



KENSINGTON LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR.

Our splendid preparation for Christmas continues: at 3.45 every weekday afternoon a different shop or organization unveils its own new display proclaiming

'MAKING SPACE FOR HOPE'.

How many will you see? More details from the leaflets or look up

www.smaW8.org/living-advent-calendar

We're all invited to the successive launches;

this week (see the leaflet for addresses & location map):

Monday 18 Dec: ROWLEYS 115 Ken Church St.

Tuesday 19 Dec: GALLERY 19 19 Ken Ct Place

Wednesday 20 Dec: BEAUTY BY NICOLE FENTON

Thursday 21 Dec: DAVID FAULDER OPTICIANS

Friday 22 Dec: BEATRICE PLACE CARE HOME

2.00pm this Wednesday – 20th December

EUCHARIST OF HEALING

LAYING-ON OF HANDS & ANOINTING

Do participate in this monthly service? Which friend or neighbour might value this ministry – why not bring them? Come to support the sick with your prayers - & sandwiches, cake etc for the tea



7.00pm Thursday 21st December

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

In this, one of the most marvellous (and popular) services in the year, we tell the story of Christ's coming to earth as our Saviour in readings and great music from the church's unrivalled tradition.

After the service we serve MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES

SUNDAY 24th December

Until 4.00pm nightfall this is **THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT** with a 9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

but with **no 11.15am Choral Matins or 12.30pm Holy Eucharist.**

Then in the afternoon it transforms into **CHRISTMAS EVE:**

4.00pm Sunday 24th December

CHILDRENS CRIB SERVICE

An amazing Kensington Christmas Eve tradition! Children dress up as characters in the Christmas story, and hear the story of the Nativity.

11.30pm Sunday 24th December

MIDNIGHT MASS BY CANDLELIGHT

Our augmented professional choir leads the music in this most evocative of the year's acts of worship. At the midnight of the year, into the profoundest darkness, bursts forth the overwhelming light and joy of the birth of Jesus, God himself entering his creation, our salvation, hope and peace.

On CHRISTMAS DAY a complete provision of worship - there's something for you, your family and your guests:

8.00am Book of Common Prayer Holy Eucharist,

9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST with All-Age Address

11.15am SOLEMN MATINS and Sermon

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

4.00pm 'A BOY IS BORN' – a special Christmas Afternoon service, with readings, carols and Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH & GIFTS FOR ELDERLY

We have a lovely dinner with all the trimmings and entertainment all prepared and guests all ready – but without offers to drive them here and back again it will all be to no avail! if you are able and willing

TO DRIVE the guests to and from the Christmas Dinner at the St Mary Abbots Centre, please speak to Fr Jonathan, or better still be in touch with Lucille Briance luce@briance.co.uk. We now have the list of

GIFTS AND PRESENTS FOR NEIGHBOURS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE RECEIVE NOTHING – please see Fr Jonathan to offer a gift.

On Sunday 31st December we have the usual Sunday Morning provision of service – but in the afternoon a special

4.00 NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

CAROLS, ACT OF COVENANT & HOLY EUCHARIST.

The ideal start to 2018 as we commend the New Year to Almighty God.

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NEWSLETTER



From 17th – 31st

December 2017

Parish website: www.smaw8.org



Mary and Joseph on the road to Bethlehem

IN OUR PRAYERS AS WE PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS:

*Lord Jesus, as we await your coming, help us to look for you in the faces of those we meet
And open our hearts to love others as you love us.*

*Father of all, your son Jesus came to lighten our darkness.
As we await his coming again strengthen us to work for your kingdom.*

*We pray for those grieving this Advent
Those remembering past joys
And all separated from friends and family.*

Please pray for those baptized at this time
HENRY GEORGE ALFORD & LYRA MAY ALFORD

Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers
VINCENZO ACCURSO : SERGIO AVANZI
FRIEDA BILGER : TOVAH CAMERON
SANDY CLAYTON : TOM CLAYTON
TONY GORDON : BRIAN HARVEY
HILAL KIBBARA : LEO KOYMANS
JOAN MARTIN : ISABEL MILNER
ROSE MURPHY : STEVE PAPE
AUDREY RASKIN : JUNE SCULLY
ALEXANDRA WATT : CAROLYN
GOHAR : OLGA

Please pray for all who have died recently
JEAN WOODROFFE : PETER WALWYN

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
ANTHONY WARD (19 December)
JOHN BANKS (20 December)
EVELYN ATACK (21 December)

DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued response. We collect weekly to support a foodbank that operates from a social centre in North Kensington. As the winter deepens, the need could not be greater.

As we near the Christmas holidays, remember that the food bank is especially vital—they're keen to ensure that people don't just have enough to get them through, but also some special things to make the Christmas period enjoyable too. We can arrange for you to give **money for on-line orders** for this period, doing your foodbank shopping for you.

Further details from: Alice Bulkai 07973 156 599
who will be happy also to direct your cash donations.



Sunday 17th Dec 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM**
with Preschool Children's Groups
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding
- 11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
- 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
6.30pm **One of the year's great highlights:**



Handel's Messiah

6.30pm Sunday
17th December

A Baroque Christmas concert by candlelight

The Purcell Orchestra
St Mary Abbots Choir & Singers
Conductor Prof. Mark Uggie
A special concert played on
Baroque instruments recreating
the atmosphere of Handel's
original performance.

Tickets Book online at:
www.sma.org
020 7397 8188 (information only)
In person from the Vestry
Mon-Sat 10am-5pm
£20 (£10 under 16) including
programme and interval drink.

St Mary Abbots Church
On the corner of
Kensington High St and
Kensington Church St
London W8 4LA

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, KENSINGTON

but it's best to buy your tickets now! We're deeply grateful to the Rudd family for their generous sponsorship – given in loving memory of Ethne and Tony

Monday 18th O Adonai

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
1.05pm *Sunday on Monday* HOLY EUCHARIST
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 19th O Radix Jesse

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST (Book of Common Prayer)
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 20th O Clavis David

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
2.00pm HEALING EUCHARIST
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 21st O Oriens

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
5.30pm Evening Prayer

7.00pm NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Traditional Service by candlelight

Friday 22nd O Rex Gentium

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 23rd O Emmanuel

- 8.40am Morning Prayer
9.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 24th Dec FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS EVE

- 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
9.30am **FAMILY EUCHARIST**
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

Nb no 11.15am or 12.30pm services today

- 4.00pm **CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE**
11.30pm **MIDNIGHT MASS OF OUR LORD'S NATIVITY**
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Stephen Fielding

Monday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY



- 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
9.30am **FAMILY EUCHARIST**
Address: The Vicar, The Rev'd Preb Gillean Craig
- 11.15am **SOLEMN MATINS**
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
- 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
4.00pm **CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON SERVICE**
Carols, Prayers & Communion By The Crib

NB SOME DIFFERENT HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES:

Tuesday 26th St Stephen, First Martyr

- 9.40am Morning Prayer
10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27th St John the Evangelist

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 28th The Holy Innocents

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 29th St Thomas Beckett

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 30th

- 9.40am Morning Prayer
10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 31st Dec THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

- 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
9.30am **FAMILY EUCHARIST**
with Preschool Children's Group
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding
- 11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig
- 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
4.00pm **NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE**
Carols, Commitment & Communion
as we welcome the Year of Our Lord 2018

THE COLLECTIONS

at all our main Christmas services will be given to
The Children's Society
& Save the Children,
working here and throughout the world
with children in greatest need.
Please give as generously as you can.