

Sunday 15th December 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent

- 08.00 BCP Holy Communion – *St Andrew's*
9.15 Café Church – *St Mark's*
11.00 Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club-
St Andrew's
18.00 Service of wholeness & healing-
St Andrew's

Christmas is coming! We need teams of people to welcome and help before and during the extra services at Christmas, specifically the Christingles at 3.30pm and 5pm at St Andrew's on Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass at St Mark's and then the 10am service at St Andrew's on Christmas Day. No experience required! Please contact Anne Miller (020 8398 8206 /a.miller573@ntlworld.com) if you can volunteer for one or more of these and/or have any questions. Thank you.

Christmas Cards: The Christmas post box is at the back of St Andrew's and ready to receive your cards. Please make use of this for cards to regular members of the congregation and ensure that all cards are clearly marked with a full name. Thank you.

Christmas flowers: It's the time of year for us to ask if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of decorating both churches with flowers for the Christmas celebrations. Contributions should be given to Anne Barker or Jackie Page or any of the Church Wardens. Thank you for continuing to support the decorating of both churches.

Are you available to transport guests to and from this year's **Parish Christmas Day lunch**? It would also be helpful if you are only able to do one way. Please contact Mike Smith to confirm your availability. His (new) e mail address is: mjs25smith@outlook.com or home 0208 399 8865.

The Parish Christmas Day lunch has been allocated December for **Green Token donation at Waitrose**. Please pick up your token when you shop at Waitrose and put in our slot at the exit

SASM Flying Circus Group on Thursday 12th December 2019 will visit Wetherspoon's Coronation Hall, St Mark's Hill for their Christmas Lunch: 12noon for 12.30. If you would like to come please book with Audrey Eldridge who has the menu, telephone 8399 4867. All welcome.

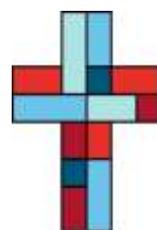
Last week's **St Andrew's Day Agape meal** raised £822 for Firs Court charity. A big thank you to all those who organised and supported this event.

Michael, the Curate, would like to thank everyone who sponsored him for Movember. Together, we have raised over £250 so far, in aid of men's health. He thanks you all for not laughing too much as well!

For your prayer: Please give your request to a member of the Ministry Team, or speak to Clare Chesterman in the Parish Office (contact details on the front page). If you wish someone's name to appear on the pew sheet it will remain there for 6 weeks. That person will be prayed for at weekly services, and also regularly by those involved in healing ministry.

For prayer: Mary Rice Nancy Vlasto Moira Frau
Margaret Parker John Fowler Rita Burrows
Colston Hartley

Years mind: Bert Ellis John Barnes Nina Mursel
Jean Barker



**St Andrew
& St Mark
Surbiton**

Sunday 8th December 2019
2nd Sunday of Advent

Services Today

- 08.00 BCP Holy Communion – *St Mark's*
9.15 Family Worship – *St Mark's*
11.00 Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club-
St Andrew's
18.00 Compline – *St Andrew's*

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| <i>Monday & Tuesday</i> | | <i>Parish Office Closed</i> |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | 08.50 | <i>Morning Prayer – St Mark's</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | 08.30 10.00 | <i>Morning Prayer – St Andrew's</i> <i>Sunbeams – St Mark's</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | 08.30 10.30 | <i>Morning Prayer – St. Mark's</i> <i>Holy Communion – St Mark's</i> |
| <i>Friday</i> | 08.30 10.00 | <i>Eucharist – St Andrew's</i> <i>Friday Coffee for Charity- St Andrew's</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> | | |

A very warm welcome to our Church today. We hope that you will find something of the presence of God in our worship and among those you meet.

Please take this pew sheet with you.

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Please recycle with pew sheet when you are finished with it

*There is an induction loop in both churches - please turn your aid to the 'T' setting.
You can follow the service in the Liturgy Service Booklet;
this pew sheet will give you information about the readings and hymns: you will also need a Hymns Old & New*

**Hymns NEH
Music Setting**

Missa Ave Jesu - OLDROYD

Introit

A tender shoot – Goldschmidt

Introit hymn

5 Hark, a thrilling voice is calling

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Today's themes

Isaiah carries a famous prophecy. The interesting bit in the context of these other readings is the Root of Jesse: David's father. The Messiah will come from this Jewish line. Romans picks up on this too, but emphasises the link to the Gentiles. God is a God beyond the Jewish people. John the Baptist goes further: don't rely on your Abrahamic, Jewish roots as a justification for your behaviour. Your behaviour speaks for itself.

**First Reading
Reader**

Isaiah 11.1-10
Hugh Evans

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall
stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalms 72.1-7, 18-19

1 Give the king your ¹ judgements, O ¹ God, □
and your righteousness ¹ to the ¹ son of a ¹ king.
2 Then shall he judge your ¹ people ¹ righteously □
and your ¹ poor ¹ with ¹ justice.
3 May the mountains ¹ bring forth ¹ peace, □
and the little hills ¹ righteousness ¹ for the ¹ people.
4 May he defend the poor a¹mong the ¹ people, □
deliver the children of the ¹ needy and ¹ crush • the op¹pressor.
5 May he live as long as the sun and ¹ moon en¹dure, □
from one gene¹ration ¹ to an¹other.
6 May he come down like rain upon the ¹ mown ¹ grass, □
like the ¹ showers that ¹ water the ¹ earth.
± 7 In his time shall ¹ righteousness ¹ flourish, □

and abundance of peace
till the ¹ moon shall ¹ be no ¹ more.
18 Blessed be the Lord, the ¹ God of ¹ Israel, □
who a¹lone does ¹ wonderful ¹ things.
19 And blessed be his glorious ¹ name for ¹ ever. □
May all the earth be filled with his glory.
¹ Amen. ¹A¹men.

**Second Reading
Reader**

Romans 15.4-13
Alex Lewis

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel

Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Address

Rev'd Robert Stanier

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn

55 Hail to the Lord's anointed

During the offertory hymn a collection is taken for the work of the church: please give generously. If you are moved to do so, please ask for info about planned giving, if you do not do so currently. There is also a card reader available at the back of the church should you wish to make a cashless donation after the service today.

Communion Hymn

500 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee

Communion Anthem

How beautiful upon the mountains – Stainer

Please come forward for Communion if it is your custom, or for a blessing as directed by the Churchwardens.

Notices

At the dismissal

12 On Jordan's bank

