

LOOKING AHEAD

Daily Office (short 15-minute prayer service)

Monday & Tuesday 8am and 5.30pm this week

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 th Sunday before Lent
Sun 12 February 2017 10am	Mass for the 3 rd Sunday before Lent
Sun 19 February 2017 10am	Mass for the 2 nd Sunday before Lent
Sun 26 February 2017 10 am	Mass for the Sunday before Lent
Wed 1 March 2017 7pm	Mass for Ash Wednesday
Sun 5 March 2017 10am	Mass for the 1 st Sunday in Lent
Sun 12 March 2017 10am	Mass for the 2 nd Sunday in Lent
Wed 15 March 2017 6.45pm	PCC Meeting (Church Hall)

THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN

Winner of 'The UK's Best Modern Churches' award November 2013

Next Sunday: 1st January 2017

New Year's Day

Mass for the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Hymns: 199 403 440 283

Numbers 6:22-end Safia Galatians 4:4-7 Mary Mc

Psalm 8 Gospel Luke 2:15-21

Intercessions Carly Chalice: Iyabode

Sides people: Helen & Elaine



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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



Sunday 25th December 2016
Christmas Day

Hymns (*Red book*): **21 6 4 23**

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

Gospel John 1:1-14: Intercessions Isabel

Psalm: 98 Chalice: Hendrika

Sides people: Hendrika & Ayo/Cathy

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 Mameli,
Blesie Smith, Iyabode Kadhiri, John McLean, Pat Padmore, Baby Jack,
Kenneth Lambert

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

Today we celebrate Christmas – the day our Lord and Saviour was born among us over two thousand years ago. After our Advent journey through the past four weeks, we have now arrived at our destination – the Manger and the wonderful sight of a new-born Child who is the very fullness of God given to us and present, in the vulnerable figure of this small Child in the Manger – Jesus who is both human and divine, come among us to share our lot from the cradle to the grave and beyond.

This is my third Christmas with you and the first that I will celebrate at the main altar. We have had an amazing year as a church community and achieved a lot with God's blessing so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas with family and friends.

*With every blessing
Mthr. Bernadette*

Please see the accompanying sheet for details of the hymn numbers, the running order of the service, the psalm which is sung between the first two readings and the words which we use to go to the crib.

Thank you to all who have helped to prepare the church in any way for Christmas – Mary for the Crib; Ardon for his constant help to prepare for the services; Mary, Julian, ETTY and Tiny for helping with the candles, cleaning of candle holders and lighting the candles; Christine Burnette and Mary for the flowers.

Thank you to Mary and to all who helped with our Carol Service last week. It was a wonderful service and we had double the numbers that we had last year.

Christmas Week

During the rest of this week, the Christmas season continues to be celebrated in our Masses. On **Monday 26 December at 11am** for the Feast of St Stephen, **on Tuesday 27 December at 11am** for the Feast of St John and on **Wednesday 28 December** remembering the Holy Innocents. Do join us.

Sunday 1 January 2017 – please note the mass will be at 11am on this day

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

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.

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 1st January to Saturday 7th 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 6th January 2017.



Healthy Start to the New Year Event at Bromley By Bow Church, St Leonard's St, E3 3BT on Thursday 12 January 2017 1pm-4pm.

A fun filled day with lots of activities including yoga, refreshments, exercise, henna artists, blood pressure checks, face painting, information on preventing diabetes. For more information:
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