



## 1st Sunday of Advent 28 November 2021



### Happy New Year!

It's time not to hurry, but to wait. Time to wait expectantly, as if for the dawn. Advent is, above all, the time to learn the characteristics of God, so we may recognise him when he comes. When justice, peace, forgiveness, hope, take root, so may we learn to say God has come near. Happy waiting and watching.

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### Worship this Week

#### Sunday 28 November - 1st Sunday of Advent

8.00am BCP Eucharist at St Luke's

10.20am Live Stream from St Luke's <https://youtu.be/g6B9EPt-owo>

10.30am Sung Eucharist at St Luke's

11.00 Sung Eucharist at Christ Church

**6.30pm Advent Carol Service at St Luke's. No Evensong at St Luke's.**

6.30pm Live Stream from St Luke's <https://youtu.be/CDtO28AxwpY>

#### Monday 29 November

9.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church

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9.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church

**Thursday 2 December**

9.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church

12.30pm Midweek Eucharist at Christ Church, proceeded by coffee in the church from 11.30am (note the later time)

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**Advent Carol Service, Sunday 28 November, St Luke's**

Plan to join us for this very special service at 6.30pm on Sunday at St Luke's.

There will be no Evensong at St Luke's this Sunday.

Sequence of Readings and Music for Advent:

Kedrov, Pettman, Sandström, Cook, Whitacre, Tavener, Dyson.

Choir: St Luke's, Chelsea. Director of Music: Jeremy Summerly. Organist: Rupert Jeffcoat

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for Advent

St. Luke's Church, Sydney Street  
London SW3 6NH

Sunday 28 November, 6.30pm

KEDROV  
PETTMAN  
SANDSTRÖM  
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WHITACRE  
TAVENER  
DYSON

Choir of St. Luke's, Chelsea  
Jeremy Summerly, Director of Music  
Rupert Jeffcoat, organ

**Advent Candles**

Advent candles are available at the back of both churches. As we have a very limited number of candles, we ask that each family only takes one.

**New Website**

We are delighted, on this first Sunday of the new liturgical year, to launch our new parish website. Significant work has gone into this new creation, which we hope conveys our rich and varied parish life. Enjoy a browse and see what you never knew about all that goes on at St Luke's and Christ Church: [www.chelseaparish.org](http://www.chelseaparish.org) The new site will be live from Sunday.

**Last of the Autumn Talks**

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### Coffee and Midweek Eucharist Relocating

Coffee and Midweek Eucharist are relocating to Christ Church on 2, 9, and 16 December, because of carol services in St Luke's. Please join us in Christ Church from 11:30am (note the later time) for coffee, cake and a chat, followed by the Midweek Eucharist at 12.30pm.

### St Nicholas Fair at Christ Church, Saturday 11 December, 1.00pm-3.30pm

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to a wonderful day of fun with the chance to buy some Christmas presents and supplies. We would be very grateful for donations for these stalls: Bottles for the tombola (eg oils, juices, wine, spirits, cordials, etc), Chocolates for the tombola (full boxes, tubs, bars, biscuits or anything individually wrapped. Chocolates with a Santa Claus theme especially welcome!), Homemade seasonal treats for the Christmas food stall. If you are unable to attend or help on the day, but would like to offer sponsorship, you might like to consider: Santa's grotto £150, Raffle prizes £300, Supplies for refreshment stalls £100, Floor covering for the church £60. Cheques to be made payable to Christ Church DCC and sent to the parish office, or contact the parish office for bank details.

### 2022 Parish Retreat at Douai Abbey

The second retreat at Douai Abbey is now fully booked but there is still space on the first retreat, which will run from 4pm on Wednesday 12 January until 2pm on Friday 14 January. The cost is £110 per person sharing a twin/double room, with a single supplement of £140—though please speak with the clergy if you would like to come but the cost is prohibitive. We would very much like to welcome newcomers to the retreat—if you would like to know more about what happens, please speak to the clergy.

### Christ Church Quinquennial

Work continues on the East wall of Christ Church as part of the Quinquennial inspection. The works will run for 11 weeks. Please stay away from the scaffolding and work area in the north garden.

### Covid Lateral Flow Test Kits

Kits are available to collect at the back of church. Please do pick up a box.

### Social Distancing

For those wishing to social distance, there are pews in the north aisle of Christ Church roped off.

### Vaccination Information

Get either first, second or booster jabs

Saturday 27 Nov - outside Sloane Sq Underground, SW1, 11am-3pm

Monday 29 Nov - outside St Luke's, Sydney Street, SW3, 11am-3pm

Violet Melchett Health Centre, 30 Flood Walk, SW3

Friday, 26 Nov, 9am-4pm (walk-ins 10am-5pm)

Saturday, 27 Nov, 9am-2pm (walk-ins 10am-4pm)

### Rotas

### 10.30am Sung Eucharist at St Luke's

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**Sidespeople:** Janet & Ken Gower, Guy Tobin, Allan Sanderson, Robert Noel, Sophy/Fred Bouverat

**Readers:** Miles Maskell, Luke Moussa

**Intercessions:** Miranda Pottinger

### 11.00am Sung Eucharist at Christ Church

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Revd Dr Sam Hole

**Sidespeople:** Alun Evans, Chris & Alex Vane-Tempest

**Readers:** Alun Evans, Jonas Khalili

**Intercessions:** Valerie Brunskill

### 6.30pm Advent Carol Service at St Luke's

**Clergy:** The Revd Prebendary Dr Brian Leathard, Revd Dr Sam Hole, Revd Samuel Rylands

**Sidespeople:** \*Simon Hills, Janet & Ken Gower, John & Alfie Stewart, Stuart Thom

## Readings for the 1st Sunday of Advent

### Advent Wreath Prayer

Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today.

### Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### Psalm 25.1-9

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 21.25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will

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trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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