

## **Services over Christmas and New Year 2025/2026**

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### **Sunday 21 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St John's
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist with Nativity at Holy Trinity
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church
- 3-5pm Panto Rehearsals for all at St John's
- 6.30pm Christmas Carol Service at Holy Trinity

### **Christmas Eve**

- 4.00pm Crib Service at Christ Church
- 4.00pm Nativity at Holy Trinity
- 11.00pm Midnight Mass at St John's
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity

### **Christmas Day**

- 10am All Age Eucharist at Holy Trinity
- 11.15am All Age Eucharist at Christ Church (Joint Service with St John's)

### **Sunday 28 December – Holy Innocents**

- 10.30am Team Eucharist at St John's

### **Sunday 4 January – Epiphany**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St John's
- 10.00am All Age Eucharist at Holy Trinity
- 11.15am All Age Eucharist at Christ Church  
Followed by a Bring and Share lunch
- 2-6pm Panto Rehearsals at St John's
- 7.30pm God in the Pub at The Sultan, Norman Road

#### **Mission Statement**

**Faithful** to God ~ **Sharing** with those in need ~ **Caring** for one another

# The Weeks Ahead

**Monday 22 December**

**Tuesday 23 December**

**Wednesday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE**

Services as listed on the front page

**Thursday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY**

Services as listed on the front page

**Friday 26 December – Stephen, deacon, first martyr**

Overnight      Nightshelter at Holy Trinity

**Saturday 27 December – John, Apostle and Evangelist**

9am              Eucharist at Christ Church

**Sunday 28 December – THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

Services as listed on the front page

**Monday 29 December – *Thomas Becket, archbishop, martyr, 1170***

**Tuesday 30 December**

**Wednesday 31 December**

**Thursday 1 January – Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

**Friday 2 January - *Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and 389***

Overnight      Nightshelter at Holy Trinity

**Saturday 3 January**

**Sunday 4 January – EPIPHANY**

Services as listed on the front page

**Monday 5 January**

10.45am – 1pm Mencap Café at Holy Trinity

**Tuesday 6 January**

9.45am          T3 (Trinity, Tots & Toys) at Holy Trinity

**Wednesday 7 January**

10.45am – 1pm Mencap Café at Holy Trinity

4.00pm          Prayer Group at Christ Church

6.00pm          Meditation Group at Christ Church

7-9pm          Panto Rehearsals for Adults at St John's

**Thursday 8 January**

12.15pm        Eucharist at Holy Trinity

**Friday 9 January**

Overnight      Nightshelter at Holy Trinity

## Saturday 10 January

9am Eucharist at Christ Church

## Sunday 11 January – BAPTISM OF CHRIST

9.00am Early Service at Holy Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St John's

10.00am Morning Prayer with Junior Church at Holy Trinity

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

2-6pm Panto Rehearsals at St John's

6.00pm Prayers for the Planet at St John's

## Notices

**All** **Christmas Communion** – please do get in touch with the clergy if you, or someone you know, needs to receive their Christmas Communion at home.

**All** The **clergy are grateful** for all Christmas cards and good wishes and would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and New Year.

**All** We were saddened to learn of the death of **Joan Brunt** on 11 December. Joan was a good and faithful servant of the church – both at St John's and the whole team. Funeral arrangements will be announced when available. May dear Joan rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray that the loving embrace of our Lord surrounds Michael, Tim, Alison, the wider Brunt family and all who mourn her passing.

**All** The next **God in the Pub** is on Sunday 4 January at 7.30pm in The Sultan. Christine will lead a discussion on “How theology is reflected in church buildings”.

**CC** There will be a **Bring and Share lunch** at Christ Church after the service on Sunday 4 January. All are welcome. Please note that the kitchen will not be used to reheat anything – it's a good way of getting rid of any left overs!

### Hymns at Christ Church and St John's

**Christ Church:** Sunday 21 Dec – 631, 605, 411, 381, 740

Christmas Day – 12, 24, 27, 15, 7 (Bethlehem Carol Sheet)

Sunday 4 Jan – 724, 641, 85, 552, 104

**St John's:** Sunday 21 Dec – 467, 311, 552

Midnight Mass – 1, 20, 8, 13, 12 (Bethlehem Carol Sheet)

Sunday 28 Dec – 526, 481, 34, 251, 183

Sunday 4 Jan – 537, 71, 209

**Alt Truth-telling in Sacred Spaces** is a diocesan gathering on church heritage and historical injustice that is taking place at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 7 February. To register for tickets (free) and for further information about the day please visit <https://buytickets.at/diocesefsofsouthwark/1907951>

**Alt** On Saturday 31 January there will be a **Lay Ministry Taster Day** from 10am-2pm at Trinity House (SE1 1HW). Find out more about the different lay ministries including Pastoral, Reader, Pioneer, Church Army and Children & Young People. Adjoa Andoh MBE (actor, writer, director and Licensed Reader) will be the guest speaker. Please email [learning@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:learning@southwark.anglican.org) for more info and to book your place.

*May God grant you a very joyful Christmas!*

**Eco-Friendly Tip:** While shopping, if you only buy a few products skip the shopping bag. For larger purchases, bring your own eco-friendly bags.

### **Merton Priory Team Ministry**

Christ Church Colliers Wood, Holy Trinity & St Peter South Wimbledon, & St John the Divine Merton  
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