



St Mary's Sanderstead *with* St James' & St Edmund's Riddlesdown
17th December 2023 – 31st December

17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

Choir Introit: *Wait for the Lord*

Processional Hymn: NEH 55/ STJ NEH 5

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end / 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gradual hymn: NEH 185 / STJ NEH 8

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Offertory hymn: NEH 11 / SJ NEH 11

Anthem: Jesus Christ the apple tree, *Elizabeth Poston*

Recessional Hymn: NEH 120 / STJ NEH 18

Voluntary: Fantasia on 'O Magnum Mysterium, *Maxwell Davies*

Psalm: 126 (*We respond with the words in bold print*)

¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.

² **Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**

³ The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

⁴ **Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev.**

⁵ Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.**

24th December - Christmas Eve (*hymns in the set orders of service*)

9:45am Said Eucharist @ St Mary's

11:15am Eucharist @ St James' Hymns - NEH 186, 161, 408, 10

4pm Christingle @ St Mary's

11:30pm Midnight Mass @ St Mary's

Psalm: 89:1-8 (*We respond with the words in bold print*)

¹ I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

² **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant,

⁴ **'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'**"

⁵ The heavens praise your wonders, Lord, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

⁶ **For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?**

⁷ In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.

⁸ **Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

25th December Christmas Day 10am Eucharist @ St Mary's & St James'

31st December - 1st First Sunday of Christmas 9:45 am @ St M / 11:15 @ St J

Processional Hymn: NEH 263 / STJ NEH 39

Readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 / Galatians 4:4-7

Gradual hymn: NEH 137 / STJ NEH 40

Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

Offertory hymn: NEH 339 / SJ NEH 36

Anthem: New Year Carol, *Bitten*

Recessional Hymn: NEH 28 / STJ NEH 28

Voluntary: The Holy boy – *John Ireland, arr. Alec Rowley*

Psalm: 148:7-end (*We respond with the words in bold print*)

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

⁸ **lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

⁹ you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

¹⁰ **wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

¹² **young men and women, old men and children.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens.

¹⁴ **And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.**

Carols & mulled wine, Tues 19 December.

We plan to sing carols in the streets of St Mary's. Please come and join us if you would like to. We will be meeting in the Jubilee Room, just before 7pm, and will come back afterwards for mulled wine, sausage rolls, mince pies, etc. Entrance via the back door, rather than the main door.

Christingle-making, Fri 22 December, 2pm, Jubilee Room

We are making 150 Christingles for the very popular Christmas Eve service. Do come and help if you would like to, and perhaps enjoy some mulled wine with us, too. If the front door of the church is closed, please come via the back door.

Posada

On Advent Sunday the Posada (Inn) journey begins for the Holy Family as they travel to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

Sign up to house them for a night on the list at the back of the Church.

For more information speak to Fr Peter.

St Edmund's Toddler Group

This will start term times from 13th November 9.30-11.30 in the Hall at St Edmunds. (*Monday 18th is the last one of 2023 - it will resume in 2024*)

The Bridge Copies of the latest bridge are available at the back of church. You can also access it online via the link:

<https://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge>

Midweek Eucharist @ St. Edmund's

We will resume on Tuesday 9th January.

Midweek Eucharist @ St Mary's

10am Every Thursday followed by refreshments.

Craft & Chatter @ St Mary's

Join us as we knit, sew or embroider at 2.30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. *Refreshments provided. Next Meeting – January 8th*

We pray for those who are unwell

Margaret Farrel, Mark Moulding, Robert Radley, Rose Burtwell, Kim Brown, Alison Brewster, Brian Barton, Margaret Walker, Trish Dilley.

We remember those who have died

Marguerita de Heer, Edgar de Sa, John O Leary, Raymond Thomas, Colin McGregor, Mike Willey, Barry Woods, Sandra Groombridge.

Coming up....

Tuesday 19th

7pm Carol Singing (see notices)

Thursday 21st

10am Eucharist @ St Mary's

Sunday 24th

9:45 Said Eucharist @ St Mary's

11:15 Eucharist @ St James'

4pm Christingle @ St Mary's

11:30pm Midnight Mass @ St Mary's

Monday 25th

10am Eucharist @ St Mary's & St James'

Sunday 31st

9:45 Eucharist @ St Mary's

11:15am Eucharist @ St James'

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