

St Nicholas Shepperton

Sunday 28th November 2021
Advent Sunday

8:00am - Said Eucharist
9:30am - Community Eucharist
11:15am - Alternative Worship



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SUNDAY 28th November 2021:

Celebrant: Rev Carole George

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANYONE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE MENTIONED IN OUR SUNDAY PRAYERS.

Remembering those who are ill and those who care for them:

Steve Powell, Max Suantah; Lila White, Pauline Prout, Pauline Kilgour, Lynda; Sue & Andy, Colin, Peter, Evelyn Menzies, Jean Rawcliffe

Those who have died recently

Joan Illston, Mary Birch, Jean Ridge

Advent Carol service – this Sunday 28th November at 6.30pm.

Do come along and join us this evening at the beginning of the season of Advent – the season of waiting as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Let us pray, read and sing together as we reflect on the coming of Jesus at Christmas time.

Gift Sunday 12th December

The Salvation Army are running their annual Christmas toy appeal for children and families in the Spelthorne area. This year we will be collecting toys to donate to this appeal. As you are doing your Christmas shopping, if you can, maybe you could pick up a toy to donate? Please bring your unwrapped toys on 12th December to either the 9.30 or the 11.15 service. We will ensure they reach the Salvation Army in plenty of time for distribution prior to Christmas. They are always short of items for older children!

8am SUNDAY SERVICE

From October we will be reintroducing the 8am said Eucharist, initially on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, the next one taking place today **Sunday 28th November**. The frequency of this service will be reviewed after 6 months. The 8am service is a short said Eucharist with a brief sermon. All are welcome to come along and join us at this service – an ideal time if you are busy later in the day.

11.15am SERVICE

We plan to reintroduce the Eucharist to the 11.15am service rota. This will take place in church on the 1st Sunday of each month the next one being **Sunday 5th December**. All are most welcome to join us.

St Nicholas Church Facebook Page

I will be using the St Nicholas Church Shepperton Facebook page more often to post reflections, prayers and events and services happening at St Nicholas Church. Our page can be found by searching on FaceBook under “St Nicholas Church Shepperton”. Do take a look at the FaceBook Page and like and follow us! *Rev Carole*

Morning Prayer

From Advent (28th November) Morning Prayer will be said in church at 9am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Everybody is most welcome. On Monday and Wednesday mornings at

9am, I will be live streaming Morning Prayer on the St Nicholas Facebook Page. You will be able to join in from the comfort of your own home! Our page can be found by searching on FaceBook under "St Nicholas Church Shepperton". Do take a look at the FaceBook Page and like and follow us! Once you have liked and followed the page, Morning Prayer should automatically appear when I start the live stream. It will be available to view later in the day too (under the videos tab on our FaceBook Page) *Rev Carole*

Open Church

Also from Advent Sunday, St Nicholas Church will be open Monday - Thursday 9am-4pm providing an opportunity for a time of quiet in our busy lives and a peaceful space for private prayer. You will be most welcome to pop in at any time during these hours.

LIFTING OF COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

At a recent PCC meeting we discussed the current Covid situation and the lifting of remaining restrictions in church. We agreed that we need to continue to take a cautious approach so that everybody coming into church can feel it is a safe environment in which to worship. So for the time being mask wearing will be encouraged for church, and mandatory for singing, unless exempt, (apart from the choir who are socially distanced from the congregation at all times); hand sanitising will continue, the South transept will be available for those who want to sit socially distanced. The children's area will be reinstated, with parent's/carers being responsible for maintaining a Covid secure environment in that area.

Tea/coffee

We started to meet again in the Parish Centre for tea/coffee after the 9.30 am service from last week. May I ask you please to consider wearing a mask when you are walking around the centre and not eating or drinking. We want everybody to feel that it is safe to join us for refreshments.

APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL PLACES.

If you are coming to church in order to apply for a place at St. Nicholas or Bishop Wand schools please identify yourself to the church wardens **each time** you are present so that you may be entered in the attendance register.

Please note that in order to apply under the church attendance criteria both schools require monthly attendance for at least the 12 months prior to the application being made.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE GREENO CENTRE

We will be distributing festive gift bags during Christmas week, which were so successful last year, delivered by volunteers. We would be grateful for financial donations as, due to Covid-secure procedures, we are unable to accept donated gifts. We would like to express our thanks to the Shepperton community, who kindly support this event each year. If you would like to donate, or nominate a person to receive a festive bag, please contact Stephen Gould:

christmasgreeno@gmail.com or telephone/Leave message: 07719 875 684

NOTICES

Please send items for inclusion in the Notices to the Parish Office by Thursday

In Church

Sunday 5th December

Advent 2

9:30am - Community Eucharist

11:15am - Alternative Worship with the Eucharist

In the Parish Centre

Monday 29th November

9:15am-1:30pm Roseacre

3:00-6:00pm - White Lodge After School Club

Tuesday 30th November

9:15am-1:30pm - Roseacre

7:30pm - Ashford Orchestra

Wednesday 1st December

9:15am-1:30pm - Roseacre

8:00-9:00 - Pilates

Thursday 2nd December

9:15am-1:30pm - Roseacre

3:00-5:30pm White Lodge After School Club

5:50-8:00pm - Pilates

8:00-9:30 - The Wednesdays Clarinet Group

Friday 3rd December

9:15am-1:30pm - Roseacre

7:30pm - 9:30pm - Group Meeting

Saturday 4th December

11:30 - 4:00 pm - Floristry Course