

# LOOKING AHEAD

Daily Office (short 15-minute prayer service)

Monday to Saturday 8am and 5.30pm (except Thursday).

Sun 18 December 10am	Mass for 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (All Age)
Sun 18 December 4pm	Carol Service (5 lessons & Carols)
Mon 19 December 7.30pm	Advent Bible Study Course (Vicarage)
Sat 24 December 11.00pm	Carols before Midnight
Sat 24 December 11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Sun 25 December 11am	Mass for Christmas Day
Mon 26 December 11am	Mass for St Stephen
Tues 27 December 11am	Mass for St John
Wed 28 December 11am	Mass for the Holy Innocents
Sun 1 January 2017 11am	Mass for the Naming of Jesus
Sun 8 January 2017 10am	Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord
Sun 15 January 2017 10am	Mass for the Baptism of Christ
Wed 18 January 2017 6.45pm	PCC Meeting (Church Hall)
Sun 22 January 2017 10am	Mass for the Conversion of St Paul
Sun 29 January 2017 10am	Mass for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
Sun 5 February 2017 10am	Mass for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent
Sun 12 February 2017 10am	Mass for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

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**Next Sunday: 25<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
**Christmas Day**

**Hymns: 307 165 554 440**

**Isaiah 52:7-10** Julian    **Hebrews 1:1-4** Isabel

**Gospel John 1:1-14:** Isabel

**Intercessions** Isabel    **Chalice:** Hendrika

**Sides people:** Hendrika & Ayo/Cathy

*Vicar* Mother Bernadette Hegarty 020 3774 6833

*Churchwarden:* Julian Bream 020 7515 4938

*Churchwarden:* Safia Dimsdale



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✠ **THE PARISH OF  
ST. PAUL WITH ST. LUKE** ✠  
**BOW COMMON**



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**Hymns: 307 490 165 554 440**

**Isaiah 7:10-16: Toni Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25**

**Intercessions: Keira Chalice: Toni**

**Sides people: Mary S/Laurie**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Edmond Brien, William Jarvis, Naomi Harris, Esther Christian, ,  
Margaret Diss, John Christian, Rachel Christian, Isobel Coates,  
Ray Williams, Charlie Berry, Dawn Smith, Sharni Josephine,  
Nojahan Hamid, Mark Emmerson, Jane Keefe, Audrey Mameni,  
Blesie Smith, Iyabode Kadhiri, John McLean, Pat Padmore, Baby Jack

For our link church of **Santa Monica, Maputo** in Mozambique  
**December Year's Mind:** William McCrossan, Carl Clarke

**Today we celebrate 4th Sunday of Advent** - the season is drawing to a close as Christmas approaches and we look forward not only to celebrating the first Coming of Christ as the Child in the Manager but also to his second coming at the end of time in power and glory. We look forward to the Sunday School Christmas presentation during the service. Thank you to Toni and all the Sunday School Leaders who make our Sunday School so special

Stitches  
IN TIME

**Great courses starting** in the new year: silk painting, animation for kids, pattern cutting and lots more.  
Tel: **02079876161** for more information



**Candlelit Carol Service this afternoon: 4pm Sunday 18 December 2016.** Please invite family and friends to a this very special service of five lessons and carols.

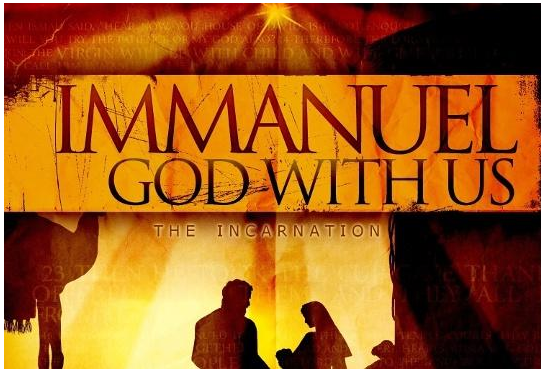
There will be mince pies and refreshments served afterwards

**Decorating the church after the service today. Please stay behind to help get the church ready for our Christmas Services.**

**The Tuesday Sale** - Mary, Isabel and their team are taking a well-deserved break over Christmas and the New Year and will start again on Tuesday 17 January 2017.

We had a great Christingle last week. Thank you to Tiny for organising the Christingle making and to Keira for her excellent telling of the Angel's Story.

**Christmas Eve** - Help need with lighting candles. It would be great if you could get here 10pm to help light them.



**Final session of our Advent Course  
Advent Bible Study Course – ‘God  
with Us’ tomorrow evening** in the  
vicarage **at 7.30pm**

Each week, we explore the bible readings on Sunday in more depth. All welcome.

**New Step course starting next year.** Open to anyone who wishes to explore their faith and their gifts, and to wonder what God might be calling them in to, is very welcome to join. It will take place weekly over two terms. Do talk to Debbie who completed a New Step course a few years ago. If this is something which is of interest to you, then let Mthr. Bernadette know before Christmas.

Mthr. Bernadette will be on holiday Thursday 29 & Friday 30 December and from after the service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January. During these times, the church will be in the capable hands of our churchwardens, Safia and Julian.

**Little Lights – takes a well-deserved over the  
Christmas school holidays.  
We start back again on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**



## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God,  
**We believe in God the Father**  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
**We believe in God the Son,**  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
**We believe in one God:**  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

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