




WELCOME

We welcome all visitors today. 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 (at the table at back of church). After the 10.30am service, please join us for tea and coffee.

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

The second Sunday in Advent

9th December 2018

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) The Vicar
10.30am All Age Worship Led by: Suganthi Daniel and Lorraine Graham

**Junior Church takes place on the third Sunday of each month.
On all other Sundays suitable children's materials are available from the sidespeople at the back of church**

Bibles are available in the pews for your use.

12.30pm-4.00pm UMC
5.30pm Evensong The Vicar
Psalm 75 [76] Hymns 393 19 591
Isaiah 40.1-11 (p. 677) Luke 1.1-25 (p. 53)

NEXT SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev John Flitcroft
10.30am Sung Eucharist Rev John Flitcroft
Address: Derek Cottrill—Birmingham City Mission
12.30pm-4.00pm UMC
5.30pm Carols for All Rev John Flitcroft

PLEASE PRAY FOR

In the Anglican Communion, for the Falkland Islands (E-P to Canterbury) Parish of Falkland Islands The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton. In our Churches Together for **The Church of the Cherubim and Seraphim** and in the parish for **the representatives on Edgbaston Deanery Synod, the Quakers—Edgbaston Friends Meeting, those using the church car park, those who live and work in Embassy Drive and Enfield Road.**

Those who are ill

Valerie Blake Ann Phelps
Philip and Harry Frank Drake
Whiteley Miroslava Blahova
Ken Lee Jim Brackley
David Tippin Jo Cox
Margaret Sumner Margaret Smith
Doreen Harrison

RIP

Carol Starkie Abas Mosayebi

THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S

Monday	9.00am-12.00noon 2.00pm-3.00pm	EHS Prep Christmas rehearsal EHS Prep Christmas service
Tuesday	11.30am-12.00noon 12.00noon	Holy Communion Monthly Lunch Club
Wednesday	9.00am-1.00pm 2.00pm-3.00pm	EHS Senior Christmas rehearsal EHS Senior Christmas service
Thursday	1.15pm 6.15pm	Office Carols St George's choir practice
Friday	9.00am-10.30am 11.00am-12.30noon 12.30pm	Hallfield Christmas Service rehearsal Hallfield Christmas service Piano A-frame delivery

A prayer for the week

Almighty God, whose son came to earth to travel with his people, we ask you to be with those who take up new roles in your service this coming week. Grant them a sure sense of your presence, and the fellowship and support of those among whom they minister.

WELCOME REVD JOHN FLITCROFT

We extend a warm welcome to our interim minister Revd John Flitcroft who starts tomorrow leading a one of the busiest weeks of St George's year with a full programme of school and office carol services. John's first Sunday with us will be 16th December and we will be offering a glass of wine after the 10:30 and 5:30 (Carols for All) services to provide an informal opportunity for a few introductions. Please do join us.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Claire and Geraint Tudor Jones on the birth of their son Iestyn, another grandchild for Goronwy (recovering from knee surgery this week) and Christine Tudor Jones.

2018 CHRISTMAS CHARITY

St George's Church will this year be supporting the work of Birmingham City Mission, with retiring collections at all Christmas services.

EVENING WORSHIP 2019 TRIAL

At its meeting on 20th November 2018 the PCC, on recommendation from the Worship and Education Committee, decided to begin a period of trial worship for Sunday evenings beginning on January 1st 2019. From January there will be worship on the first and third Sundays. The first Sunday will be a service of evening prayer with hymns using either BCP or CW. The third Sunday will be a sung version of Night Prayer that has become a valued part of evening worship. We also hope to introduce some variations to this latter service with use of Taize and Iona music. One of the reasons for this trial is to create some space in the evening programme to have more series of discussion groups, dialogues and bible

studies such as we have enjoyed in recent years in the Summer Series and for the 2018 Lent Groups. These will usually be three to four week series through the year that will double as opportunities for faith development and for inquirers and as the place where confirmation candidates will do their preparation. The trial will run for a year with a PCC review at six months. All thoughts and suggestions as we go through this period will be very welcome. JMF.

ST GEORGE'S CALENDAR 2019

Our 2019 calendar featuring beautiful images of the church by Andy Butler is now on sale for a suggested offering of £5.

CHRISTMAS TOY CHEST FOR KARIS

For these next two weeks only we welcome your gifts of toys, for the children looked after by Karis Neighbour Scheme, to be distributed at their Christmas party on the 20th of December. Gifts (with the exception of soft toys please) marked Boy or Girl of preschool age are most welcome. This is an annual charity for St George's and so appreciated by the children and team at Karis. Please do remember your gifts for the Toy Chest, won't you? Thank you.

POST BOX

The Christmas post box is now out for your internal cards to be posted. This has been a great success for many years now!

LUNCH CLUB

There will be a Lunch Club special Christmas Buffet this Tuesday 11th December after the 11.30am Holy Communion.

MONTHLY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 2 January at 13:15pm. Phil Ypres-Smith & Patricia Bullock: The mezzo in opera. More than witches, bitches and britches!. Arias by Massenet, Verdi, Menotti, Gluck and John Joubert's Lyric Fantasy on themes from Jane Eyre.

LIGHT UP A LIFE APPEAL

The funds raised through this important appeal on Thursday 13th December, at 5.30pm and 7.30pm at Birmingham St Mary's Hospice, Selly Park will help carry on providing a wide range of specialist care for patients and support for their families. Details at the back of church.