

Parish Contacts

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Frances Poulastides

Intercessions

For the sick and those in need who have asked for our prayers.

For the recently departed:

Lewis Dussey, Selina Nimako, Motunde Awolowo.

Anniversaries of death:

Janet Cole, George Potter, Digna Breña,

John Fynn-Garbrah, John Halifax Arthur,

Sydney Mitchell, Florence Jahans, George Wilson.

To preserve privacy, the names of the sick and those in need, and sometimes of the recently departed, are omitted from the version of the news sheet published online. They are all, however, prayed for at the service in Church.

11am Parish Mass Hymns:

Entrance	263	Hark! A herald voice is calling
Offertory	405	Lo! He comes with clouds descending
Communion	690	Thy kingdom come!
Recessional	633	The advent of our King (2nd tune)
Mass setting:	953	A Simple Mass (Andrew Moore)

Parish Notices

Christmas Publicity

Volunteers are needed please to post cards with details of our Christmas services through the letterboxes of the Parish. Sign up on the list at the back of the Church.

"Light of Bethlehem" the Musical

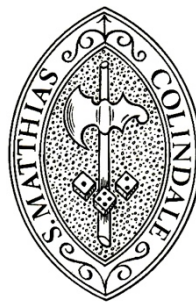
The Life and Mission Choir will be performing the musical "Light of Bethlehem" on Saturday 6th December at 7pm at St Mary's Church, Hendon NW4 4JT, and again on Sunday 7th December at 3pm at Potters Bar United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane EN6 1BZ. Free entry, refreshments provided.

Advent Study Group

Please see the notices in church for details of the Advent Study Group.

Carol Service at St Matthias

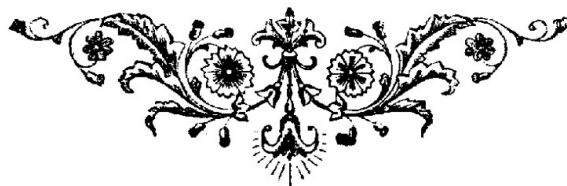
Our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, with the St Matthias Singers under the direction of Konstantin Gensitskiy, will be held on Sunday 21st December at 6pm. Mark the date in your diaries!



The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

The First Sunday of Advent 30th November 2025



Mass Times and Readings for Morning and Evening Prayer

Readings and psalms for Morning and Evening Prayer are given for use with Common Worship Daily Prayer or the Book of Common Prayer. MP = Morning Prayer; EP = Evening Prayer. For a shorter version of the Office, use one psalm and one reading. For the same services online see tinyurl.com/jusdp. (* = a long Psalm, part of which may be omitted. Where there is a choice of two sets of Psalms, the first is for the season, the second follows the ordinary cycle.)

Sunday 30th November 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration First Sunday of Advent 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 44; Micah 4.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
EP: Psalm 9*; Isaiah 52.1-12; Matthew 24.15-28

Mon 1st December No services

Feast: Saint Andrew, Apostle (transferred)

MP: Psalms 47, 147.1-12; Ezekiel 47.1-12 or Ecclesiasticus 14.20-end; John 12.20-32
EP: Psalms 87, 96; Zechariah 8.20-end; John 1.35-42

Tues 2nd December 12.30pm Mass

MP: Psalms 80, 82 (or) 5, 6, (8); Isaiah 26.1-13; Matthew 12.22-37
EP: Psalms 74, 75 (or) 9, 10*; Isaiah 43.1-13; Revelation 20

Weds 3rd December 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 9.30) Commemoration: Saint Francis Xavier, Missionary

MP: Psalms 5, 7 (or) 119.1-32; Isaiah 28.1-13; Matthew 12.38-end
EP: Psalms 76, 77 (or) 11, 12, 13; Isaiah 43.14-end; Revelation 21.1-8

Thurs 4th December 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 8.30) Commemoration: Saint John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith

MP: Psalms 42, 43 (or) 14, 15, 16; Isaiah 28.14-end; Matthew 13.1-23
EP: Psalms 40, 46 (or) 18*; Isaiah 44.1-8; Revelation 21.9-21

Fri 5th December 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 8.30)

MP: Psalms 25, 26 (or) 17, 19; Isaiah 29.1-14; Matthew 13.24-43
EP: Psalms 16, 17 (or) 22; Isaiah 44.9-23; Revelation 21.22 - 22.5

Sat 6th December 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 9.30) Memorial: Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

MP: Psalms 9, (10) (or) 20, 21, 23; Isaiah 29.15-24; Matthew 13.44-58
EP: Psalms 27, 28 (or) 24, 25; Isaiah 44.24 - 45.13; Revelation 22.6-21

Sunday 7th December 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration Second Sunday of Advent 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 80; Amos 7; Luke 1.5-20
EP: Psalms 11 [28]; 1 Kings 18.17-39; John 1.19-28

First Reading (Isaiah 2.1-5)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 122

Response:

**I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to God's house'.**

I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself.

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.
For there are the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. **R**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers. **R**

For my family and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.' **R**

Second Reading (Romans 13.11-14)

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Heaven and earth will pass away, says the Lord,
but my words will not pass away.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 24.36-44)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

'Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

'But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ