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## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Christmas without a Christmas Tree would be dull indeed. Not that there were any Christmas Trees around on that night in Bethlehem, 2000 years ago! In fact we don't really know very much of what the circumstances of Christ's birth were, but Christians have always been good at filling in the supposed details even when there is no evidence to suggest what might really have taken place, I guess it's a very human need. What we do know about the birth of Christ is that it points the way to be truly human, it lightens up the darkness of our human frailty and failure, it paints us God's portrait in human form.

And our Christmas Trees also lighten up the darkness, not least the fabulous specimens in our churches, so generously donated by a most kind parishioner. As you sit in church before a Carol service or on a Sunday, take a few moments to look at the tree, to enjoy it. It too points upwards, it draws our eyes beyond ourselves and its light and colour enlighten our vision and bring joy to our hearts.

That's exactly the point of the Christmas Tree and it is the point of all our Carol singing and festivities, of present-giving and tinsel, of feasting and sharing.

Christmas needs to enlighten the future with new possibilities for change and for fresh hopes to become reality, like our trees, to help us see beyond the everyday and be caught up in a brighter vision, to uplift our spirits and show us what is possible when people work together to overcome need, using our skills, energies and resources for the good of others.

So as Christmas approaches in your own home and family, when you take out the decorations and erect the Christmas Tree once again, think not only of how it delights the senses, but also of how it can bring hope and change in our world. And long after Christmas has been and gone let finding those stray pine needles also remind you of the continuing presence of God-with-us, Emmanuel, as the prophets called this Jesus.

The Christmas Trees in our churches will shine out throughout Christmastide and you will be most welcome to join us at any of our Christmas Services. Wherever you are this Christmastide, enjoy the Christmas Tree and see in it, the promise of change, light in the darkness, which the birth of the Christ Child brings. □

BRIAN LEATHARD





Each Advent, we welcome lots of local charities, schools and organisations to our churches for carol services and concerts – please see the centre pages for details for this Advent. The posada nativity sets will also be journey around the congregation, setting off on Advent Sunday to return on Christmas Eve at the crib services, and looking forward to the new year, the Epiphany party takes place on 11 January at St Luke's.

Inserted into this magazine, you will also find a draft of our Parish Action Plan, which members of the PCC have been working on. Please do look through it, and we look forward to hearing your comments. □

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

ANNA STAMENOVA



**“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.” – Luke 2:10**

The tidings of great joy we bring you here look both backwards to our half term children's activities and forwards to Christmas to the birth of Jesus on Christmas day and making His presence known in the world at our Epiphany party.

Half term

Children had a very memorable half term with lots of fun and an amazing activity. Our new projects involve the police from our community and professional garden storytellers.

The lovely police officers brought their working uniform with lots of different hats and handcuffs. Children dressed as a real police officer and had a feel of wearing the uniform. We had lots of game like see if you can catch a robber, identify the suspect and arrest them. That was hilarious, the children's imagination ran wild. The police and adults were having a relay race carrying a police radio then pass the helmet. At the end we had a few children who made up their mind and are ready to start learning how to become a police officer.



In the Sunken Garden, behind the shops on Chelsea Green, we had outdoor theatre and garden exploration. With the story children enjoyed exploring the garden and discovering the ways in which plants have shaped the world in which we live. Our first workshop for the year was a Hedgehog workshop in which children learned about hibernation. Each child finished the day with their own take-home hoglet too! Wow.

We also had our usual wonderful spots day with Dean. The weather was lovely and everyone had great time. Children played different sports and apart from the lunch; they didn't stop running.

On Saturday 19 October

Father Sam and I led a group of pilgrims to Westminster Abbey to take part in the Pilgrimage to the shrine of Edward the Confessor. We joined in with the service, prayer and activities at the Abbey. Thank you to every one who came on the day. We had a lovely walk to the Abbey and after the service we enjoyed delicious lunch around the garden fountain.



Children's events to come

All children and parents/carers are very welcome to all of these events!

**Tuesday 24 December- 4pm Children Crib service** at both churches. Children are invited to dress as shepherds, angels or sheep. Please save your king outfits for the Epiphany Party!

**Saturday 11 January – 10.30 -12noon Epiphany party at St. Luke's.** Please join us as we travel with the Three Wise men to visit the baby Jesus at the crib! As usual, we shall organise drama, craft, cookery and music activities as we reflect on the Epiphany story, finishing with a very short service in which we lay gifts at the manger- followed by delicious pizza! Please let me as soon as you know you are coming, so we can have enough supplies. I wish you and your families to have a Merry Christmas and Happy and healthy New Year. God bless you! Thank you!

Youth Church

meets at St Luke's Hall, 5.30 – 7.30pm, for children of secondary school age. Sunday 8 December & Sunday 26 January Please contact Fr John for more details – johnrussell@chelseaparish.org □



Seven and a half years ago, I was walking home across London in the early hours of the morning after another great night out on the razz. Working as a lawyer, I'd got used to drinking heavily – not that I'd ever needed much persuading. And I was a terrific drunk! It loosened me up and helped me chat to people. Sober, I was quiet and serious. Drunk, I was hilarious. As I turned 40, my GP had called me in for a health-check and asked how much I was drinking. When I gave her a figure which was roughly a third of what I actually drank, she still said it was too much. I'd made resolutions to cut down and for a month after seeing my GP that had gone well but, lo and behold, here I was again despite my best intentions, staggering back home under the night sky. And then, out of nowhere, the voice of God spoke to me in my heart as clear and bright as day: 'This drinking that you think is you unwinding from work is killing you. You need to stop immediately. You need to go into AA.' And I knew without a doubt that this voice spoke the truth and that I must obey it. So the next day, after 20 years of mismanaging my alcohol intake, I went to my first AA meeting. I'd sometimes threatened myself with the thought of going to AA – the grim prospect of having to

join a few forlorn-looking people sitting in a dismal church hall was enough to rein in my drinking for a few weeks. But AA in London was nothing like I had imagined. There are about 300 AA meetings across London every week and they are packed. The most popular meetings, known to invite the wisest and most entertaining speakers to share their testimony, have people spilling out of the doors and standing in corridors to listen. I was in meetings for six months (including in The Hut on Flood Street) until I had a nagging feeling that I was supposed to be in church instead. At the beginning, when I'd had to surrender to my 'Higher Power', people had told me that God could mean anything I wanted – Good Orderly Direction, Group Of Drunks, Gift Of Desperation – but somehow I knew that the only thing that would work for me would be for it to be Jesus. Since then my interest in prayer and Christian faith had steadily grown. And so seven years ago at the start of Advent, having only been to church a handful of times in my life, I started attending weekly Anglican services. Within a few months I had gone to the Rector and said awkwardly 'I think I'm meant to become a priest.' Instead of laughing and

telling me it would wear off (as I imagined she would), she wanted to know the story of my life and what I knew of God and by the start of the next church year I'd resigned my job and moved to Manchester to become a parish assistant. So for me, the beginning of Advent in December is always a time for remembering how it felt for Christ to be born in my heart, to reflect on where another year in my unpredictable journey with God has taken me and to wonder what will happen next. With the end of curacy coming up fast and looking ahead to another period of dramatic change, it is glorious to feel afresh that I have never been more sure that I am where God wants me to be, doing what God wants me to do, learning what God needs me to learn. And that whatever joys and challenges will come, turning sober and holy have certainly not been boring! □

## UNIFORM RECYCLING & CAKE SALE



We are very pleased to report that we have amassed a massive amount of old uniform that has been washed and sorted and will be sent to Calais for

clothing refugees in the cold months to come. The grey trousers and shorts from Holy Trinity have been specifically donated to a London school where many families struggle to pay for uniform.

The children are looking super smart at school in their new uniform and thank you to the very many of you who have taken the time to sew on the new logo badges to old uniform etc.

An amazing total of £282.70 was raised by both Christ Church and Holy Trinity schools from the Uniform & Cake Sale, which will be put towards the cost of shipping the recycled uniform to Calais for refugee children who need warm clothes.

## YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD



In October, Year 4 visited the Museum of Childhood to learn about toys through the ages. "My favourite was the Hogwarts Harry Potter Lego. It was made in about the year 2000. I also saw a very old doll that was wrapped up in newspaper—it was made in about the year 1897 and it was a bit freaky because the eyes were missing! I liked the old rocking horses because they were really wobbly. We also saw an old fashioned train and when you put old fashioned money in it, it moved. There was an old teddy from Germany and when you pulled a string in the back it spoke in German. Violet translated it and it said "I am Jim the bear." Imogen

## YEAR 3 TRIP TO LONDON ZOO

As part of their science topic, bones and movement, year 3 went to London Zoo.

"We went to the penguins and when you went into this see-through hole bit, they would come up to the glass and they would follow your hands. We saw lions,



which didn't roar they just sat down lazing about! At the workshop, we matched skeletons and my group looked at the zebra's skeleton. We saw models of animal skeletons – we looked at the skeleton of a rat and then we got to touch a real live rat

called Sprout. Sprout's fur was soft and nice to touch." Milo

## THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

Over the past few months, children from various



year groups have worked to create a piece of art designed to represent the Christian calendar and show how it relates to real-time and events that we celebrate at school. See if you can recognise some of the occasions in

the photographs included in this display. Can you see how they fit in with the Christian year? Thank you to all the children and to Mother Emma for her invaluable guidance with this project.

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

We had a fabulous morning with our grandparents last week! We hope that all who attended



enjoyed their time with us and got to see what their grandchild had been learning. Thank you for all the wonderful feedback we got from this special morning. ☐

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## The Choir of St. Luke's hits the Big Apple!

As you may have heard, St. Luke's Summer 2020 Tour will take the choir a little further afield than some of our more recent excursions: this time, we have the fantastic opportunity of going to New York.

Not only will this be an incredible experience for our singers, but it will enable us to enhance the global reputation of St. Luke's, and to take our unique blend of musical passion and worship across to the United States. We'll be singing at some truly magnificent venues such as St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, among others, and will give concerts as well as lead worship. There may even be an appearance by the St. Luke's Recorder Club (don't tell the choir!)...



We've started fundraising for the tour already, and you will see lots of events and notices about this. As you are no doubt aware, we are an entirely voluntary choir, with many students, graduates and young singers who are an integral part of the vibrancy of the group. We have, therefore, some money to raise and it is our absolute belief that not one singer should be prevented from coming through lack of funds.

So, what can you do to help? Lots of things! For instance, why not buy a Christmas card or two? The choir held a competition for the design earlier in the year, won by soprano Sarah Charman, who painted a beautiful candle still-life in oils. Cards cost £1 each, £5 for 6 or £10 for 15. Or come along to our Christmas Shoppers' Recital, to be held at 3pm on Saturday 21st December. There will be lots of family-friendly music and refreshments, with a retiring collection in aid of the tour.

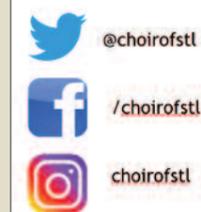
Certain members of the choir have committed even more ardently to the cause by agreeing to a "Grade-



I-athon" competition: they have had 12 weeks to learn a new instrument, from scratch, and will each take a Grade I ABRSM music exam on Saturday 30th November. Even Jeremy, our Director of Music, is joining in – by learning to play an enormous purple trombone!

You can sponsor the entrants by visiting our Crowdfunding page: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stlukeschoir](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stlukeschoir).

Finally, do feel free to simply donate to the website above. Every single penny helps, and is important to all of us. We've lots of brilliant thank-you gifts for milestone donations, from complimentary tickets to our concerts (from £50); the chance to sing with the choir for the weekend (£200); or even a visit this December, to your own home or party, from the St. Luke's Carollers (£500). You can follow our antics at our social media pages, contact us at [stlukeschelsea@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeschelsea@gmail.com) or just catch one of us after a service.



We are so grateful to those of you who have already been so generous, and to all of you who support us in our weekly worship – thank you. ☐

# Advent Calendar

**1 December**

**SUNDAY**

**1830**

Advent Carol Service at St Luke's

**2 December**

**MONDAY**

**0900**

Morning Prayer  
Mon – Thurs  
throughout  
Advent  
at Christ Church

**3 December**

**TUESDAY**

**1900**

Asthma UK Carol  
Service at St Luke's  
[asthma.org.uk](http://asthma.org.uk)

**1900**

Auto Immune Charity Carol  
Service at Christ Church

**12 December**

**THURSDAY**

**1900**

Alice Martineau  
Carol Service  
at St Luke's

[cysticfibrosis.org.uk/](http://cysticfibrosis.org.uk/)  
[carolsbycandlelight](http://carolsbycandlelight)

**13 December**

**FRIDAY**

**1930**

Battersea Carol  
Concert at St Luke's  
[battersea.org.uk](http://battersea.org.uk)

**15 December**

**SUNDAY**

**1730**

Nine Lessons & Carols  
at Christ Church

**4 December**

**WEDNESDAY**

**1900**

Henry van Straubenzee  
Carol Service at  
St Luke's

[henryvanstraubenzeemf.org.uk](http://henryvanstraubenzeemf.org.uk)

**5 December**

**THURSDAY**

**1930**

Battersea Carol  
Concert  
at St Luke's  
[battersea.org.uk](http://battersea.org.uk)

**7 December**

**SATURDAY**

**12-1500**

Christ Church  
St Nicholas Fair

**16 December**

**MONDAY**

**1830**

The Clink & Hospitality  
Action at St Luke's  
Carol Service  
[thelinkcharity.org](http://thelinkcharity.org)

## SERVICES

**24 December**

**TUESDAY**

**Christmas Eve**

**1600**

Crib Service in St Luke's & in  
Christ Church

**Christmas Eve**

**2330**

Parish Midnight Eucharist  
in St Luke's

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**0800**

Holy Communion at St Luke's

**1030**

Christmas Eucharist at St Luke's

**1100**

Christmas Eucharist at  
Christ Church

**9 December**

**MONDAY**

**1900**

Charlie Waller Carol  
Service  
at St Luke's  
[cwmt.org.uk](http://cwmt.org.uk)

**1745**

Pemberton Greenish  
Celebration at  
Christ Church

**10 December**

**TUESDAY**

**1900**

Nordoff-Robbins  
Carol  
Service at  
St Luke's [nordoff-robbins.org.uk](http://nordoff-robbins.org.uk)

**1830**

Carols on Chelsea Green

**11 December**

**WEDNESDAY**

**1430**

Christ Church  
School  
Christingle  
at Christ Church

**1900**

Grocery Aid Carol  
Service  
at St Luke's  
[groceryaid.org.uk](http://groceryaid.org.uk)

**22 December**

**SUNDAY**

**0800**

Holy Communion  
at St Luke's

**1030**

Sung Eucharist  
at St Luke's

**1100**

Sung Eucharist  
at Christ Church

**1830**

Nine Lessons & Carols  
at St Luke's

## Organ recital series at Christ Church

2019 has been a very exciting year for Christ Church, with the instigation of the first formal organ concert series since the organ was built in 2009. In total, six concerts have been given by distinguished musicians from across the city, including the Head of Organ from the Royal College of Music, Professor David Graham, and the Director of Music from the Temple Church, Roger Sayer.

The reception to the series has, so far, been extremely encouraging. Most of our audiences have been made up of people with no previous connection to the church; of people of all ages and genders; of music-lovers and those new to live concerts; with numbers ranging from 20 to 50, averaging at around 35.

We have heard works by male and female composers past and present, from the 16th century to the current year. We have been wowed with feats of technical mastery and moved by the most simple and

beautiful music. But more than that, we have heard music on an instrument much more in keeping with the style and character of tone and sound composers like Bach, Böhm, Buxtehude and Byrd were writing for—and in our very own church—a rare occurrence in the UK!

Each concert lasts between 45 and 60 minutes and is free of charge—though the generosity shown in the retiring collections means the series has paid for itself and more.

The cultural life of our parish is greatly enriched and deeply nourished by events like this and I would urge you to come along and give one a go if you haven't yet. In our ever busier and more digitalised world, hearing an art which has changed very little in the last 500 years is the perfect tonic!

The next concert will be in January and advertised widely through the usual channels. □

SAMUEL ALI, CHRIST CHURCH ORGANIST

## Posada

For a number of years now, our parish has marked Advent by sharing in the Mexican tradition of Posada. During this time, figures from the Nativity scene are brought from house to house each evening. The tradition recalls the long journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, and so helps us mark this time of anticipation for the celebrations of Christmas Day. We have two sets of figures for this purpose, and invite parishioners of all generations to get involved and share the story of the journey to Bethlehem together this Advent. The Posada figures will leave from each church after the morning Eucharist service on Advent Sunday, returning for the crib services in both churches on Christmas Eve.

If you would be able to host the Posada figures for a night in your home between December 1 and December 24 – whether you have hosted many times before or whether this is your first time – please let Fr Sam know which nights might be possible for you. We will then set up an itinerary for one person or family to deliver the figures to the next each evening.

We look forward to hearing from you, and we can then send out more information for those who can offer room at the inn...

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## FROM OUR REGISTERS

**We welcome as members of the church through baptism:**

Liam Borwick, Allure Jazbinsek, Santa Green, Oscar Gates, Heidi Roberts, Audrey Miles, Theadora Kennedy

**We congratulate on the occasion of their wedding:**

Alexander Griffiths & Clare Vigers, James Troughton & Clementine Nicholson

**We pray for the soul of:** Rosemary Harris, Larry Carter



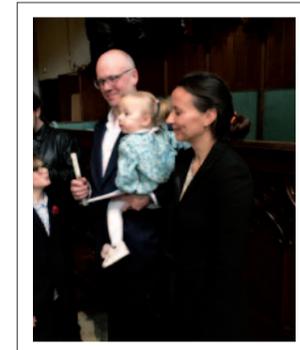
Glass Door were awarded the 'Community Collaboration Award' at the recent Chelsea Awards



Liam Borwick after his baptism at Christ Church

Allure Galaxy Jazbinsek with her mother, Zaria, and Brian at her baptism in St Luke's

Sam's licensing at Christ Church



Santa Green with her family after her baptism at St Luke's

  
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## Sabbatical

'And God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work he had done in creation' (Genesis 2:3).

With these words the first creation story (there are two!) in the book of Genesis ends. It paints an image of a God who had exhausted himself by the busyness of the previous six days of super-exertion in establishing the whole cosmic order- from the planets to the microbes. It is, of course, poetry, not science. It's a human attempt, within the limits of human imagination, to understand and categorise the creativity of God in a way we can appreciate.

But it gives us the notion of the seventh day being holy, a day of rest- Shabbat- in Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament, and Sabbath, as we know it in English, a day of rest.

Some of us remember when shops were closed on Sunday and the row that ensued when legislation changed, allowing Sunday, so said the opponents, to lose its special nature and to become just another day. Certainly there is something special in the rhythm of taking one day off in seven, which is our normal clergy pattern, even if the rest of the world has moved to a five day week.

Sabbath, has also given us the term sabbatical, which, traditionally, academics and many other professionals

have had in their job descriptions for a time of recharging of batteries, to resource the teaching and giving out which they are required to do.

For many years now the Church of England has also recognised that clergy, working six day weeks, flourish when they have time to re-resource themselves, and introduced a sabbatical scheme. In the Diocese of London, very appropriately, it used to be once every seven years that a priest could apply for three months sabbatical leave. This changed to once every ten years and, after sixteen years, I have now been granted three months sabbatical leave, which I shall be taking early in 2020. Because of the way Easter falls in 2020, I shall be taking my sabbatical leave in two parts- before and after Easter; from 10 January to 26 March and 14 to 27 April, much of it based in Sri Lanka, where I shall be helping the Church of Ceylon with some thinking and taking some physical exercise as well as catching up on the pile of books to be read.

During this period the parish is in the very safe hands of Fr Sam, Fr John and the Churchwardens, superbly supported by our Parish Office team. Everything will continue as normal and I hope to return refreshed, enthused and brimming with positive ideas for the way ahead. ☐

BRIAN LEATHARD

## EVENTS IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

### DECEMBER

#### 1 DECEMBER

Advent Carol Service at St Luke's, 6.30pm

#### 7 DECEMBER

St Nicholas Fair, Christ Church 12-3pm

#### 8 DECEMBER

Youth Church in St Luke's Hall, 5.30 – 7.30pm

#### 12 DECEMBER

Parish Eucharist and Lunch, St Luke's, 12.30pm

#### 15 DECEMBER

Last Sunday School of Term (both Churches)

#### 15 DECEMBER

Nine Lessons & Carols at Christ Church, 5.30pm

#### 21 DECEMBER

St Luke's Choir Christmas concert, 3pm

### 22 DECEMBER

Nine Lessons & Carols at St Luke's, 6.30pm

### JANUARY

#### 9 JANUARY

Start of term for ABC

#### 11 JANUARY

Epiphany Party at St Luke's

#### 17-19 JANUARY

Parish Retreat, Douai Abbey

#### 18 JANUARY

Christ Church organ recital, 6pm

#### 23 JANUARY

Parish Eucharist and Lunch, St Luke's, 12.30pm

#### 26 JANUARY

Youth Church in St Luke's Hall, 5.30 – 7.30pm

## MUSIC IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

### Music at St Luke's

#### Sunday 1 December (Advent Sunday)

##### 1030 Eucharist

Croce Missa prima sexti toni

Ave verum – Edward Elgar

Organ music: Wachet auf – J S Bach

Ach bleib mit deiner Gnade – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Fantasy on 'Lo he comes' – Kenneth Leighton

##### 1830 Advent Carol Service

#### Sunday 8 December (Advent 2)

##### 1030 Eucharist

Oldroyd Mass for the Quiet Hour

Bethlehem down – Peter Warlock

Organ music: Magnificat – Marcel Dupré

Freu dich sehr – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Toccata and Fugue – Max Reger

#### Sunday 15 December (Advent 3)

##### 1030 Eucharist

Mozart in F

Star Carol – George Rose

Organ music: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland – Jan

Sweelinck

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Toccata Primi Toni - Einar Trærup Sark

#### Sunday 22 December (Advent 4)

##### 1030 Eucharist

Darke in E

Great antiphons – plainchant

Organ music: Benedictus – Max Reger

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland – Dietrich Buxtehude

Macht hoch die Tür – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

##### 1830 Christmas Carol Service

#### Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)

##### 2330 Midnight Mass

Missa Orbis factor – plainchant

Away in a manger – trad.

Organ music: In dulci jubilo – J M Bach

In dulci jubilo – Dietrich Buxtehude

In dulci jubilo – J S Bach

#### Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day)

##### 1030 Eucharist

Missa Deus creator omnium – plainchant

Nativity Carol – John Rutter

Organ Music: Sussex Mummers' Carol – Percy Grainger

The Holy Boy – John Ireland

Toccata (5th Symphony) – Charles-Marie Widor

#### Sunday 5 January (Epiphany)

##### 1030 Eucharist

Schubert in G

Lo star-led chiefs – William Crotch

##### 1500 Evensong

Stanford in C

There shall a star from Jacob come forth – Mendelssohn

### Sunday 12 January (Baptism of Christ)

##### 1030 Eucharist

Darke in E

O salutaris hostia – Edward Elgar

##### 1500 Evensong

Noble in A minor

Here is the little door – Herbert Howells

### Sunday 19 January (Epiphany 2)

##### 1030 Eucharist

Lassus Missa Pilons, pilons lorge

Verleih uns Frieden – Felix Mendelssohn

##### 1500 Evensong

Murrill in E

Videntes stellam – Francis Poulenc

### Sunday 26 January (Epiphany 3)

##### 1030 Eucharist

Nicholson in G

Coventry Carol – trad.

##### 1500 Evensong

Stanford in A

The Three Kings – Jonathan Dove

### Music at Christ Church

#### 1 December

Rheinberger - Mass in G

Arr. Wilson - Ave Maris Stella

#### 8 December

Victoria - Missa O magnum mysterium

Ingegneri - Beata viscera Maria

#### 15 December

Plainchant - Missa de Angelis

Bortniansky - Cherubic Hymn

#### 15 December - Carol Service

Handel - Let thy right hand be exalted

Crood - Silent Night

Bortniansky - Cherubic Hymn

Ingegneri - Beata viscera Maria

Arr. Wilson - Suo Gan

#### 22 December

Magalhaes - Missa de BVM

Wilson - Magnificat Quarti Toni (Girton Fauxbourdons)

#### 5 January

O' Neill - Missa Seria

Merulo - Tribus Miraculis

#### 12 January

Haydn - Heiligmesse

Frances-Hoad - O come, let us sing

#### 19 January

Bingham - Missa Brevis "Awake My Soul"

Bingham - God be in my head

#### 26 January

Guerrero - Missa Congratulami Mihi

Wilson - Nunc Dimittis (The Girton Service)

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 Holy Communion	St. Luke's
1030 Sung Eucharist	St. Luke's
1100 Sung Eucharist	Christ Church
1500 Choral Evensong	St. Luke's

## MORNING PRAYER

Monday	0900	Christ Church
Tuesday	0900	St. Luke's
Wednesday	0900	St. Luke's
Thursday	0900	St. Luke's

## CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

**Children's ministry Administrator Anna Stamenova:**  
Please contact Anna for any enquiries about children's groups, registrations and schools via the parish office, or [childrensadmin@chelseaparish.org](mailto:childrensadmin@chelseaparish.org).

**Children's Groups during Sunday Services**  
1030 at St. Luke's, 1100 at Christ Church  
All families and children welcome

**Youth Events for 11 +** please contact John Russell for more details 020 7351 7365, [johnrussell@chelseaparish.org](mailto:johnrussell@chelseaparish.org)

**Junior Choir**  
Rehearsal every Tuesday in term time in Christ Church at 4.30pm - 6.30pm  
Contact Emily Calderwood 07813 783533

**ABC Club During Term Time**  
Thursday 1000-1130 in Christ Church.  
Parent and Toddler Group. All carers welcome.

**Uniformed Organisations All At St. Luke's Hall**  
**10th Chelsea (St. Luke's) Rainbows**  
For girls Aged 5-7 meet Tuesday 1700-1800  
Contact: Lottie Holmes on 07981 891 788

**Brownies**  
For girls 7-10. Meets on Tuesday evenings 1800-1930  
Contact: Gail Horn 0203 313 5901

**Guides**  
For girls 10-14 years old. Meets on Tuesday evenings 1900-20.30

**9th Chelsea Scout Group - All at St. Luke's Hall**  
For further info all contact Wolf or Chil  
[wolf2872@btinternet.com](mailto:wolf2872@btinternet.com)

**Beavers:** Boys and girls aged 6-8  
Every Thursday 1730-1845

**Cubs:** Boys and girls aged 8-10 & a half  
Every Thursday 1900-2030

**Scouts -** Boys and girls 10 & a half -14  
Every Friday 1900-2100

**Explorers-** Boys and girls 14-18  
Every Friday 1900-2100

## PARTY VENUES FOR HIRE

The Hall of Remembrance, Flood Street, St. Luke's Hall, St. Luke's Street, and The Hut, Alpha Place. All are available to hire for children's parties, workshops, rehearsals and public or private meetings. All halls are light and airy, on the ground floor with high ceilings. For more information contact tel: 020 7351 6133.

## OPEN FOR PRAYER

St. Luke's is open for prayer from  
0900-1530 Monday to Saturday