

### CHRISTMAS CARD TABLE

Christmas cards for members of the congregation may be left on the table at the back of church.

### A NEW CRIB

This year we will have a new Christmas Crib. Thank you to Darren Smith for making it!

### DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Could you make a donation towards the cost of Christmas music? As we are not able to have congregational carols, we will be relying on others to add quality to our Christmas worship. Envelopes with donations may be placed in the collection basket, or given to Darren, Pat Black, or Fr Rayner.

### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

The pattern of Christmas worship at St Silas will be the same as usual, but at each service there will be differences, to encourage Covid-19 security. There will be no carol singing in the market this year. Weather-permitting, we shall conclude our Christmas Eve Family Christmas Worship by gathering at the outside crib.

### FINANCIAL GIVING

Please make sure your financial giving to St Silas is up to date. The pandemic has (so far) created a £10,000 hole in our finances. Thanks to all those who continue to be generous in their giving. The Church of England asks us to give to our local church £5 per week out of every £100 of income per week. For the poorest, that's a big ask, especially if the pandemic has affected your own finances. All we ask is that you think and pray about your giving.

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR SAINT SILAS CHURCH

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**Welcome to  
SAINT SILAS, PENTONVILLE  
in the Parish of St Silas with All Saints & St James**

**We are committed to**  
*... bringing people in ... bringing people on*  
*... witnessing to Jesus Christ*



**SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 2020  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE** is on the Mass card. The Bible readings are on the separate white sheet.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** is currently suspended. We will continue to provide activity sheets at the door.

**NEXT SUNDAY** we shall be welcoming Bishop Jonathan who will Confirm five candidates at the 11.00 am Parish Mass. Unfortunately, we shall not be able to celebrate with a party afterwards. Please do pray for the candidates: Christine, Jessica, Abigail, Emily and Morenike.

### MIDWEEK MASSES

The pattern of public weekday Masses has now resumed. Most of them will take place at the All Saints altar in the Community Hall (to save expenditure on church heating). As the Help on Your Doorstep chat group is not meeting on Thursdays, there **will** be silent prayer from 12 Noon on Thursdays.

### ADVENT CHURCH CLEANING

Please come and help if you can. On Saturdays we'll be in the church from 9.30 am. On Thursdays after Mass we'll concentrate on the brass/silver cleaning, which can be done in the hall. Many hands make light work!

## COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

You are asked to sign in as you arrive. This is in case you need to be contacted for test and trace.

If you have the NHS COVID-19 App you can scan the church QR code as you enter or leave.

Use sanitising gel, or wash your hands, on arriving at church and before leaving.

Maintain social distancing at 2 metres whenever possible, leaving some rows free, though households can sit together. There should be at least two chairs between you and the next person.

Wearing a face covering is mandatory, unless you are exempted. Those reading the Scriptures or leading prayers at Mass do not need to be wearing a face covering.

There will be no congregational singing, only the cantor will sing.

The peace will not be exchanged.

Collection baskets will be at the doors.

Communion will be given in one kind only, only the priest will receive from the chalice.

Queue in the central aisle only to receive communion and return to your seat via the side aisles.

Receive communion in the hand, with arms stretched forwards.

Leave via the fire exit whenever possible.

Take the news sheet and Bible readings sheet home with you.

No refreshments will be served after Mass. If you wish to chat after Mass, please stay in the church, observing social-distancing.

Avoid using the church lavatories if possible.

## MUSIC AT MASS

The organ music before and after Mass in Advent is calm and reflective. Before Mass there is a piece by Father Antonio Soler, who was organist of a cathedral in the Spanish Pyrenees in the middle of the eighteenth century and was later in charge of the music for the royal court in Spain. During Mass there are prayerful fantasias by the Spanish Dominican friar Tomás de Santa Maria, published in 1565. After Mass comes a Tiento by Antonio de Cabezón, who was a blind and of noble birth, organist to Queen Isabella of Spain in the sixteenth century. The preface to Tomás de Santa Maria's book of fantasias says that Cabezón has examined and approved it!

**Martin**

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK @ ST SILAS CHURCH & COMMUNITY HALL

### Monday 14 December

St John of the Cross

10:30 Monday Chat Group  
(booked places only)

19:00 Overeaters Anonymous

*Pray for those who doubt their faith.*

### Tuesday 15 December

**18:15 Rosary Prayers**

**18:30 Mass**

*Pray for the lonely.*

### Wednesday 16 December

19:00 Angel Orchestra

*Pray for our keeping of a holy Advent.*

### Thursday 17 December

**12:00 Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament**

**12:30 Mass**

13:00 Advent church cleaning

*Pray for the NHS.*

### Friday 18 December

18:15 Alcoholics Anonymous  
(women only)

*Pray for Chapel Market traders.*

### Saturday 19 December

09:30 Advent church cleaning

10:30 Alcoholics Anonymous

**12:00 Mass**

14:15 Confirmation rehearsal

*Pray for those who work in the media.*


### Sunday 20 December

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

**11:00 PARISH MASS  
with Confirmation by  
the Bishop of Fulham**



*Pray for the people of our parish.*

<b>BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK</b> 	Monday 14 December	Numbers 24:2-7,15-17 / Matthew 21:23-27
	Tuesday 15 December	Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13 / Matthew 21:28-32
	Wednesday 16 December	Isaiah 45:6-8,18,21-26 / Luke 7:19-23
	Thursday 17 December	Genesis 49:2,8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17
	Friday 18 December	Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-24
	Saturday 19 December	Judges 13:2-7,24-25 / Luke 1:5-25