

8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday, 16th December 2018
Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday Welcome to St Edmund's Church

An induction loop and large-print service sheets are available today

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Zephaniah 3: 14-end
Philippians 4: 4-7
Luke 3: 7-18

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Psalm 146: Verses 4-end

**4 When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

**⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

**⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.**

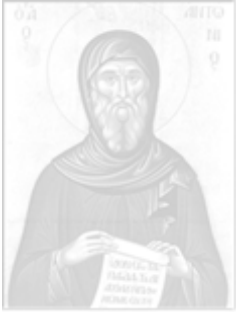
**⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets prisoners free,**

**⁸ the Lord gives sight to the blind,
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.**

**⁹ The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

**¹⁰ The Lord reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the Lord.



10am Holy Communion
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Forthcoming Services at Both Churches

16TH DECEMBER **8AM MORNING PRAYER**
10AM HOLY COMMUNION
3PM ST EDMUND'S CAROL SERVICE
5PM ST ANTONY'S CAROL SERVICE

17TH DECEMBER MONDAY 2PM HOLY COMMUNION FOLLOWED BY T4U

23RD DECEMBER **8AM HOLY COMMUNION**
10AM HOLY COMMUNION AT ST ANTONY'S
4PM CHRISTINGLE AT ST EDMUNDS

24 DECEMBER
4PM CHRISTINGLE AT ST ANTONY'S
10PM FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS AT ST EDMUND'S.

25TH DECEMBER **10AM CHRISTMAS COMMUNION**

30TH DECEMBER **TEAM EUCHARIST 10AM AT ST EDMUND'S**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

IF THERE IS ANYONE FOR WHOM YOU WOULD LIKE US TO PRAY, PLEASE LET SUSAN KNOW, BUT MAKE CERTAIN YOU FIRST HAVE THEIR PERMISSION.

FROM ST EDMUND'S

NORAH, ZARA, LINDA SIMMONDS, KATHLEEN DAVIES, ALISTAIR WHITE, LINDA KING, ALISTAIR, Maureen Bellchambers. Daphne Butler.

FROM ST ANTONY'S

**We pray for Alan Smith, Alison Falconer, and Anita Wythe.
Sheila Bradstock**

Christmas Card for Crisis, you will find our communal Christmas Card available for signing. Please share your Christmas wishes with fellow church members this way and place a donation for Crisis in the box provided.

URGENT APPEAL FROM PURLEY FOOD HUB: August was the busiest month ever and stocks are very low. As we move into autumn and the run up to Christmas, we urgently need extra donations of the following: long life whole milk, small bags of sugar, strawberry and raspberry jam, tinned ready meals, tins of red kidney beans, jars of pasta sauce, packet soup, small packs of tea bags, tinned dessert fruit and rice pudding, packets of sweet biscuits and small bottles of squash. Non-food items especially needed are washing up liquid and non bio washing tablets/sachets. Waitrose supports the Purley Food Hub. For more details, go to <http://www.purleyfoodhub.net/index.php/news> The Contact person is Barbara Webster Dudley.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH. If you know anyone who would like an invitation to the Sanderstead Parish Christmas Day Lunch at All Saints Hall, or you yourself would like an invitation, please leave a name and address in the Parish Office. Lifts will be arranged if required. Lynne Davison

There is a new Thursday service of Holy Communion at All Saints which has been started so that the Church employees can worship together but anyone is more than welcome to attend. This service is on the first Thursday of the Month at 12.30pm

The Head of Gresham School has again invited us to a musical event - rather like the one we enjoyed in the summer, but this time with Christmas carols and mince pies. It will be on Tuesday 18th December 2pm. There will be a sign-up Sheet at the back of the church so that we can get an idea of how many would like to attend. Please do come along and support our local school!

Live Streaming of services at St Edmund's

On Sunday 2nd December we live streamed the 10am service for the first time. This has attracted considerable interest and at time of writing (3 Dec) this has been viewed by over 150 people world-wide.

Following the success of the unplanned live streaming of the community Remembrance service, the DCC decided at the November meeting that this is a good way to expand our outreach and evangelism to those who may not otherwise attend church. This reach is world-wide but I have been told by the Diocese of Southwark's Communications Department that we are the first church they are aware of in the diocese to attempt this and they would like to encourage more to do it.

We will be live streaming our 10am service at St Edmund's regularly from Sunday 16 December and most of the Christmas services too. You will be able to find links via the parish website.

If you have any questions or concerns please do contact me or one of the churchwardens.

Let us pray that we can open up the church to those beyond our walls.
Susan