

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Tuesday 13th December</b>	9.30am	<i>Eucharist at Burnham Abbey</i> Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
	2.30pm	Claire's Court Junior School Carol Service
	7.00pm	<b>All Saints School Carol Service</b>
<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	10.00am	<b>Requiem Eucharist</b> with refreshments Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
	7.30pm	All Saints Community Choir in the Church
<b>Thursday 15th</b>	9.45am	<i>Open the Book at All Saints School</i>
	1.30pm	<i>Christmas Eucharist at Altwood School</i>
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday 16th</b>	10.00am	<b>Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre: <i>The Shepherds Visit</i></b>
	6.30pm	<i>Young People's Film Club at the Vicarage</i>
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
	8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
	10.00am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST WITH CHRISTINGLE WORSHIP FOR ALL</b> Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Crèche
	6.00pm	<b>Nine Lessons &amp; Carols</b> Followed by mulled wine & mince pies

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## PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL Sunday 11th December 2016 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Please take this pew sheet home with you to look at the readings again, and to remind you of the events taking place. The Bible references are for the Bibles to be found at the back of Church, which you are welcome to use during the service.*

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**8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** Collect & Readings as below  
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John Chadwick

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### 10.00am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

**Service:** *The Order for Parish Eucharist in Advent (Common Worship)*  
**Hymns:** *Hymns Ancient & Modern* Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

Organ Prelude

Merton

M Archer

### Opening Hymn

**1. People, look east to see at last**  
hopes fulfilled from ages past :  
now in the promise of the morning,  
see, a brighter day is dawning,  
rich with the visions long foretold,  
prophets' dreams from days of old.

3. Now, with the coming of the light,  
darkest fears are put to flight ;  
see how the clouds of gloom are  
clearing,  
blown aside by hope's appearing.  
Jesus, the Light of all our days,  
comes and sets our hearts ablaze.

2. God reaffirms the gracious call :  
words of welcome meant for all ;  
comfort enough for all our sorrows ;  
justice shaping new tomorrows.  
Mercy bears fruit in lives restored,  
freed to praise and serve the Lord.

4. Born of our race, a child so small —  
hail the promised Lord of all !  
Nailed to a cross for our salvation,  
he shall rule God's new creation.  
Lift up your eyes, and look again :  
see, he comes in power to reign !

*Martin Leckebusch (b. 1962)*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

John the Baptist, by his preaching  
and by water poured,  
brought to those who heard his teaching  
news of hope restored :  
Keep your vision strong and steady,  
and be ready for the Lord.'

*Young Saints (3 years & over) go to the Birinus Room after this*

### COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare the 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**

OT READING Isaiah 35: 1 – 10 (OT p689) *Julia Wakeling*

EPISTLE James 5: 7 – 10 (NT p252) *Mike Ansell*

**Gradual Hymn** **In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,**  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid;  
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,  
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.  
*Taizé Community*

GOSPEL Matthew 11: 2 – 11  
When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

Sermon Fr John Chadwick

**Offertory Hymn** **125 O for a thousand tongues to sing**

**Communion Hymn** **256 Let all mortal flesh keep silence**

**Closing Hymn**

**1. Come and see the shining hope that Christ's apostle saw.**  
on the earth confusion, but in heaven an open door,  
where the living creatures praise the Lamb for evermore:  
Love has the victory for ever!

2. All the gifts you send us, Lord, are faithful, good, and true.  
holiness and righteousness are shown in all you do:  
who can see your greatest Gift and fail to worship you?  
Love has the victory for ever!

*Amen, he comes! to bring his own reward!  
Amen, praise God! for justice now restored;  
kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of the Lord:  
Love has the victory for ever!*

3. Power and salvation all belong to God on high!  
So the mighty multitudes of heaven make their cry,  
singing Alleluia! where the echoes never die:  
Love has the victory for ever!  
*Christopher Idle (b 1938) based on Revelation 4,5,15*

Organ Postlude Rhapsody on Helmsley *W Lloyd Webber*

Refreshments will be served at the back of the Church thanks to Sally Deal, Tanya Howarth & Julia Wakeling

**12 noon HOLY BAPTISM** Please pray for Edgar Frederick James Barnard, his parents and godparents.

6.00pm *Christmas Tree Festival Closing Service at St Luke's*

### *Father Jeremy's Notes*

**Friday 16th December 6.30pm Young Peoples' Film Club at the Vicarage.**  
The film we are viewing is 'PAN' and is a PG. This means we are open to all children this evening. A roast dinner will be served and any donations will go to the Homeless charity .

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **Churches Together in Maidenhead (CTiM) Christmas Cards**

These are now ready for distribution. Please take a pile (or 2) from the table at the back of church to deliver. These cards contain information about all the church services available in Maidenhead over the Christmas period.

#### **Christingle Service on Sunday 18th December.**

Helpers are needed to make the Christingles between 10.00am and 11.30am on **Saturday 17th December** in the Parish Centre. Please sign the list at the back of the church and add your contact details if you can help, even for a short time. New volunteers are always welcome (no previous experience required) and it is usually a fun morning. There will be a collection for the Children's Society at the service.  
(Suggested donations of £1). **Anne Clark.**

**Christmas Festivities** We will need help to make mulled wine and serve this with mince pies for the following service:

**SUNDAY 18th December:** Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

#### **Sidespeople for Christmas Services**

Please see the list at the back of Church to see where help is still needed.

### **CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS**

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on **Friday 23rd December** from about 9.30am and shall be most grateful for any help you can give us. No experience is needed; we shall be there to help you. Also, we are in need of greenery, particularly holly or variegated colours. Please bring any you have, or are able to acquire from friends and neighbours, to the church by 9.30am or leave it outside the vestry door the day before. Many thanks for your assistance; we look forward to seeing you.

**Barbara Bannister and the Flower Fairies.**

**Flower Fairies Christmas Table** Please see our Christmas Table in Church selling decorations and flowery things. Don't forget to have a go at guessing the name of the bear! All proceeds will go to the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service.

### **SPACE FOR GOD 2017**

Over the last year we have enjoyed the opportunity to worship in quiet, meditative services on Thursday evenings, making "Space for God" in our busy lives. With the dark, cold winter evenings now upon us, these services will now change to a monthly Taizé style of worship and our next service will be at **7.00pm on Thursday 19th January**  
**Jeanette Lock**