

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



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**Hymns: 358 321 409 329**

**Isaiah 64:1-9: Cathy 1 Corinthians 1:3-9: Colin**

**Gospel: Mark 13:24-end. Chalice: Ayo**

**Intercessions: Cathy Welcomers: Cathy & Hannah**

**Refreshments: Cathy**

**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

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 First Sunday of Advent** and so a new year in the Church's calendar begins. Advent is a time where we prepare ourselves spiritually as we look forward not only to our annual celebration of the first coming of Christ as the Child in the manger, but also to that time when He will come again in power and glory at the end of time. Today also sees the start of year B (the year of Mark in our 3-year cycle of church readings).



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



**Saying Farewell to the Tuesday Sale and THANK YOU.** Marion, Janet, Pat, Teresa, June and their helpers have given many years of service to the Tuesday Sale and Jumble Sales. Earlier in the year they let us know that they would like to step down after the Christmas Bazaar. To show our

appreciation of all that they have given to the church over the years, we are holding a 'retirement' party (*bring & share*) for them this **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Church Hall from 4-7pm. Please note change in time.**

**The list is out by the Welcomer's table for you to indicate which food you are willing to bring and share.**



**Monthly Prayer Group today Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 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.



# Candlelit Carol Service

**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



## More memories of our Christmas Bazaar last week



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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10am**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11.30am**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**

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

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 11.30am**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10am**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11pm**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 11am**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 10am**

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

**Mass for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Prayer Group**

**A THANK YOU Party for the  
Tuesday Sale Team** (*bring & share*) in the church hall

**Mass for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Bible Study**

**Mass for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
with Sunday School nativity**

**Carol Service by Candlelight  
Carols by candlelight**

**Midnight Mass** (*the 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Christmas*)

**Mass for Christmas Day**

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

**Mass for the Feast of the  
Epiphany**

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**Next Sunday: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Mass for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Hymns: 98 307 428 571**

**Isaiah 40:1-11: Ed 2 Peter 3:8-15: Elizabeth**

**Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

**Chalice: Mary Intercessions: Cara**

**Welcomers: Ed & Cara Refreshments: Ed**

*Vicar* Mother Bernadette Hegarty 020 3774 6833

*Churchwarden:* Julian Bream 07818 048048

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