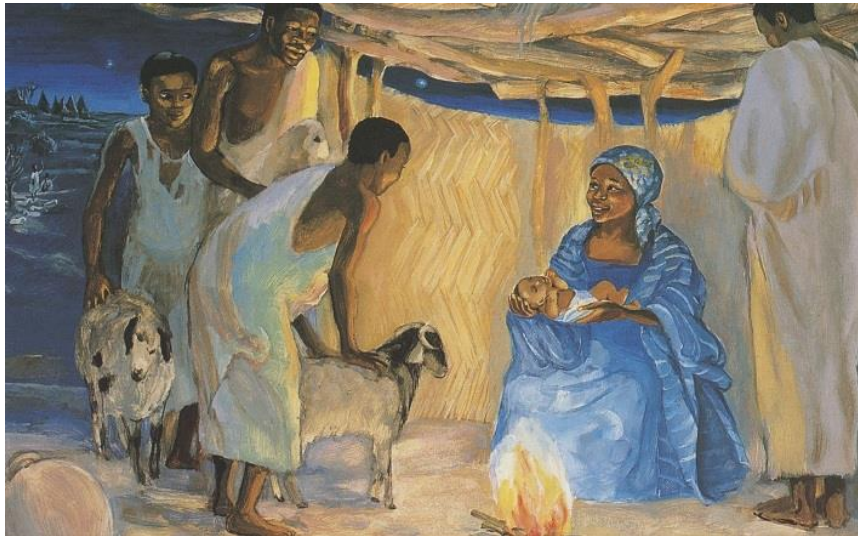


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**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**  
**Mass for the 1st Sunday of Christmas**

**Hymns: 14 20 28 21**  
*(red carol book)*

**Isaiah 61:10-62:3: Cathy Galatians 4:4-7: Cara**

**Gospel: Luke 2:15-21**

**Chalice: Ayo Intercessions: Cathy**

**Welcomers: Cathy & Cara**

**Refreshments: Ruth**

**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, Carlyne Scott,  
Anna Ameila, Jackie Coral, Luke Knell, Vivian Juanson

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

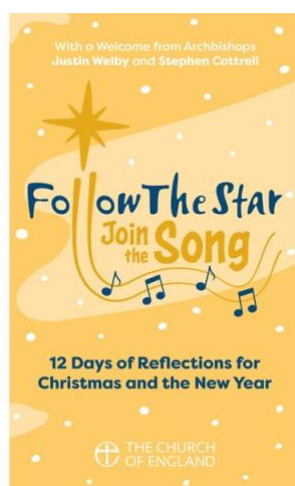
**December's Year Mind:** Fr. John Rowe, William Mc Crossan,  
Carl Clark

This morning we celebrate the **1st Sunday of Christmas** and we have already entered into our 40-day celebration of the great Festival of Christmas which will end at the Feast of the **Presentation of Christ/Candlemas**.

We welcome Fr Colin Midlane as our celebrant and preacher.

## Sunday School Christmas Card

Thank you to all who contributed to our Sunday School Communal Christmas Card. For a donation of £1 we wrote our Christmas wishes to each other on the card and the money raised is helping 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.



**It's not too late to accept 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 **some booklets available** at

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

**Mthr. Bernadette will be on holiday from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January.** Julian our Churchwarden will also be away so during this time the care of the church will be with Jeanette.

**We wish all our church families who are way over the New Year - a Happy New Year.**

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



**Monthly Prayer Group: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am:**

We will be meeting in church by the Lady Chapel after the service to pray for those who have asked for our prayers and for any situation – (personal, community, global) that God has put in our heart.



**The SPBC Christmas meal will on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January from 5pm at the Ledger Building Wetherspoons, Canary Wharf. All are welcome.**



## **Celebrating Christmas at SPBC**



All enquiries to: **020 3774 6833**

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Daily office: **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 8am & 5.30pm**

**Sunday 31st December 10am**

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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 10am**

**Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 11.30am**

**Monthly Prayer Group**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 10am**

**Mass for Epiphany 2**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 11.30am**

**Monthly Bible Study Group**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 6.45pm**

**PCC Meeting** (*church hall*)

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

**Mass for Epiphany 3**

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

**Mass for Candlemas**

**Sunday 4 February 10am**

**Mass for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 11am**

**Monthly Prayer Group**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 10am**

**Mass for Sunday next before Lent**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 11am**

**Monthly Bible Study Group**

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Winner of 'The UK's Best Modern Churches' award November 2013

**Next Sunday: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany**

**Hymns: 36 25 3 26**

(*red Carol Book*)

**Isaiah 60:1-6: Nikki Ephesians 3:1-12: Colin**

**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

**Chalice: Nikki Intercessions: Ed**

**Welcomers: Nikki & Ed**

**Refreshments: Ed**

*Vicar* Mother Bernadette Hegarty 020 3774 6833

*Churchwarden:* Julian Bream 07818 048048

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