

✠ **THE PARISH OF  
ST. PAUL WITH ST. LUKE** ✠



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

*(with Sunday School Nativity)*

**Hymns: 568 307 287 329**

**Isaiah 61:1-4:** Sunday School

**Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28**

**Chalice:** Toni **Intercessions:** Sunday School

**Welcomers:** Colin & Cathy L **Refreshments:** Hendrika

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Esther Christian, John Christian, Rachel Christian,  
Rosemary Christian Janice Sutherland,  
Marek Machoy, Lois, Tom Cantwell, John Daryl Jimenez,  
Fr. Duncan Ross, Amelita Nicodemus, Phil Cutcliffe, Carolyne Scott,  
Anna Ameila, Jackie Coral, Chris Pegden, Vivian Juanson

For our link church of **Santa Monica, Maputo** in Mozambique  
And for our church school **St Paul with St Luke Primary School**

**December's Year Mind:** Fr. John Rowe, William Mc Crossan,  
Carl Clark

Today we celebrate **the 3rd Sunday of Advent**, so we continue our journey of preparing spiritually for our annual celebration of the Christ Child being born among us as we watch and wait for His coming again.

We also have the joy of our Sunday School leading part of the service.



## Candlelit Carol Service



**Today  
Sunday 17 December  
at 4pm.**

Please invite family and friends to this very special service of 5 lessons and carols. Mince pies and refreshments will be served afterwards.

### Sunday School Christmas Card

This year our Sunday School has made us a Communal Christmas Card. For a donation of £1 we can write our Christmas wishes to each other on the card and the money raised will help Sunday School with their efforts to raise funds for the 'Toilet Twinning' Scheme. This scheme funds projects in communities that helps families build their own basic toilet, access clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.

**Help flush  
away poverty!**

**Join the world's first  
Toilet Twinning**



**We wish our church school St Paul with St Luke (SPSL a joyful and peaceful Christmas break.** And we especially thank them for making such wonderful Christmas Banners.

## Christmas Services

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

10am – Mass for Advent 3 *(with Sunday School Nativity)*

4pm – Carol Service (by candlelight)  
*Followed by refreshments*

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

*(Christmas Eve)*

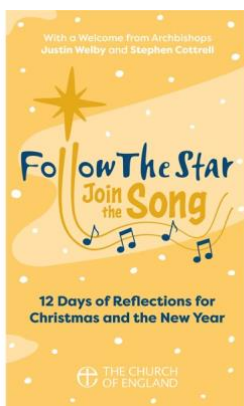
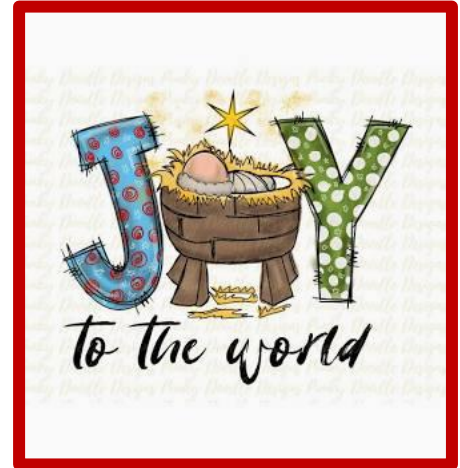
10am – Mass for Advent 4

11pm – Carols by candlelight

11.30pm – Midnight Mass

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

11am – Mass for Christmas Day



**An invitation to go deeper into the meaning of Christmas for you.** Each day from Christmas Eve to the Eve of Epiphany (5 January), you are offered a short reading from the Bible, a reflection challenging you to see the Christmas story afresh, an invitation to wonder what this Christmas means in your own life, and a prayer to help you treasure this story in your heart. We have **10 booklets available** at

the back of church for anyone who wishes to **‘Follow the Star’**.

**We wish all our church families who will be away over Christmas a joy filled Christmas and a peaceful New Year.**



We look forward to having you back among us next year.

**Daily office week: The Daily Office: Monday-Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 8am & 5.30pm**

**Sunday 17th December 10am**

**Mass for 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
*with Sunday School nativity*

**Sunday 17th December 4pm**

**Carol Service by Candlelight**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10am**

**Mass for Advent 4**

**Sunday 24th December 11pm**

**Carols by candlelight**

**Sunday 24th December 11.30pm**

**Midnight Mass**

*(the 1st Mass of Christmas)*

**Monday 25th December 11am**

**Mass for Christmas Day**

**Sunday 31st December 10am**

**Mass for the First Sunday of Christmas** *(Fr. Colin Midlane)*

**Sunday 7th January 10am**

**Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany**

**Sunday 7th January 11.30am**

**Monthly Prayer Group**

**Sunday 14th January 10am**

**Mass for Epiphany 2**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 10am**

**Mass for Epiphany 3**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10am**

**Mass for Candlemas**

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**Next Sunday: 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Hymns: 358 277 568 440**

**2 Samuel 7:1-11: Colin Romans 16:25-end: Cathy L**

**Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38**

**Chalice: Toni Intercessions: Julian**

**Welcomers: Elizabeth & Hendrika**

**Refreshments: Mary**

*Vicar* Mother Bernadette Hegarty 020 3774 6833

*Churchwarden:* Julian Bream 07818 048048

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