




WELCOME

We welcome all visitors today, especially Revs. Ian Smith, Peter French and Richard Green from St Mary's Hospice. 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 third Sunday of Advent

17th December 2017

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Ian Smith

10.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Peter French
Address: Richard Green, ambassador for St Mary's Hospice

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end (p. 645)
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 (p. 202)
John 1.6-8, 19-28 (p. 88)

Kyrie and Agnus Dei: Leighton in D
Sanctus: Rutter, Series 3
Motet: Mendelssohn: Daughters of Zion
Organ: Prelude on 'Wachet auf!' - Peters
Hymns: 362 238 64 58

Bibles are available in the pews for your use.

12.30pm-4.00pm

5.30pm Carols for All to sing followed by refreshments Mrs Jenny Uff
Gardner: Tomorrow shall be my dancing day
Burton: Improvisation on 'The First Nowell'
Rutter: Prelude on 'God rest ye merry gentlemen'

NEXT SUNDAY - CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Ian Harper

10.00am-12.00noon UMC

10.30am No service at St George's

3.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass The Venerable Hayward Osborne

PLEASE PRAY FOR

In the Anglican Communion, for the Diocese of Wyoming, The Rt Revd John Smylie. In the Diocese for the Christingle service at St John the Evangelist, Perry Barr today and all who will be touched by Christingle services this advent. In our Churches Together for St Augustine's and in the Parish for the Church wardens, the Mission Partnership Committee, local industry and for the those who live and work in Harold Road and Hartley Place.

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

Ray White Peter Baird

THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S

Monday	6.30pm	Joined-Up reading poetry evening
Tuesday	12.00noon	Monthly Lunch Club
Wednesday	6.30pm-7.30pm	UMC choir practice
Thursday	7.15pm	St George's choir practice
Saturday	7.00am-1.00pm	Ethiopian Orthodox Church
	2.00pm	Church decorating
Monday	25th December	CHRISTMAS DAY
	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP with hymns
	10.30am	Christmas Communion

A prayer for the week

Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
father, be thou at our side.

from hymn 416, Common Praise

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

On Wednesday 3rd January *G-Mizz Percussion Duo Perform Funky Folk*. This percussion duo focuses on interactive and engaging performances, bringing you the excitement and versatility of percussion

POST BOX

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Our lunchtime prayer starts again on Thursday 11th January at 1.15pm. This uses the Prayer Book morning service, with reflection on passages from Mark's gospel, the gospel of the year. Lunchtime prayer continues to the end of Lent.

MONTHLY LUNCH CLUB

The Christmas lunch will be at 12.00 noon this Tuesday 19th December. The Holy Communion service postponed from the 12th is yet to be confirmed.

SNOW LAST SUNDAY

Our thanks to everyone who made it to church through the snow last Sunday, and kept our worship going.

Thanks also to everyone who had worked so hard on preparations for the All Age Advent service, especially the young people from St George's Primary and Junior Church. It just wasn't possible for them to get to church (We had Mattins instead.) We look to use the Advent service in 2018.

THANK YOU

We are very grateful to Calthorpe Estates for providing a beautifully decorated Christmas Tree again this year. We are also delighted that McCarthy and Stone who are developing the Ryland Place retirement apartments in Norfolk Road have offered to provide funding for the Christmas altar flowers.

2017 CHRISTMAS CHARITY

St George's Church is this year supporting the work of St Mary's Hospice, with retiring collections at all Christmas services.

JOINED-UP READING

Joined-Up reading will have a poetry evening tomorrow at 6.30pm, at 86 Westfield Road with a collection of religious poetry contributions which have been given to Colin to be read out. Please bring a dish to share for the 7.30pm supper. The next meeting will be at 8.00pm on Monday 15th January to discuss "Martin Luther: renegade and prophet."

UNITED SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This will take place at the Bethel Apostolic Church of Excellence on Sunday 21st January 2018. The BACE is in Ladywood Road (access off Monument Road, or as a continuation of Francis Road), near Ladywood Social Club. We are grateful to Pastor Verna and her fellow ministers.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

The Fellowship Lunch is on Saturday 3rd March at St Bartholomew's also known as Edgbaston Old Church, Church Road. These informal times of worship have been much appreciated.