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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed:

Anniversaries of death:
Emelia Attoh, Alice Hector, Arthur Rowland, Win Mitchell.

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	487	Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Offertory	403	We hail thy presence glorious
Communion	386	Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Recessional	577	Thine for ever, God of love
Mass setting:	*681*	*A New People's Mass (Gregory Murray)*

Parish Notices

Looking Ahead

We will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 22nd November, with Parish Mass and Baptism. Advent begins on Sunday 29th November.

The Parish Carol Service will be on Sunday 20th December at 6pm – please mark this in your diaries! Christmas Day falls on a Friday this year and there will be the usual services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Volunteers will be needed at the end of November please to help distribute the St Matthias Christmas card to all the households in the Parish.

Pizza and Theology

The next Pizza and Theology evening, on Wednesday 9th December from 7pm to 9pm, will look at Mark's Gospel, which we will read through in the Sunday Lectionary in the coming year. Please sign up on the list at the back of Church.

MP's Christmas Celebration

Our MP for Hendon, David Pinto-Duschinsky, invites members of local congregations to a Christmas Celebration with "carols, mince pies and good cheer", on Sunday 13th December from 2pm to 4pm. To register, and receive location details nearer the date, see the details available in Church.

The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

The Second Sunday before Advent
Sunday 15th November 2026

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 15th November 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
2nd Sunday before Advent **11am Parish Mass**

MP: Psalm 98; Daniel 10.19-end; Revelation 4
EP: Psalm 89.19-37*; 1 Kings 1.15-40 (or 1-40); Revelation 1.4-18

Mon 16th November *No services*
Memorials: Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Edmund of Abingdon

MP: Psalms 46, 47 (or) 71; Daniel 8.1-14; Revelation 10
EP: Psalms 70, 71 (or) 72, 75; Isaiah 9.8 – 10.4; Matthew 7.1-12

Tues 17th November **12.30pm Mass**
Memorial: Saint Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln

MP: Psalms 48, 52 (or) 73; Daniel 8.15-end; Revelation 11.1-14
EP: Psalms 67, 72 (or) 74; Isaiah 10.5-19; Matthew 7.13-end

Weds 18th November **10am Mass** *(Morning Prayer at 09.30)*
Memorial: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

MP: Psalms 56, 57 (or) 77; Daniel 9.1-19; Revelation 11.15-end
EP: Psalm 73 (or) 119.81-104; Isaiah 10.20-32; Matthew 8.1-13

Thurs 19th November **9am Mass** *(Morning Prayer at 08.30)*
Memorial: Saint Hilda, Abbess of Whitby

MP: Psalms 61, 62 (or) 78.1-39*; Daniel 9.20-end; Revelation 12
EP: Pss 74, 76 (or) 78.40-end*; Isaiah 10.33 – 11.9; Matthew 8.14-22

Fri 20h November **9am Mass** *(Morning Prayer at 08.30)*
Memorial: Saint Edmund, King of East Anglia, Martyr

MP: Psalms 63, 65 (or) 55; Daniel 10.1 – 11.1; Revelation 13.1-10
EP: Psalm 77 (or) 69; Isaiah 11.10 – end of 12; Matthew 8.23-end

Sat 21st November **10am Mass** *(Morning Prayer at 09.30)*
Memorial: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalms 78.1-39 (or) 76, 79; Daniel 12; Revelation 13.11-end
EP: Psalms 99, 100; Isaiah 10.33 – 11.9; 1 Timothy 6.11-16
(First Evening Prayer of Christ the King)

Sunday 22nd November 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
Christ the King **11am Parish Mass & Baptism**

MP: Psalms 29, 110; Isaiah 4.2 – 5.7; Luke 19.29-38
EP: Psalms 93 [97]; 2 Samuel 23.1-7 *or* 1 Maccabees 2.15-29; Matthew 28.16-end

First Reading (Zephaniah 1.7,12-18)

A reading from the Prophesy of Zephaniah

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 90.1–8, 12

***Response*:**
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness;
so shall we rejoice and be glad.

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say,
'Go back, O child of earth.' ***R***

For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered. ***R***

For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. ***R***

So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. ***R***

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia
Well done, good and faithful servant;
you have been trustworthy in a few things,
I will put you in charge of many.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 25.1-13)

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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