



St Anne's

— K E W —

3rd December 2023
First Sunday of Advent

Services today:

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Sung Eucharist
6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Hymns for the 10.00am service:

- 148 The God of Abraham praise
- 3 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
- 10 Long ago, prophets knew
- 7 Hill of the north, rejoice

Diary for the Week

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Monday 4 th December	8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday 5 th December	8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
Wednesday 6 th December <i>Nicholas, Bishop of Myra</i>	8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom 11.00am Bible Study in the Parish Hall
Thursday 7 th December <i>Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher</i>	8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
Friday 8 th December <i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
Saturday 9 th December	THE CHURCH WILL NOT BE OPEN TODAY
Sunday 10 th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11 2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8

Sunday 3 December 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 64.1-9

¹ O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
² as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴ From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵ You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷ There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸ Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.

Now consider, we are all your people.
This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, •
you that led Joseph like a flock;
- 2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, •
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
- 3 Stir up your mighty strength •
and come to our salvation.
- 4 Turn us again, O God; •
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 5 O Lord God of hosts, •
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
- 6 You feed them with the bread of tears; •
you give them abundance of tears to drink.
- 7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, •
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 8 Turn us again, O God of hosts; •
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 18 Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, •
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.
- 19 And so will we not go back from you; •
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.
- 20 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; •
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you

wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 13.24-end

24 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sick and Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

The sick, including Georgia, Debbie, Caroline Hill, Roddy Rugman, Peter Tomkins, Adam Watson and Grace Robson.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Len Barker, Stan Parr, Phyllis Cunningham, Julia Dicks.

Notices:

We are looking for **two Sidesmen for the Crib Service** at 4pm on 23rd December. We also need **nine Readers for the Carol Service** on 17th December. Volunteers would be much appreciated. Please contact abradshaw289@gmail.com or the Parish Office.

At the end of the service **please do not take the Service Booklet home.** However, please feel free to take this booklet, **The Messenger**, home with you.

Christmas Card Box at the back of the church – please drop any cards for parishioners in the box for collection.

All **notices** that are put up in church need to go through the parish office. Many thanks, Giles.

8am Eucharist Intercessions List – if you would like to read the Intercession prayers at 8am Sunday services, please sign the list at the back of the church.

Flowers - If you would like to sponsor the flowers, dates are available from **December 3rd until February 4th**, and then **after Easter**. Please contact Judy Perkins judyperkins@gmail.com.

Today, **Sunday 3rd December at 6.30 p.m.**, we have our **Advent Carol Service** at Saint Anne's, Kew, a service of words and music to introduce the Holy season of Advent, to look towards the Nativity, our Lord's Second Coming and The Four Last Things. You will hear biblical readings and music by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Johann Cruger, Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, Michael Wise and Herbert Howells, as well as Advent hymns. All welcome.

Kew Gardens invites you to come along and support the annual **RBG Kew Staff, Students, Volunteers and Friends Carol Service 2023, 3.30pm on Monday 11th December, St. Anne's Church, Kew Green**. Much of the history of the Gardens is closely intertwined with St Anne's Church. We would absolutely love to see many of the church congregation come along to support Kew's carol concert featuring the Kew Choir - a choir where we have great fun each week practising in your parish hall under the baton of Sam Evans. **The Kew Choir** is also singing in the Hereford Gallery, V&A (above the Cromwell Road foyer) on **Wednesday 13th December, 1.00 pm**. Please do come along to hear us sing to the angels...!

Admission to Communion Course This course is being offered for children in Years 3-6 who wish to be admitted to Communion. Faith is nurtured in the home, and so we will ask parents or guardians to attend the course as well. This will enable them to support their child as they are admitted to communion and might also help them to think through some of their own questions about faith.

Session 1: Baptism & Belonging – St Luke’s – Wednesday 24th January - 5pm

Session 2 – Being a Christian – St Philip & All Saints (the Barn Church) – Wednesday 31st January – 5pm

Session 3 – Communion – Followed by bring and share meal (St Anne’s) – Saturday 3rd February – 5pm

Sunday 4th Feb – Admission to Communion Service (at your church in Kew)

WELCARE, Christmas 2023: Next weekend is the last opportunity to donate to Welcare’s Families in Crisis appeal via St Anne’s. Welcare is a long-established, SW London charity with Christian foundations, which provides practical and emotional support to local young families in need. They would appreciate store gift cards in small denominations from *Sainsbury’s*, *Tesco* or *Asda*. Hand them to a sides-person, or to the Parish Office, by **lunchtime Monday 11 December**, in an envelope marked ‘Welcare + £X’ (X = cards’ total value). Or donate to the charity’s *JustGiving* webpage at <https://www.justgiving.com/welcare-southwark> **Here is a link to a short Youtube film about the charity’s work:** welcare.org/supportervideos. Thank you for your support.

Churches Together in Kew Christmas cards are back this year with artwork from The King’s School on the cover and details of all Kew churches services inside. Help will be needed please to distribute the cards and before that there is a **card sorting event on Wednesday 13th December at 2 o’clock**. If you are able to help, please contact Annabel Clark on 07458 009345.

Coffee after 8.00am and 10.00am services. Please join us for coffee after each service to meet with members of the congregation. All are welcome. If you would like to help with serving coffees after the 10.00am service now is a good time to volunteer. Please contact Rebecca on email at r.phelps119@btinternet.com.

To join the **Parish WhatsApp** group text Fr Giles on 07811 444011.

For **Safeguarding** concerns, please contact Kristen Anderson on 07561 662613, or contact the Churchwardens. **Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility.**

The Vicar's Theological Deep Dives

The Vicar's Deep Dives provide an introduction to some fundamental theological themes. They draw upon the latest on contemporary scholarship to help illuminate the core issues of the Christian tradition. They take place once a month, on Tuesday evenings throughout the year. All are most welcome.

Eucharist 7.00pm. Lecture including questions 7.30-8.30pm. Coach and Horses after the lecture.

Programme for 2023/4 focuses on the Bible:

Thus far we have looked at the emergence from Canaanite religion in Genesis, Exodus and the beginnings of monotheism (including the Deuteronomistic historian) and purity and holiness in Leviticus.

Job – 24th October

The Prophets – 28th November

Ruth/Ezra – 19th December

Daniel – 23rd January

The Maccabees – 27th February

Mark and Matthew – 26th March

Luke/Acts – 30th April

John – 28th May

Paul's Letters – 25th June

Revelation – 30th July



Rev'd Canon Dr Giles Fraser, Vicar of St Anne's, Kew

St Anne's Christmas Services 2023

Sunday 17th December

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday 23rd December

4.00pm Crib Service

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist
11.0pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Finance

It costs £5,000 a week to run the whole ministry of this beautiful and historic church. We do not have any endowment and rely solely upon the generosity of individuals to keep going. We hugely appreciate the support that we receive from you. Thank you for helping us contribute to the Christian presence in this part of the world.

You can support the work of the church in any of the following ways:

- With cash or contactless credit/debit card on leaving the church. Use a white envelope for cash if a UK taxpayer.
- Online donation at <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/st-annes-church-kew-green>
- Using the QR code on your smartphone:



- Join our planned giving scheme – Standing Order & Gift Aid forms are available at a desk on the left at the back of the church.

Many thanks!

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