

As in previous years we are supporting the Bishop's Advent Appeal for our December Charity of the month. This year it's about supporting the Anglican Chaplaincy of St Andrew in Moscow. They are raising funds to install a kitchen in their church – much of their ministry is about reconciliation and the building of trust between peoples. The offering and sharing of hospitality is a key part in that work. *Full details are available at the back of Church. Retiring collection - please be generous!*

Fun Night with Beetle Drive, Mini Quiz & Bingo – plus supper! Tomorrow - Mon 17 Dec. 7.30pm

Wednesday Coffee Mornings have now finished to give our wonderful volunteers a well deserved break. *We re-open on Wed 23 Jan.*

### Taizé Service for Advent -

Wednesday 19 December, 7pm

*Short reflective services, with chants & readings from the Taizé Community.*

### Christmas at St Andrew's

Carol Service – TODAY at 6pm – *wby not bring a friend along to this popular service....!*

Christmas Eve – An Early Midnight Mass with Crib Building ~ for all the family, 6pm

Christmas Day – Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

### Christian Stewardship:

*Our Giving on Sundays is always about our response to God's love for us, not just about paying the bills - 'Count your blessings,' as they say! Last Sunday's collection was 522€ with 767.24€ from recent social/fund-raising events. Thank you for your support. We also receive on average 776€ through monthly UK/Spanish standing order Offerings. It costs around 6,393€ each month to maintain our chaplaincy ministry (an increase of 1,092€ from 2017). Unlike other Diocese in the C/E, the Diocese of Europe does not provide Chaplaincies with any financial support for ministry.*

Christmas Flowers – *donations always much appreciated!*

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**Saint Andrew's**

**Sunday 16 December 2018**

## Welcome to our Sung Eucharist on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

A special welcome if you are visiting. If you require Gluten-free Altar bread – please have a word with one of the Welcomers.

**Hymns:** 527; 683; 664; (355); 99

*Do join us for refreshments after the Service, which are served at the back of church*

*If you pay tax in the UK and are visiting – please make use of the Gift Aid envelopes – it helps us a great deal. Please complete all the details required - Thank you!*

**Prayer Ministry is offered during Holy Communion:** Just make your way to the Quiet Room at the front of Church after receiving Holy Communion & someone will be there to pray with you or for you.

### During the week:

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Fun Night (*incl Supper*)

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm Advent Taizé Service  
7.30pm Fellowship Groups meets in Church

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – 12.30pm Eucharist

**Next Sunday: 23 December 2018**

Advent 4

10.00am Sung Eucharist

*To help you prepare for worship next Sunday why not look up the readings we will use at:*

Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-44

### ***During the week please pray for:***

***Those in need:*** see list over

***Recently Departed:*** Sibylle Pieper

***December Anniversaries:*** Audrey Marcola, Alice Augustus, Minnie Grimwood, Leslie Mayne, Jack Pacey, Leslie Stimpson, Ivan Highley

## ADVENT 3

### OPENING PRAYER

*Let us pray [that God will fill us with joy at the coming of Christ]*

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE READING (Philippians 4: 4-7)

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### GOSPEL (Luke 3: 10-18)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When all the people asked John, "What must we do?" he answered, "If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, "Master, what must we do?" He said to them, "Exact no more than your rate." Some soldiers asked him in their turn, "What about us? What must we do?" He said to them, "No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!"

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out." As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

## Lighting the Advent Candle

Leader The people who walked in darkness

**All have seen a great light.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness

**All on them has light shone.**

*The third Advent Candle is lit:*

Let us make the third candle, a candle of Joy

*We sing: (tune - 'As with Gladness')*

Light a candle bright and tall

For the Joy this season brings.

Joy like fountains brimming full.

Through our world now let it ring!

Shine within our hearts today

Come, O Joy, to us, we pray.

Loving God, as we prepare for the coming of Jesus, remind us how he comes to bring joy to all whose lives are sad or difficult. May our lives become signs of joy within our Chaplaincy, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*It's not too late to take part in Las Posadas (Spanish for "the inns"), when we welcome Mary & Joseph into our homes. A Mexican Advent celebration soon adopted in Spain, revolving around the concept of hospitality.*

The Posadas symbolizes Mary and Joseph's long search for a place to stay where Jesus could be born. The tradition re-enacts the story told in Luke 2:1-7. We learn from the Posadas that by welcoming the poor and the needy, we are welcoming Jesus in our midst. (See Matthew 25:40).

COMMUNION ANTIPHON and THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – Be strong; fear not! Here is your God; he will come and save you. (*Isaiah 35:4*)

### Praying for one another during the week:

For the worship, work & witness of this Chaplaincy.  
Our keeping of the Advent Season

Damian Walker, the Burns family, Marcus, Joseph, Sam, Clive L, Ken, Sarah Benelli, Dermot, Theo, Dene, Robert, Angela Ingham, Robert Wright, Sussana Barford, Sarah Feeney, Jonathan Navarro & family, Ian Cochran, Jesus Robert, Georgeann Tisdale, Linda Bell, David, Farin Marvich, James, Eli, Chris, Brian, Mary Pacey, Joyce Baugh, Tim Wykes, Maryrose, Malcolm Gallagher, Grace, Danny, Mark, Luke, Ellie, Stuart & family, Sharon, Alison, David, Penny, Lucie, Jo Fluff & family, Robyn & family, Stephen, Sue & family, Eddie, Beth, Ronald, Margaret & Brian, Liz & Albert, Mel & Matthew, Tanya, Luke, Lesley Parkes, Michelle, Tony, Ann Rudd, Derek Strathan, Jaques Toneman. The recently bereaved.