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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: Janet Cole, George Potter, Digna Bretaña, John Fynn-Garbrah, John Halifax Arthur, Sydney Mitchell, Florence Jahans.

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	19	The Advent of our God
Offertory	11	Lo, he comes with clouds descending
Communion	20	The Lord will come, and not be slow
Recessional	25	Ye servants of the Lord
Mass setting:		*A Simple Mass (Andrew Moore) Complete Anglican Hymns 953*

Parish Notices

Christmas Publicity

The parish Christmas cards, with details of the Christmas services, are ready for distribution to every home in the parish. Please sign up for a street (or more) on the list at the back, if you are able to help.

The Organ

Work will be undertaken next week to diagnose further the extent of the problems with the organ and inform the PCC. In the meantime, an electronic keyboard is being used. Today and next week we welcome back Hanzhi Zhang as visiting organist to accompany the Mass.

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 in the Sunday Lectionary in the coming year. Please sign up on the list at the back.

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 poster in the lobby.

The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

The First Sunday of Advent
Sunday 29th 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 29th November 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
Advent Sunday **11am Parish Mass**

MP: Psalm 44; Isaiah 2.1-5; Luke 12.35-48
EP: Psalm 25*; Isaiah 1.1-20; Matthew 21.1-13

Mon 30th November *No services*

MP: Psalms 50, 54 (or) 1, 2, 3; Isaiah 42.18-end; Revelation 19
EP: Psalms 70, 71 (or) 4, 7; Isaiah 25.1-9; Matthew 12.1-21

Tues 1st December **12.30pm Mass**
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

Weds 2nd December **10am Mass** *(no Morning Prayer today)*

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

Thurs 3rd December **10am Mass** *(note different time, & no Morning Prayer today)*
Commemoration: Saint Francis Xavier, Missionary

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

Fri 4th December **9am Mass** *(Morning Prayer at 08.30)*

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

Sat 5th December **10am Mass** *(Morning Prayer at 09.30)*
Advent Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Sunday 6th December 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
2nd Sunday of Advent **11am Parish Mass**

MP: Psalm 44; Isaiah 2.1-5; Luke 12.35-48
EP: Psalm 25*; Isaiah 1.1-20; Matthew 21.1-13

First Reading (Isaiah 64:1-9)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 80.1–7, 16–18

***Response*:**
Restore us, O God of hosts;
Show the light of your countenance
and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us. ***R***

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people? ***R***

You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. ***R***

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name. ***R***

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

My brothers and sisters, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
I have told you this before it occurs, says the Lord,
so that when it does occur, you may believe.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel (Mark 13:24-end)

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

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