

## Weekly Services & Groups



### Family Eucharist Sundays 9am – 10am

Holy Communion combining traditional and modern worship, filled with music & prayer



### Taizé Service Tuesdays 7pm – 7.30pm

Meditative music and silence in the tranquil candlelit setting of the Church



### Spirituality Group Wednesdays 11am – 12noon

A discussion group, where each week a chapter from a book is read & discussed



### Open Church Thursdays 4pm – 6pm

Our Priest-in-Residence will be in the Church to share a prayer or just be a listening ear



### Meditation Group Thursdays 7pm – 8pm

A bilingual meditation group, focusing on peace and serenity - newcomers welcome



### Morning Prayer Fridays 8.30am – 9am

A spiritual way to start the morning, with time for your own private prayers



## St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

## Fourth Sunday of Advent 24th December 2017

Dear Friends,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent as well as the Eve of Christmas. As we meet together in the expectation of the coming of the infant Jesus, we can reflect on the message of the past three Sundays - how to be patient! The poem 'Advent Sunday' by Christina Rossetti demonstrates that patience by reflecting on a bride and groom meeting - when they do it is with rapture.

Tomorrow the wait will be over and we too can meet Christ Jesus with rapture - which means being taken to a new place, as well as being filled with joy. Let's all try to make sure that place is filled with peace and love.

**We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Carol Service tonight, which starts at 6.30pm, or at our Christmas Morning service which starts at 9am.**

With blessings,  
Philip

**Donations:** We are an entirely self-funded Church and we are therefore dependent on the generosity and regular giving of our congregation – both resident and visitors alike. Please consider making a donation to keep our church open and to ensure that we can continue to grow spiritually, as well as offer a talented and professional music ministry and maintain all our fine buildings.

You may wish to discuss with one of our church leadership about how you can most effectively help. **You can donate via our US Charitable Foundation, which is tax deductible for US citizens, and you may also donate online by visiting our website.**

### Today's Hymns

**Processional:** Crown Him with Many Crowns #103 (3v)

**Gradual:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel #358 (3v)

**Communion:** Break Bread & Father We Love You #126

**Recessional:** The Holly and the Ivy #481

**Mailing List:** *If you are new to our Church & would like to be added to our mailing list, please fill out a visitor card & place it (or your business card) in one of the collection baskets or boxes at the rear.*

**AA Group:** Open Meetings in the Church Centre in English on Tuesdays & Fridays at 6pm. For more information call: 0617 16 53 31 or 0690 54 17 99.

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### Psalm 89

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

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

'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah

Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: "I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.

I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

My hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'

### The Letter to the Romans – Ch 16

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith -- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen

### The Gospel according to Luke – Ch 1

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

For nothing will be impossible with God."

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

### Advent Sunday by Christina Rossetti

*BEHOLD, the Bridegroom cometh: go ye out  
With lighted lamps and garlands round about  
To meet Him in a rapture with a shout.  
It may be at the midnight, black as pitch,  
Earth shall cast up her poor, cast up her rich.  
It may be at the crowing of the cock  
Earth shall upheave her depth, uproot her rock.  
For lo, the Bridegroom fetcheth home the Bride:  
His Hands are Hands she knows, she knows His Side.  
Like pure Rebekah at the appointed place,  
Veiled, she unveils her face to meet His Face.  
Like great Queen Esther in her triumphing,  
She triumphs in the Presence of her King.  
His Eyes are as a Dove's, and she's Dove-eyed;  
He knows His lovely mirror, sister, Bride.  
He speaks with Dove-voice of exceeding love,  
And she with love-voice of an answering Dove.  
Behold, the Bridegroom cometh: go we out  
With lamps ablaze and garlands round about  
To meet Him in a rapture with a shout.*