

## Sunday 16 November 2025 Second Sunday before Advent

### S 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St John's

Hymn Numbers 82, 172, 522

## I 10am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church at Holy Trinity

### CC 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

Hymn Numbers 105, TBC, 221, 411, 695

# I 2noon Baptisms of William Tout and Kaelig & Kireg Ledaguenel at Holy Trinity

- S 2-4pm Panto Rehearsals for Children at St John's
- CC 3-4pm First Communion Prep. at Christ Church
- 3 4-6pm Panto Rehearsals for Adults at St John's

#### **Collect for Second Sunday before Advent:**

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If you wish to follow them, the set Bible readings for today are Malachi 4: 1-2a; Psalm 98: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13: Luke 21: 5-19

#### **Mission Statement**

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

#### The Week Ahead

Morning Prayer takes place at 8am on Tues and Thurs at St John's

Evening Prayer takes place at 5pm on Mon (at Holy Trinity), Tues (at St John's) and

Thurs (at Holy Trinity)

Monday 17 November - Hugh, bishop, 1200

10.45am – Ipm Mencap Café at Holy Trinity

7.00pm Finding Sanctuary - Zoom, contact Andy (andy.coles53@gmail.com)

Tuesday 18 November - Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist, 1231

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

Wednesday 19 November - Hilda, abbess, 680

10.45am – Ipm Mencap Café at Holy Trinity

6.00pm Meditation Group at Christ Church 7-9pm Panto Rehearsals for Adults at St John's **Thursday 20 November –** Edmund, king, martyr, 870

12.15pm Eucharist at Holy Trinity

Friday 21 November Saturday 22 November

9.00am Eucharist at Christ Church

Sunday 23 November - CHRIST THE KING

9.00am Early Service at Holy Trinity

10.30am Team Eucharist with Admission to Communion at Christ Church

2-4pm Panto Rehearsals for Children at St John's4-6pm Panto Rehearsals for Adults at St John's

6pm Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil at Holy Trinity

**Eco-Friendly Tip:** Explore ways of communicating about climate change – talk about it with friends and family, observe how people react, visit websites such as the climate commsproject.org

#### **Notices**

We are moving to a **new database (ChurchSuite)** to help us organise events, rotas, communication and much more. We would love all church members across the Parish to join. To do this, please either complete the online form (<a href="https://tinyurl.com/57adum6b">https://tinyurl.com/57adum6b</a>) or fill in a paper copy (from any of the churches).

The **Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR)** – 20 November, has been observed annually since 1999 to honour the memory of those who have died as a result of transphobia. Holy Trinity will hold a vigil for TDOR on 23 November at 6pm.

The Winter Night Shelter will run again on Friday nights at Holy Trinity from 28 November until 16 January. Volunteers are needed for evening, overnight and morning shifts, cooking, washing and transporting bags. If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact Richard – volunteers@ht-sw.org.uk

All The next **Bible Study** will take place on Thursday 27 November, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity. It will be on the theme of justice.

Inclusive Church have produced an Open Letter for people to sign in response to the recent news from the House of Bishops regarding the Prayers of Love and Faith (PLF) and the continued absence of a clear pathway for clergy to enter same-sex marriages. If you would like to add your signature to this letter, please visit <a href="https://www.inclusive-church.org/llf-open-letter/">https://www.inclusive-church.org/llf-open-letter/</a>

All Following the update from the House of Bishops regarding Living in Love and Faith (LLF), Holy Trinity will host an information session with Q&A on the process of LLF in the CofE and on its implications for LGBT+ Anglicans. This will be on Sunday 30 November at 6pm.

In response to the House of Bishops much has been written, including a reflection by the Very Revd David Monteith (<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yc28nt2d">https://tinyurl.com/yc28nt2d</a>) and letters in the Church Times (<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ye28vsvt">https://tinyurl.com/ye28vsvt</a>).

The Library has recently refreshed the books on display. Please sign the borrowing book when you take out a book and when you return it. Any queries, please speak to Andrew.

The **Food Bank collection box** is restarting at Holy Trinity. Please bring donations of non-perishable foods to church and they will be taken to the food bank regularly.

All Advance notice that there will be no **God in the Pub** meeting in December, the next meeting will therefore be on 4 January 2026.

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 <a href="mailto:learning@southwark.anglican.org">learning@southwark.anglican.org</a> for more info and to book your place,

Holy Trinity's Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 6 December. Please bring any donations that you have for the fair to Holy Trinity including books (fiction only please), all toys (complete), bric-a-brac (no electricals) and full (and empty) bottles of wine, Also, if you can run a stall, help with set up or take down, please add your name to the list at Holy Trinity or let Andrew and Libby know via the Parish Office email address. Also, if you are happy to have a board from Hawes & Co outside your house advertising the fair please add your name and address to the list or contact Andrew/Libby. Each board gives us £12. Thank you.

All If you are applying on behalf of your child for a **Church School Foundation** place next academic year (2026), please complete our own Merton Priory questionnaire. Once completed, please return to Mark along with each school's supplementary form (for nursery and primary). Feel free to complete your details on the supplementary form and leave blank the parts for the minister to complete. Deadlines are end of November for Nursery and end of December for Primary.

### Merton Priory Team Ministry

Christ Church Colliers Wood, Holy Trinity & St Peter South Wimbledon, & St John the Divine Merton www.christchurchsw19.org.uk www.holytrinity-southwimbledon.org.uk www.stjohnsw19.org.uk

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