

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2017

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Thank you for coming to church today, for choosing to worship God.

You are most welcome in St. John's Church today.

Refreshments are available after the service, please join us.



TODAY

Isaiah Ch. 61 VV. 1 – 4 & VV. 8 – 11.

1 Thessalonians Ch. 5 VV. 16 – 24.

John Ch. 1 VV. 6 – 8 & VV. 19 – 28.

NEXT WEEK

2 Samuel Ch. 7 VV. 1 – 11 & V. 16.

Romans Ch. 16 VV. 25 – 27.

Luke Ch. 1 VV. 26 – 38.

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COLLECT

*O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen*



PRAYER NOTES

- † The sick of this parish and those people known to us who need His grace: Irene Foord, Ruth Barclay and Mary Mines.
- † Justice, mercy and grace for migrants. Safety for Christians and peoples of all faiths in danger.
- † Resolution for the peoples of the Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Nigeria, and peace in Gaza and Turkey.
- † Peace, healing and mercy for the people of Syria.
- † Our mission and ministry in the community.
- † Thanks for our church community and our shared faith.
- † May communities of all faiths bring understanding that you call for love and peace, never hatred.
- † Thanks for our choir, their leaders and the uplift we receive from their music.

WORSHIP IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH

TODAY

8:00 am Said communion using BCP
10:00 am Sung communion with Junior Church
6:00 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

TUESDAY

9:30 am **NO SERVICE THIS WEEK**

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

TODAY - 17th December at 6pm

Toys for Salvation Army

The Toy Service didn't go ahead last Sunday. Rebecca (Bex) London will be happy to take your gifts to the Salvation Army.

Worship in St John's – Advent and Christmas

TODAY	6pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 24 th Dec	3.30pm	Crib Service with Shepherd Little
	11.15pm	Midnight Mass of the Nativity
Monday 25 th Dec	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	10am	Parish Communion with Carols
Wednesday 27 th Dec	9.30am	St John the Evangelist

Shepherd Little

This year, the Junior Church children will be taking the lead in our Crib Service on Christmas Eve with the Nativity story of Shepherd Little written by Sara Ridgley and Gavin Mole. If you know any children who would like to take part then just come to the Crib Service dressed as a shepherd, a king, an angel, a star or a camel! The only other thing you need to bring is your singing voice and either gold, frankincense or myrrh (well, every church needs to raise funds!)

