURCH - 2018 - A Year of Invitation

Today's hymns are: 255, 763, 535 and 368. Please stay for refreshments in the Groves Room after Mass.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

<b>Monday 3rd</b> 7.30 am 9.30 am 10 am to noon	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> Morning Prayer Mass at Holy Innocents <i>Trinity Toddlers</i> Playgroup (hall)
<b>Tuesday 4th</b> 9.00 am 7.10 pm 7.30 pm	<b>St John of Damascus</b> Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents Evening Prayer Mass
<b>Wednesday 5th</b> 7.30 am 9.30 am	<b>Feria</b> Morning Prayer Mass at Holy Innocents
<b>Thursday 6th</b> 11.00 to 1.30 pm 7.00 pm 8.00 pm	<b>Feria</b> <i>Thursdays Together</i> in the church hall Mass at Holy Innocents Concert at Holy Trinity
<b>Friday 7th</b> 7.30 am	<b>St. Ambrose</b> Morning Prayer
<b>Saturday 8th</b> 12.00 pm	<b>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</b> <b>Sung Mass at Holy Innocents with</b> <b>Bishop Peter Wheatley</b>
<b>SUNDAY 9th</b> 11.30 am 5.00 pm	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Sung Mass and Sunday School</b> <i>Contemplate</i> at Holy Innocents

### Joyful waiting

Advent resets the clocks and calendars of Christian worship as we move into another cycle of prayer, liturgy and scripture. Autumn ends and Winter begins. The season calls us to a new beginning, with God's great mercy and compassion framing yet another year for us. Our tradition proclaims this as both an event already accomplished, and an event moving towards fulfilment in the future - our future.

We live in the in-between period of human salvation. between the two comings: the first was when Christ came to Bethlehem giving us the opportunity and power to receive him: his second coming will be when he comes again to take his Bride the Church at the end of time. This is the heart of the tension of Advent, waiting in expectancy since Christ risen from the dead and now present among us in mystery will he revealed to everyone on the Last Day as the glorious son of our heavenly father. We wait, with joy. and pray in hope trusting in his power to save us. It is our Christian hope that makes Advent a time of joyful waiting.

#### Advent Sunday at Holy Trinity

As usual we shall be holding our Advent service this evening at 6.00 pm. The service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Any donation of mince pies for the occasion will be gratefully received.

#### Advent Prayer Tree

A small 'Advent tree' has been placed at the back of church. Unlike a Christmas tree it will not be decorated, but small labels are available for people to write the names of the people or the things they will be praying for in Advent (anonymously if liked). These can be hung on the tree which will be moved into the sanctuary at Christmas.

#### Advent Prayer App

We all know how important it is to pray and reflect during the Advent season, so if you technically savvy you can download an app to help. It contains an introduction from the Bishop of London and a set of daily meditations by Dr Jane Williams for each day of Advent; including a reflection, discussion point, prayer, bible reading and call to action. For Apple devices, go to: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/a-good-advent/id1442078758?ls=1&mt=8> and for Android devices, download at: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.trellisys.papertrell.book81005675347>

#### Music for a Winter's Eve

This week's Thursday concert at 8.00 pm is one of choral music for Advent.

#### Parish Christmas Meal - Monday 17th December

We are reserving places at the *Sumak* Restaurant for 7.00 pm on 17th December. To book, please give the cost of £20 to Fr. Patrick or Irena. This includes food, drink and a staff gratuity.

#### CARIS Toy Appeal

CARIS Haringey are planning Christmas parties for homeless children living in temporary and unsecured accommodation; and are seeking donations of NEW toys, games and books e.g. baby toys, pre-school toys, board games, Duplo / Lego, dolls, cars, puzzles, musical toys, art materials. These can be brought to Holy Trinity on or before Thursday 6th December.

#### Bishop Peter at Holy Innocents

Our former bishop, Peter Wheatley, will preside and preach at a Mass for the Immaculate Conception at Holy Innocents at noon this Saturday 8th December. The Mass will be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

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