

St Paul's Church Pew Sheet



Sunday 6th December 2009
The Second Sunday of Advent
We welcome you to St Paul's Church
Today's services are at 9am and 6.30pm

'Serving God in the Jewellery Quarter'



We have a loop system installed, if you wish to use it please turn your hearing aid to 'T'

9.00am Said Eucharist
The Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Luke 1: 1-25;

6.30pm Sung Evensong
The Readings:
Baruch 5.
The prophet offers words of hope to an oppressed people and promises that Israel will be reclothed and will live in the light of God's glory.
Philippians 1.3-11
Paul from prison gives thanks for the fellowship of those at Philippi and encourages them to live pure and blameless lives, ready to meet Christ.
Luke 3.1-6
Luke's introduction to the ministry of John the Baptist – preparing the way for the coming of Jesus.

The Hymns: 27, 28, 26, 24
The Anthem: *Adam Lay Ybounden – Boris Ord*
Adam lay y-bounden, bounden in a bond; Four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a been heavené queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was, therefore we moun singen 'Deo gracias'.

Organ Voluntary: Wachtet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
BWV 645 – J S Bach
Psalm: *Benedictus*

The Collect
O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for the Advent Wreath
God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world.



Blessed be the Lord / God of / Israel:
for he hath / visited · and re / deemed his / people.
2. And hath raised up a mighty sal / vation / for us:
in the / house of his / servant / David;
3. As he spake by the mouth of his / holy / Prophets:
which have been / since the / world be / gan;
4. That we should be saved / from our / enemies:
and from the / hands of / all that / hate us;
5. To perform the mercy promised / to our / forefathers:
and to re / member his / holy / Covenant;
6. To per / form the / oath:
which he / sware to our / fore · father / Abraham;
7. That he would give us, that we being delivered out of
the / hand of our / enemies:
might / serve him with / out / fear;
8. In holiness and / righteousness be / fore him:
all the / days of / our / life.

9. And thou Child shalt be called the / Prophet of the / Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord / to pre / pare
his / ways;
10. To give knowledge of salvation / unto his / people:
for the re / mission / of their /sins.
11. Through the tender mercy of / our / God:
whereby the day-spring / from on / high hath / visited us;
12. To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the /
shadow of / death:
and to guide our feet / into the / way of / peace.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:
and / to the / Holy / Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever / shall be:
world without / end. / A / men.

For your information:

This week:

Wednesday 9th December

1.05pm Said Eucharist (CW)

Saturday 12th December

10-4pm Jewellery Quarter shopping day,
church open for teas and coffees

7.30pm Concert by Mike Christie

Next Sunday:

Sunday 13th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

11.30am St Paul's Club Carols

6.30pm Choral Eucharist (BCP)

The readings & readers for the 6.30pm service:

Zephaniah 3: 14-end; Jo Beavan

Philippians 4: 4-7; Delia Overton

The sides-people are: Margaret Emes & Jean Walters

On teas & coffees: Chris & Linda

News

- **The wine and candles** for today have been kindly sponsored by a member of the congregation.
- **We pray for the Sick:** John & Joan Tovey, Joy Burns and Beryl Hancox
- **'Dates for your diary'**
Dec 2009–Nov 2010

Booklet is now available – they have a variety of bright covers – there is no difference in the contents!

- **Children's Society Boxes:** Margaret Emes will be collecting them tonight, remember to hand yours to her.
- **Fireside:** St Paul's has for many years collected food to make up Christmas hampers for the Fireside Christmas party. If you can donate something your gifts will be gratefully received and there is now a box on the gallery for them.

Future dates to remember:

December:

Tuesday 15th December Community Carols

1.05pm Half hour of Christmas Carols with musicians from King Edward School, Aston, followed by refreshments kindly provided by Pearson Rowe, Solicitors of St Paul's Square.

7.30pm **Concert – Consort Pleon – Charpentier: Christmas Mass and other Sacred Music.** Tickets on the door £8, concessions £5 & students £2.

Wednesday 16th December

1.05pm Said Eucharist (CW)

Saturday 19th December

7.30pm Ex-Cathedra: *Christmas Music by Candlelight*

Sunday 20th December 4th Sunday of Advent

4pm Nine Lessons and Carols with The Birmingham Bach Choir, followed by a meal at Locanta
(Please note the time of this service)

Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd December

7.30pm Ex-Cathedra: *Christmas Music by Candlelight*

Please note there is no Wednesday lunchtime service on 23rd December

Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Mass (CW)

Friday 25th December Christmas Day

10.00am Eucharist (CW)

Sunday 27th December John, Apostle

6.30pm Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Please note there is no Wednesday lunchtime service on 30th December

**BCP = Service using The Book of Common Prayer*

CW = Service using Common Worship

Please join us for refreshments after the service

The weekly Pew Sheet is also available on our website

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January

A couple of highlights

Saturday 2nd 2-6pm Open house at the Vicarage

Sunday 24th 11am St Paul's Day Service, with guest Preacher: The Right Rev'd David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham
Followed by wine & nibbles.