



PUBLIC WORSHIP RESUMES

From 2nd December onwards public worship is allowed again in churches. Our usual pattern of services will therefore resume from Sunday 6th December with the 8am and 10.30am celebrations of the Eucharist. Both services will be livestreamed to allow those who are unable to come to church to participate. We will also return to our previous weekday pattern, with Morning Prayer each day at 9am and with the addition of a regular Eucharist for Advent at 10am on Thursdays. Church will be open for private prayer on Thursday until midday. We continue in prayer for an end to the pandemic, for all the sick and for key workers.

Advent III

13th December 2020

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Fr Sam

Readings 1 Cor 4:1-5, Matthew 11:2-10

10.20am Advent Carol sung outside church before the service (socially distanced) - all welcome

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Fr Sam

Preacher: Charlotte Gibson

Readings Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Music Flor Peeters—Prelude on Von Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her
Kyrie and Sanctus: Langlais—Missa in simplicitate
Offertory: Alec Rowley—Prelude on Franconia
Communion: Christopher Wiggins—Rejoice in the Lord alway
Kenneth Leighton—Fantasy on Veni Emmanuel

4.00pm Advent Carols & Reflections

Fr Sam

In the Coming Week

Tuesday to Friday, 9.00am

Morning Prayer

Thursday

Open church until midday

Thursday, 10.00am

Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

Next Sunday—Advent IV

20th December 2020

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Fr Sam

10.30am All Age Eucharist

Fr Sam

PLEASE PRAY FOR

In the Anglican Communion

The people and clergy of the Falkland Islands and their bishop, The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton, who is also Bishop to the Forces.

In the diocese

The Queen's Foundation theological college, and for staff and ordinands adapting to online learning, and ministers preparing for an increasing online church.

In the parish

Our wardens, Nick and Keith, and for all they do to lead and represent the congregation.

Those who are ill:

John Wynn

Miroslava Blahova

Nick Sales

Jo Cox

Carol Smith

Margaret Smith

Jayne Mertling-Blake

Ken Lee

Valentyna Milward

Natalie Paul

Janet Taylor

Anne Phelps

Esme Sands

Mary Howard

Philip Hassall

RIP

Andrew Challis

Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, when our Advent journey becomes hard please give us the strength we need to overcome obstacles and difficulties along the path; whether these are problems of isolation, anxiety or other complications.

CHRISTMAS POSTBOX

A postbox will be placed in church so that we can share Christmas cards with one another. Precautions will be taken when handling these to minimise any risk. Please post cards by Wednesday 16th December so that they can be safely distributed on Sunday 20th.

FUTURE NOTABLE DATES

Sunday 20 December, Christingle 10.30am.

Christmas Eve, 3pm Crib Blessing and 11pm Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day, 8.00am BCP Holy Communion and 10.30am Family Eucharist

PARISH MAGAZINE AND PEW SHEET

Material for the parish magazine should be submitted to Justin Pinkess by 10th January to be included in the February edition. The deadline for Pew Sheet items are Wednesdays at 10am.

KARIS CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Our Christmas charity is the Karis Neighbour Scheme, which helps relieve poverty in our local area. Donations can be made to the church with a note that they are intended for Karis.

ST GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS CHARITY

Another missing activity during this Christmas season because of Covid-19 is our collection of toys for the Karis Neighbour Scheme which so many of us enjoyed doing. Like so much of ordinary life, Karis's celebrations have changed but their much needed work in the neighbourhood has increased. For this reason, the PCC has designated them as our chosen charity for 2020.

Please will you help us support them and the many families they assist by your donations? Gifts for the *Karis Neighbour Scheme* should be so identified and will be welcomed by the Churchwardens.

ST GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS TREE

The Calthorpe Estates has, once again, provided us with a beautiful decorated tree to lend more festive cheer during this season of Advent. We thank them most sincerely for their generosity.

STAMPS FOR CHARITY

Margaret Davis is still collecting used postage stamps for a charity. Ideally, please could they have an envelope margin of about an inch. *Thank you, Caroline Shaw.*

CHRISTMAS POSTCARDS

Christmas postcards are now available in small piles next to the magazines in church. Please take as many as you can distribute.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We will celebrate an All-Age Eucharist on Sunday 20th December and make Christingles during the sermon. Donations taken for the Children's Society, or give online <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate> If you can volunteer an hour on Thursday 17th to assemble Christingle packs, please talk to Fr Sam.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

These will go ahead as planned unless there are further restrictions. Christmas Eve: Outdoor Crib Service, 3pm; Midnight Mass 11pm; Christmas Day: Holy Communion (BCP), 8am; Family Eucharist (with a talk/activity suitable for children), 10.30am. All are welcome. We are not asking people to book, but it would be helpful for planning if regular congregation members could let us know which services you hope to attend by emailing office@stgeorgesedgbaston.org.uk

ACCESS TO 8am SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The 8am service of Holy Communion (BCP) will be open to worshippers in the sanctuary and will be streamed live on www.facebook.com/stgeorgesedgbaston. Alternatively, you may join the service by phone or internet teleconference. To join the service from any telephone: dial 0121 720 3377 and, when prompted, enter the meeting code 898 358 214 followed by the # ('hash') key. Your voice will be heard in church on a loudspeaker. You will need the Book of Common Prayer to follow the service. We do not have a freephone number available so please be aware of the cost of calls to 0121 numbers in your call plan. Alternatively, from a computer or smartphone using an internet browser or Microsoft Teams click on this link: [8AMBCP](https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgesedgbaston) .