

## **Christmas Flowers**

If you wish to donate, as is the tradition at this time of year, a little extra today or next week to pay for Christmas flowers in church — please mark a separate envelope, and the money will be used specifically for the floral decorations.

Thank you.

## **St Mark's Church contacts:**

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### **Churchwarden**

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### **Lay Ministers**

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Maureen Mattison, Pastoral Assistant (PTM)

### **Music Department**

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Ralf Ayling-Miller, Resident Organist

Hymn numbers: *New English Hymnal (NEH)*  
Bible Readings: *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

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# **St Mark's Church, Bromley**

5 December 2021

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

**10am Choral Eucharist**

*Preacher: The Revd Lizzie Longhurst, Curate*

## **HYMNS**

- 12** On Jordan's bank  
**6** Hark the glad sound  
**10** Long ago, prophets knew  
**364** God is love

## **Communion Anthem:**

How beautiful upon the mountains

J. Stainer (1840-1901)

## **Eucharistic setting:**

*D.Thorne*

*Kyrie: H.Darke (1888-1976)*

**Collect:** Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

## **Reading: Malachi 3: 1-3**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;<sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.



## **Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler<sup>a</sup> of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler<sup>b</sup> of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler<sup>c</sup> of Abilene,<sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.<sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,<sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

## **Prayers**

*Those who are unwell at this time:*

Carol Robins, Pamela Stringer

*For the recently departed:*

Anne Coburn

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*Please contact the Vicar with prayer requests*

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will 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 comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**Coffee/tea served in the hall (Church Room) after the service today. All welcome.**

## **\*\* TRAIDCRAFT CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS\*\***

These will be on sale in porch and hall today

### **Next Sunday 12 December**

10am Choral Eucharist  
Advent 3  
Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18

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*The new issue of the Parish Magazine **MARKSMAN** is now available on the website and there are some hard copies available in church by the exit door – please feel free to take one, also for anyone you know who would like a copy.*

### **Christmas Services:**

**Sunday 19 December**  
6.30pm Christmas Carol Service:  
*Nine Lessons and Carols*

**Christmas Eve**  
4pm Crib service  
11.30pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**  
10am Choral Eucharist

**Boxing Day**  
Sunday 26 December  
10am Said Eucharist for the Feast of St Stephen

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### **The Revd Dr Anne Townsend**

*A service of thanksgiving for Anne will take place at St Peter and St Paul Church, Bromley on Monday 6 December, 2pm*

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### **COVID-19 Awareness**

Please respect others' social distance and face covering choices.

Please remember to use the gel at the doors. The windows are open to ensure good ventilation in church.

*Thank you*