

**St Cuthbert's Church
Earl's Court, SW5**

Sunday 8th December 2019

The Second Sunday in Advent

11am High Mass



Welcome to St Cuthbert's

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Simon Stokes

Deacon: Fr Paul Bagott

*Musical Setting of the Mass: Missa Jesu Corono Virginium
by Walter S. Vale (1875-1939)*

Creed by Merbecke

*The second candle on the Advent wreath was lit at the 10am Family
Mass*



Earl's Court
**Community
Carol Service**

*With St Matthias Singers
and other local music groups*

Sunday 8th December, 4.00pm
St Cuthbert's Church; Philbeach Gardens

*The choir sings the Introit antiphon
Populus Sion*

*O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will
come to save the nations, and the Lord
will make the glory of his voice heard in
the joy of your heart.*

The First Hymn

Lo! he comes with clouds
descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints
attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluya!
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold
him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:

Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come

*New English Hymnal 9
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

✠In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen

*The celebrant greets us in the name of
Christ*

The Lord be with you
All: and with thy spirit.

*The celebrant introduces the Eucharist
and invites us to confess our sins as we
prepare for the celebration.*

**All: Almighty God, our
heavenly Father, we have
sinned against thee
through our own fault
in thought and word and
deed, and in what we have
left undone.
We are heartily sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For thy Son our Lord Jesus
Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve
thee in newness of life, to
the glory of thy name.
Amen.**

*The celebrant declares God's forgiveness
in the words of the absolution*

*Kyrie Eleison (sung in Greek by the
choir)*

*Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.*

The Collect

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

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the first reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (11: 1-10)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And 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; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be

the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

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

Psalm 72 (1-7, 18-19) follows the first reading and is sung by the choir

*I will magnify thee, O God, my King:
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.*

*Every day will I give thanks unto thee:
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and marvellous
worthy to be praised: there is no end of
his greatness.*

*One generation shall praise thy works
unto another: and declare thy power.*

*As for me, I will be talking of thy worship: thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts: and I will also tell of thy greatness.
The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed: and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will help them.*

The Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (15: 4-9)

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, 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 such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to 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 praise thee among the Gentiles, and sing to thy name".

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Stand for the Gospel

Choir: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

All: Alleluia!

*We remain standing to hear the gospel.
When the Gospel is announced the reader says:* The Lord be with you

All: and with thy spirit.

✠A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (3: 1-12)

All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then he went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the 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 that befits repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to 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 he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon – A Sermon is given. – Sit

The Nicene Creed is sung – Stand

Priest I believe in one God

All: the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord *Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who

for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together *is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The prayers of Intercession are offered
At the end of each petition these responses may be used:*

Lord, in thy mercy

All: hear our prayer.

*After the petition for the departed,
the intercessor may say:*

Rest eternal grant unto them,
O Lord.

All: ✠And let light perpetual
shine upon them.

*The celebrant offers prayers in
communion with the Saints. At the end
we say together:*

**Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of
God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.**

*The celebrant concludes the intercessions
with a final prayer, to which we respond:*

Amen.

Please sit for the notices.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT – STAND

The peace of the Lord be always with
you

All: and with thy spirit.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

The Offertory Hymn,

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he
brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian
breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;

Without thy grace our souls must
fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our
sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love
divine..

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore.
Amen.

*New English Hymnal 12
Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749)*

*The choir sings the Offertory antiphon
Deus, tu convertens*

***The Preparation of the Gifts
– Please stand***

Pray my brothers and sisters
that our sacrifice may be acceptable
to God the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the
sacrifice at thy hands,
for the praise and glory of
his name, for our good and
for the good of all his holy
Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts:

We beseech thee, O Lord,
mercifully to accept the prayers
and oblations of us thy humble
servants: that we, who can do

nothing of ourselves to help ourselves, may be defended by the succour of thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All: and with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All: It is meet and right so to do.

The celebrant says the preface of the prayer, which praises God for his mighty acts. At the end of the preface the Sanctus is sung in Latin by the choir:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant now recalls the Last Supper and calls the Holy Spirit to come upon the gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

The celebrant introduces this acclamation:

Great is the mystery of faith

**All: Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

At the end of the prayer: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many,
we are one body, because
we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei is sung in Latin by the choir.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (grant us thy peace).

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

✠ Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak

**the word only and my soul
shall be healed.**

*The celebrant and people receive holy
communion. As the host or chalice is
given the minister says,*

*The body of Christ
The blood of Christ*

*to which we say **Amen** before we
receive.*

*Communicant members of other
Christian churches are welcome to
receive communion here. Non-
communicants are warmly invited to
the altar for a blessing.*

Anthem:

*This is the truth sent from above –
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

**Stand for the Post-Communion
Prayer**

Heavenly Father, who didst send
thy Son to redeem the world and
wilt send him again to be our
judge: give us grace so to imitate
him in the humility and purity of
his first coming that when he shall
come again, we may be found
ready to greet him with joyful love
and steadfast faith; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you

All: And with thy spirit

*The priest gives the blessing with the
final words being:*

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the ✠Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit, be upon you and remain
with you always.

All: Amen

Go in the peace of Christ

All: Thanks be to God.

ALMA REDEMPTORIS MATER

We all sing:

**Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy
people's cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the
sky!
Mother of Him Who thee from
nothing made,
Sinking we strive and call to thee
for aid;
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel
brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, thy
mercy see.**

*Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pervia
cæli*

*Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre
cadenti,*

*Surgere qui curat populo: tu quæ
genuisti,*

*Natura mirante, tuum sanctum
Genitorem*

*Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.*

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Almighty, everlasting God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Spirit, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mary to become a dwelling meet for thy Son: grant that, as we rejoice in her commemoration, so by her gracious intercession we may be delivered from present evils and from everlasting death. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The final hymn is sung

Ye servants of the Lord
Each for your Master wait,
Observant of his heavenly word,
And watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins, as in his sight,
For awful is his name.

Watch, 'tis your Lord's command;
And while we speak, he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.

O happy servant he,
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread
With his own royal hand,

And raise that faithful servant's
head
Amidst the angelic band.

New English Hymnal 18

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Organ Voluntary

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,

BWV 659

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE SICK AND THE DEPARTED

Pray for the sick and the distressed:

John Vine, William, Lenora Hammond, David Noakes, Jeremy Page, Gill Pierse, Shauna Campbell, Adelaide Haws, Bill Britton, Bruce Pullman, Nicole Connage, Frank Retief, Una De Witt, Flora Buchanan, Magda Pacok, Myfanwy Moran, Jose Tadeu Dias, Zareyah, Sylvie, Suzi Scott, Jean, David Kilpatrick, Maria Melita Borres, Penny Howell, Eileen Hayward, Linda Elgharbawi, Robin Benson, Abdul Kareem Jassam, Manjola Krasniqi, Remy Daep, Phillip Irving, Alan Watson, Marie Anne van Niekerk, James Dufficy, Colin Kilpatrick, Robert Burns.

Pray for all the recently departed, among them:

Grace Wheeler, Peggy Tarling, Charlotte Dillon, James P. Murphy, Paul Kale, Rhem Apostol, Beth Clark, Paul Haglin, Joyce Lloyd, John Giles, Eva Armstead.

YEAR'S MIND

Sunday 8th December

Elizabeth Low, Percy Thomas Acton, Marguerita Robertson, Sarah Sterne

Monday 9th December

William Robert Pollard, Sarah West, Caroline Matilda Bliss, Mary Greenwood, Frances Ruth Atkin, Henry Walter Roberts

Wednesday 11th December

Herbert Platt (Priest), Alice Tempe Trevor, Bill Bateman, Teresa Di Muro

Thursday 12th December

Maria Wright, Arthur Cosmos Sherrington Pilder (Priest), Molly Salisbury

Friday 13th December

Violet Howes, Georgiana Katherine Woodgate

Saturday 14th December

Lucy Elwin, James Tombs, William Robert Mason, Mary Ingleton

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Services this Sunday, 8th December:	9am	Morning Prayer
<i>Advent 2</i>	10am	Family Mass
	11am	High Mass
	4pm	Community Carol Service
Monday 9th December:	7pm	Making Sense of the Bible
Tuesday 10th December:	9am	Morning Prayer
<i>Feria</i>		
Wednesday 11th December:	9am	Morning Prayer
<i>Feria</i>	10.30am	Funeral Mass for Joyce Lloyd
	6pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 12th December:	9am	Morning Prayer
<i>Feria</i>	6pm	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	Mass
	7.30pm	Concert
Friday 13th December:	9am	Morning Prayer
<i>St Lucy</i>	6pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 14th December	10am	Morning Prayer
<i>St John of the Cross</i>	10.30pm	Mass
	6pm	Evening Prayer
Services next Sunday 15th December:	9am	Morning Prayer
<i>Advent 3</i>	10am	Family Mass
	11am	High Mass
	6pm	Evening Prayer

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NOTICES

Please join us for refreshments at the west end of the church

This afternoon: Community Carol Service at 4pm:

With the St Matthias Singers and other local music groups. Volunteers are needed for the collection and giving out service booklets.

Apocalyptic! Getting to grips with Revelation: Monday 9th December at 7pm:

Traditionally Advent is a time for considering the Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. So not an inappropriate time to look at the Book of Revelation. Talk and discussion with Rev Andy Roland, plus wine and cheese up to 9pm. Free admission. All welcome.

Joyce Lloyd RIP:

The funeral service of Joyce Lloyd will take place at St Cuthbert's on **Wednesday 11th December** at 10.30am.

Imperial College Chamber Choir, Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm:

ICCC, under their director Jack Apperley, presents their annual Christmas Concert. Tickets £10 / £5 on the door.

Ave, Eva: An Exploration of Idealised Femininity and the Virgin, Tuesday 17th December at 8pm: The Korrigan Consort explore the Virgin Mary in the context of Christian and Classical concepts of femininity, virginity, chastity and the heavenly ideal of perfect "womanhood". Tickets £15 / £10_(under 18s free).

Parish Carol Service, Wednesday 18th December at 7pm:

Sung by the choir of St Cuthbert's Church. A service of favourite carols and readings.

St Endellion Carol Service, Friday 20th December at 7pm:

Soloists: Mark Padmore, Sophie Bevan. Conductor: Aidan Oliver.

Sant'Egidio Christmas Eve Lunch: see further details below.

Crib Service, Tuesday 24th December at 5pm: a family service celebrating and retelling the Christmas story.

Midnight Mass, Tuesday 24th December at 11.30pm

Sung Mass, Wednesday 25th December at 10.30am

St Stephen's Day, St Stephen's Kensington, Thursday 26th December:

Solemn Mass at 11am. Preacher and Celebrant: Rt Revd Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester.

Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday 5th January:

10am Family Mass, 11am Sung Mass

Fulham Epiphany Festival, Saturday 11th January, Southwark Cathedral:

11am Solemn Mass; 12.30pm Lunch (bring your own); 2pm Workshops; 3.30pm Solemn Benediction at St Magnus the Martyr.

Epiphany Carol Service, Sunday 12th January at 6pm

Kitchen Unit: We are pleased to announce that we have now reached our target of £30,000 towards the cost of our long-planned kitchen unit at the west end of the Church. We are still seeking additional funds for some extra work that will be required. If you are able to help, please see Fr Paul.

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are also needed to deliver to different streets in the parish. Please see the list at the west end of the church or speak to Fr Paul.

Sant'Egidio Christmas Eve Lunch:

Dear parishioners, it is a joy for me to introduce to you the Christmas Eve Lunch of the Community of Sant'Egidio, a lay community of members in more than 73 countries of the world who believe in fostering prayer, peace and encounters with the poor.

This year, our meal will be blessed in a particular way here in London, as it will take place for the first time in our beloved church of St. Cuthbert.

For 37 years Sant'Egidio has invited many homeless people, lonely elderly, men and women who have nobody to spend Christmas with, to come together and share a beautiful meal.

We believe that nobody should be alone for Christmas: so, we want to offer each guest - or better each friend - a Christmas gift. We come to you and ask for your generosity. At the back of the church you will find a Giving Tree decorated with little cards. We ask you to pick a card, buy the item written on the card, and bring it back underneath the tree in the church by 20th December. Please note that only new, unwrapped items will be accepted.

Thank you for your generosity and please get in touch if you'd like to help.

We wish you all a beautiful and blessed Advent.

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**Wednesday 18th December
2019**



Christmas Service of Carols and Readings

**With the Military and Hospitaller Order of
Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem
Commandery of London & Westminster**

7pm





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