

## This Week

The Church will be closed from the 26th December until 30th December.

*We wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.*

## Services from 6th January

Early Morning: 8am, 8.30am  
Mid-Morning: 9.30am Songs of Praise  
10-11am Welcome, Worship,  
Word & Communion  
Late Morning: 11.45am, 12pm  
with lunch @ 12.30pm

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St. John's Church Hillingdon

**The Link** †

23rd & 30th December 2018



Welcome to St. John's. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us.



## Advent Prayers

### Joy Sunday 23rd December

Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us.

Help us to grow into deeper joy through understanding what Joy really is, and through trusting in Christ to deepen us in inner joy.

Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by helping us see that Christ came for every person we meet wherever we go. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Christmas Day

We lit the first candle to pray for hope.  
We lit the second candle to pray for peace.  
We lit the third candle to pray for love.  
We lit the fourth candle to pray for joy.  
Now we light the Christmas candle and we rejoice that Jesus is born. He is hope, peace, joy and love for all the world.  
A Saviour is born to us today. Alleluia!  
Lord Jesus Christ, you bring the life of God into the world. Fill us with your light, now and always. Amen.

## Reading for Sunday 30th December

### Matthew 2:13-21

### The Escape to Egypt

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the



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prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. <sup>17</sup> Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

"A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

## **The Return to Nazareth**

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

## **Coffee is served by:**

**23rd– Nikki**

**30th– Christine**

**Prayer Ministry available** in the Prayer Chapel during mid-morning communion.

**Sunday 23rd December** the Communion bread and wine has been donated by June Nursimooloo in memory of her parents Alfred and Daisy Williams for their Wedding Anniversary which was on 20th December.

**Christmas Day** the Communion bread and wine has been donated by Sylvia and Julia in memory of their Mum and Dad and their beloved brothers John and Alexander

## **ECO News**



**Eco tip**– Before putting used wrapping paper into the recycling bin remove any sticky tape and decorations such as bows or ribbons. Check that the paper passes the scrunch test if it scrunches it can be recycled. Simple paper wrap can be recycled, Foil or glitter decorated paper cannot and needs to go in with general waste.

## **General News**

**The Children's Society Boxes** are available at the back of Church for you to take home and fill up, please return the filled boxes at our Christingle Service on the 24th December 2018. For those who have plastic boxes at home, please bring them into Church by 13th January 2019.

## **Christmas Services**

**24th December– Christingle Service 3:30pm and 5pm.** There will be no earlier services.

**24th December**—Carol Singing at Hillingdon Hospital meet at the hospital chapel for 6:30pm

**24th December– 11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion.**

**25th December– 10am Christmas Day Service.** Only Service for this day.

**30th December—10am & 11:45am Service.** There will be no earlier services on this day.

**6th January 2019 all services will resume as normal.**

**Stewardship:** Thank you to everyone who has responded if you haven't Please return your response forms as soon as possible– we are unable to make any meaningful plan for 2019 until we have more responses!. If anyone needs another response form there are plenty at the back of church.