


ST GEORGE EDGBASTON

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 third Sunday in Advent

16th December 2018

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev John Flitcroft
10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev John Flitcroft
	Address: Derek Cotterill—Birmingham City Mission	
	Zephaniah 3.14-end (p. 891) Philippians 4.4-7 (p. 196) Luke 3.7-18 (p. 57)	
	Hymns 38 36 32 34 <i>Kyrie and Agnus Dei:</i> Terry, <i>Missa brevis</i> in C <i>Sanctus:</i> Macmillan, <i>Galloway Mass</i> <i>Motet:</i> Teach me, O Lord—Attwood <i>Organ:</i> Fantasy on 'Veni Emmanuel' - Leighton	
12.30pm-4.00pm	UMC	
5.30pm	Carols for All Gardner: When Christ was born of Mary free Cook: Paean on 'Divinum mysterium'	Rev John Flitcroft

NEXT SUNDAY

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev John Flitcroft
10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev John Flitcroft
		Address: Mrs Jenny Uff
12.30pm-4.00pm	UMC	
5.30pm	No evening service at St George's	

PLEASE PRAY FOR

In the Anglican Communion, for Kivu (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana. In the Diocese for the church leadership and ministry team at St Anne's Moseley exploring options to increase opportunities for local folk to become part of our community In our Churches Together for **The Church of the Redeemer** and in the parish for **the Sides Persons, Pastoral Care Team, the unemployed, those who live and work in Hickmans Gardens and Highfield Road.**

Those who are ill

Valerie Blake
Philip and Harry Whiteley
Ken Lee
Margaret Sumner
Doreen Harrison
Helen Walter

Ann Phelps
Frank Drake
Miroslava Blahova
Jim Brackley
Jo Cox
Margaret Smith

RIP
Abas Mosayebi

THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S

Wednesday	10.00am-11.30am	B'Opera relaxed concert
Thursday	6.15pm	St George's choir practice
Friday	10.00am-11.00am	St George's Primary
	1.00pm	Norfolk House Nursery Carol Service
Saturday		Church Decorating

A prayer for the week

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

WELCOME REVD JOHN FLITCROFT

We extend a warm welcome to our interim minister Revd John Flitcroft who started on Monday leading one of the busiest weeks of St George's year with a full programme of school and office carol services. Today is his first Sunday with us and we invite all to share in refreshments after the 10.30 and 5.30 (Carols for All) services to welcome him and introduce ourselves. Please 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

Supplies are running low. This might be your last chance to purchase our lovely calendar featuring beautiful images of the church by Andy Butler to give as Christmas gifts.

CHRISTMAS TOY CHEST FOR KARIS

This was the last Sunday for your gifts of toys for the children of the Karis Neighbour Scheme. The toys and Christmas chocolates will be collected this coming week for their party which is to be held on the 20th. We, and the team at Karis, thank you all for your continued support of our annual charity.

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!

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.

THANK YOU

Jo Cox would like to express her love to everyone at St George's and thanks for your prayers.

ERRATUM

DemCaf will not take place in January (as mentioned in the parish magazine) but we will meet on February 5th 2019.