




WELCOME

We welcome all visitors today, especially Revs. Ian Smith, Peter French and Ivor Lewis. If you are new to St George's please make yourself known to those on duty, and if you would like to, do let us have your details on one of the leaflets (from the table at back of church). After the 10.30am service, please join us for tea and coffee in the Whitmore Room.

 *If you wear a hearing aid please switch to the T setting to make use of the induction loop*

The twenty-third Sunday after Trinity/Second Sunday before Advent 19th November 2017

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Ian Smith

10.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Peter French
Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18 (p. 889)
1 Thessalonians .5.1-11 (p. 202)
Matthew 25.14-30 (p. 27)

Bibles are available in the pews for your use.

Gloria: Ypres-Smith
Sanctus: Macmillan
Agnus Dei: Ypres-Smith
Handel: Lord I trust thee
Organ: Darke—Fantasia on 'Darwall's 148th'
Hymns: 474 432 368 277

12.30pm-4.00pm UMC

5.30pm Evensong Rev Ivor Lewis
Psalm 89.19-29
Hymns 183 40 22
1 Kings 1.15-40 (p. 312) Revelation 1.4-18 (p. 242)

NEXT SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Ian Harper
10.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Ivor Lewis
1.30pm-5.00pm UMC

No 5.30pm service at St George's—Edgborne Evensong Edgbaston Old Church, 6.30pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR

In the Anglican Communion, for the Diocese of Ughelli (Bendell, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Cyril Odutemu. In the Diocese for staff and volunteers who daily support people in need of facilities at the new Sparkhill Support and Advice Centre for money advice, food and clothes banks. In our Churches Together for Ecclesia Ministries and in the Parish for the Lesson readers. The children's Society, the homeless in the parish and for the occupantsof Islington Row and Ladywood Middleway.

Those who are ill

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| Kurt Deutsch | Ann Phelps |
| Valerie Blake | Debbie White |
| Philip and Harry | Natalie Paul |
| Whiteley | Robert and Mildred |
| Chris Mills | Bradberry |
| Zack Guiliano | Pat World |
| Audrey Smith | Anne Game |
| Ray White | Frank Drake |

RIP

- Keith Nelson Iris Bulpitt

THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S

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| Monday | 10.00am-3.00pm | Lighting Survey |
| Tuesday | 11.00am 7.00pm | Funeral of Iris Bulpitt - Rev John Corrie PCC—Whitmore Room |
| Wednesday | 6.30pm-7.30pm | UMC choir practice |
| Thursday | 7.15pm | St George's Choir practice |
| Friday | 4.00pm-7.00pm | Christmas Lights Switch On |
| Saturday | 7.00am-1.00pm | Ethiopian Orthodox Church |

A prayer for the week

Lord, help me to trust
even when I don't understand what is
happening.

Tony Horsfall in 'New Daylight',
Bible Reading Fellowship

WITH SYMPATHY

It is with sadness that we record the death of Iris Bulpitt. We offer our prayers and sincere condolences to Elizabeth and all the family. There will be a service at Lodge Hill at 9.30am and a service here at 11.00am on Tuesday 21 November.

EDGBASTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

A big thank you to all those who have volunteered to represent St George's Church at the event on the 24th of November! We will probably be starting to get ready to welcome all visitors about 3.00pm. The event hours are from 4.00pm until 7.00pm but people do arrive early! Even if you aren't volunteering, please come and enjoy the festivities but remember that there is no parking at the church as Highfield Road and Westbourne Crescent are closed to traffic for the event. For further details, please email www.edgbastonvillage.co.uk/christmas2017

CHRISTIAN AID EMERGENCY: ROHINGYA CRISIS APPEAL

Many thanks for your generous response to the appeal we have had during the month of October. Our **final total of £842** includes the contents of the envelopes at the rear of church, with Gift Aid where applicable, and also the collection from the Hallfield School Harvest Service which the school kindly donated to our charity. Thirteen charities are combining under the umbrella of the Disasters Emergency Committee to ensure that timely help is received by the desperate refugees from Myanmar. *Jane Darnton, Christian Aid Representative.*

NEWS OF THE ROOF AND MASONRY REPAIRS

There **is** 'light at the end of the tunnel'!

Having received the final approval and quotes for the remainder of the repairs, we have been assured by the contractors that most works will be completed and scaffolding removed by the end of November in time for the festivities of the **Edgbaston Christmas Lights Switch On.**

LET THE STONES LIVE APPEAL (CONTINUING)

Would you like an opportunity to own a piece of history from St George's past? We have a number of lovely votive candle bases fashioned from a redundant oak communion rail which was saved and stored in the boiler room for many, many years. Ben Christie of 'The Peaky Squirrel' (who made our new prayer board) has taken portions of the rail and made these very useful items for us to use in raising additional funds for our 'Let the Stones Live' appeal. There are a limited number of the bases which hold 4 votive candles. An example is on display at the back of church. We only ask that you consider a generous offer towards a suggested price of £25. Please see Carol Couse if you are interested in purchasing one.

BIRMINGHAM ST MARY'S HOSPICE—LIGHT UP A LIFE

Join an evening of music, celebration and remembrance around their special Christmas tree at their Light Up a Life events. The first is on Thursday 30th November at 6.00pm, Oozells Square, Brindleyplace and another for 14th December at 4.30pm and 6.30pm at Birmingham St Mary's Hospice, Selly Park. Further details at the back of church.

THANK YOU

The Ladybrook Singers, who performed at St George's on Friday 27th November, wished to convey their thanks to everyone. They felt very warmly welcomed, that everyone was helpful and kind and remarked on the beauty of the church.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

On Wednesday 6th December there is *A Solo Harp Concert for Advent* from harpist *Rita Schindler* Recorded on the Hyperion label, Rita has performed professionally in and in front of numerous orchestras, including the CBSO. Hear more at <https://www.ritaschindler.com>