

St. Francis of Assisi, Isleworth

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 1st, 2024



Today's celebration is the beginning of the Advent season, a time of making ready to greet the coming Saviour. It is both a looking back, and a looking forward. Back—to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Forward—to the coming of God's kingdom in all its fullness when Christ will come again. We live in an in-between time, and still Christ comes to us. Let us greet him this Advent in prayer and worship, in thought and reflection, in action and deed.

For your prayers

For hope this Advent

For the Holy Land and wider Middle East

For the Church especially for the Church of England in troubling times

For Sarah our bishop, and Emma our area bishop

For The King and for all in authority in this land; for a spirit of service

For peace in our world and especially in Ukraine; for Yemen, Sudan and Myanmar in the midst of a civil war

For the sick and suffering, for those in hospital, in different forms of care or supported at home

For the departed especially all who have died recently especially Andrea Tanner, and all whose anniversaries fall at this time

Notices

Welcome to everyone to worship today. A collection is taken during the service, but you also make a donation using the contactless machine at the back of the Church.

Refreshments are served in the hall after the service

Organist today welcome to Dan Collins.

Christmas services are on Christmas Eve at 11pm, Midnight Mass; and on Christmas Day, at **10am**. Also, please note, that the service on Sunday December 29th will also be at the earlier time of **10am**.

Social media are you on Facebook? if so, do like our church page. We also are just starting a new account with Bluesky, replacing Twitter/X.

Next Sunday, December 8th, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Baruch 5; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6

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