




WELCOME

We welcome all visitors today, especially Revs. Josephine Houghton and Peter Sellick. 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 first Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2017

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Josephine Houghton

10.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Peter Sellick
Isaiah 64. 1-9 (p. 704)
1 Corinthians 1.3-9 (p. 162)
Mark 13.24-end (p. 48)

Bibles are available in the pews for your use.

*Kyrie and Agnus Dei: Maxwell Davies (Missa Parvulae)
Sanctus: Shephard, Addington Service
Buxtehude: Wachet auf!
Organ: Prelude on Wachet auf!:Bach
Hymns: 39 26 32 31*

12.30pm-4.00pm UMC
5.30pm Advent Service of Hope and Expectation Mrs Jenny Uff
Including reading the Great 'O' Antiphons
And Angelus ad Virginem: arr. Bullard, sung by choir

NEXT SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Ian Harper
10.30am Advent Service for All
12.30pm-4.00pm UMC
5.30pm Evensong Mrs Jenny Uff
Address: Simon Kirby

PLEASE PRAY FOR

In our Churches Together for **Hope of Glory Church** and in the Parish for **The Vicar—Revd Julian Francis, St Augustine's Edgbaston, Sunrise Senior Living staff and residents and for the those who live and work in Austen Place and Beaufort Road**

Those who are ill

Kurt Deutsch Ann Phelps
Valerie Blake Debbie White
Philip and Harry Natalie Paul
Whiteley Robert and Mildred
Zack Guiliano Bradberry
Audrey Smith Pat World
Ken Lee Frank Drake
Anne Hawkins

RIP

Keith Nelson Ray White Peter Baird

THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S

Monday	9.30am	Church cleaning
Tuesday	9.00am	Setting up of Christmas Tree
	10.30am -12.30pm	Demcaf
	6.00pm	Light up the World
Wednesday	1.15pm	Lunchtime concert
	6.30pm-7.30pm	UMC choir practice
Thursday	9.00am-12.00noon	EHS Prep School rehearsal
	2.00pm-3.00pm	EHS Prep School Carol Service
	6.15pm	St George's Choir practice
Friday	9.30am-12.00noon	Hallfield rehearsal
Saturday	9.00am-3.00pm	Preparations and follow-up for Edwards Trust
	12.00noon	Edwards Trust Remembrance Service

A prayer for the week

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast off the works of
darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
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.

WITH SYMPATHY

It is with sadness that we record the death of Ray White. We offer our prayers and sincere condolences to Clive and all who cared for Ray.

CALTHORPE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Thanks to everyone who turned out to help on Friday night. It was a great team effort from serving hundreds of hot chocolate drinks, tea, coffee and homemade chocolate chip cookies as well as welcoming visitors, passing out leaflets and answering all questions on the history of St George's, not to mention keeping good order throughout the evening AND clearing up afterwards. All very much appreciated! We have received the following note from the organisers and wish to share it with you: "On behalf of all the team, a big 'thank you' to all the Church volunteers, for all your hard work and support in making the Calthorpe Estates Edgbaston Christmas Lights a great success. We've had some really lovely feedback from the night and very much appreciate you getting the scaffolding down in time, allowing us to use St George's Church and helping us to deliver a first-class, family-friendly and community event. There was a lovely atmosphere and we were very much blessed by the good weather, which certainly helped with such a great turn out. Thanks again from the Calthorpe Estates."

LIGHT UP THE WORLD

The lighting of our Christmas Tree is Tuesday 5th December at 6pm. There will be music performed by our very own choir for this symbolic switching on of the lights plus

lighting candles of remembrance and a presentation by a representative of our chosen Christmas charity—St Mary's Hospice: all followed by refreshments. Please make every effort to attend this very special event and encourage others to come and enjoy the evening.

DEMCAF

On Tuesday December 5th we shall be having the second meeting of DemCaf, a dementia cafe for local people. Please come and join us for a chat in the Whitmore Room, between 10.30 and 12.30. Please also invite your friends who are carers living with a person with dementia. eve.a.kirby@gmail.com 07715 394699. *Eve Kirby.*

CHRISTMAS TOY CHEST FOR KARIS

We need to start thinking about our annual contributions to the children's Christmas party given by the Karis Neighbour Scheme which is scheduled for 14 December!. Last year the Charity was overwhelmed by the generosity of the congregation of St George's and parents from our local schools and the many gifts were shared amongst other deserving charities making a very Happy Christmas for a lot of children. Gifts and toys wrapped and labelled for either boy or girl plus the age appropriate (pre-school) would be most welcome. No soft toys please.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

On Wednesday 6th December at 1.15pm there is a 35 minute recital, *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>

POST BOX

The internal Post Box for Christmas cards is now out! Last Collection Day is 17th December. Thank you.