

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

Anniversaries for December: 1st Violet Tattersfield, 2nd Arthur Toms, 5th Doris Acons, 6th Michael Barwick, 7th Eileen Sellwood, David Lovitt, 8th Hans Larsen, 9th Anne Jones, 10th Arthur Hughes, 12th Kathryn Anderson, 15th Elizabeth Salen, 16th Nellie Thacker, 18th Sheila Birchnall, 19th Winifred White, 21st Florence Palmer, 22nd Beryl Banks, 23rd Grace Skeggs, 24th Arthur Langsdon, 25th Gill Head, 26th Allan Taylor, 27th Alfred Salen, Les Acklam, 29th Edward Gooch, 30th David Anderson, Joan Trapnell, 31st Mavis Symonds.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

This week



Wed	18th Dec	20.00	Advent Group—at St Edmund's
Thurs	19th Dec	13.00	Advent Group—at St Edmund's
		14.00	Open Church
Fri	20th Dec	10.00	Holy Communion
Sat	21st Dec	10.30	Carol Singing in Chingford Hatch

Christmas services



Sun 22nd Dec 10.00 Parish Eucharist
(Christingle preparation afterwards)
16.30 Service of Carols and Readings

Christmas Eve
Tues 24th Dec 16.30 Christingle
23.30 Midnight Mass

Christmas day
Wed 25th Dec 10.00 Eucharist

N **Bible Reading Notes**—For many years some members of the congregation have used the BRF Bible Reading notes to aid their bible study. With the loss of some of them we are now below the minimum number needed to continue in 2020. If you are interested in subscribing to these, please speak with Jill Rooke-Matthews

W **Feb to April Rotas**—These will be prepared early in the New Year. Please let Mick have any dates you are not available before Christmas. We are getting very short of Welcomers, Servers and Prayer Leaders. Please consider volunteering. Training is given for all of these



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15th December 2019—Gaudete Sunday

Welcomers: Velma Davis, Jenny Miller, Anthony Sullivan
Administration: Julie Adesina, Alan Pearson
Server: Jenny Scotchmer
Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer
Organist: Peter Stannard



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315 How beautiful are the feet
Prayer of forgiveness

Let us confess before God that we have sinned. We ask for forgiveness.

In the wilderness we find your grace;
 you love us with an everlasting love.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

There is none but you to uphold our cause;
 our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;
 restore us and we shall know your joy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy

May almighty God,
 who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
 bring you his pardon and peace,
 now and for ever.

Thanks be to God Amen.

FIRST READING: *James 5:7-10*

364 It is a thing most wonderful

GOSPEL *Matthew 11:2-11*

REFLECTION

690 Teach me, my God and King
Prayer of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
 from whom every family
 in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
 who lives in our hearts through
 faith,
 and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
 who strengthens us
 with power from on high.
 We believe in one God;
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 Amen.**

Prayers

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church ...
 let us pray to the Father.
 Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the
gospel
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us

For peace in the world ...
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation
may grow
among nations and peoples,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick,
and all who suffer...
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;
that they may be relieved and protected,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or
offended,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to
further the reign of God,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who have
walked in the way of holiness ...
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

God our Father,
in your love and goodness
you have taught us to come close to you

in penitence
with prayer, fasting and generosity;
accept our Lenten discipline,
and when we fall by our weakness,
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

And now, as Jesus taught us so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours.
Now and for ever. Amen**

Sign of Peace
*The gifts of bread and wine are then
brought to the table*

638 Rejoice, the Lord is King

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
Listen, and we will hear.



And now we give you thanks
because you have revealed the glory of
your eternal fellowship
of love with your Son and with the Holy
Spirit,
three persons equal in majesty,
undivided in splendour,
yet one God,
ever to be worshipped and adored.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and praise you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his
blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?
Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of
wine,

gave thanks, and shared it with his
disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you
and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his
risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?
Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your
loving arms.

And now with St Anne and all your
saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

Amen.

*Distribution of Holy Communion
Silent prayer of thanksgiving then
notices*

Final Blessing

May God embrace you with love
and make kindness flow out from you.
May God ignite courage within you
and transform you into agents of justice
and peace.

May God grant you humility
and give you perseverance to nurture
unity.

Amen.

798 We have a gospel to proclaim