

Welcome to St Matthew's

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Deadlines:

Notice sheet: 4.00pm Wednesday evening
 Newsletter: Last Sunday of the month
 Inclusion of items received after these deadlines cannot be guaranteed.

**3rd December 2017:
Advent Sunday**


Our Services Today

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.30am Sung Eucharist

Hymns (HON)
 358 O come, O come, Emmanuel
 SP15 People Look East
 307 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

During the lighting of the Candles on the Advent Wreath:
 SP7 Advent candles tell their story (1 verse for each candle)
 529 Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling


Our Readings (see overleaf):
First Reading Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64:1. 3-8
 The prophet asks the Lord to come to his people in their desolation and to remold them as a potter molds clay.
Second Reading I Corinthians 1:3-9
 St Paul writes of God's grace equipping the Corinthians as they await the day of the Lord.
Gospel Reading Mark 13:33-37
 Jesus urges his disciples to be wakeful as they look for the end time.

 *Join us for Coffee* After the service please join us for coffee/tea in the Hall with time to chat.

11.30am Holy Baptism:
 Jaxon Bellotti and Brody Hemmings



Our Prayers



This week please pray for:
Watford Deanery:
 The Deanery of Watford its Synod and Chapter Churches Together


In Our Community: *Sheridan Road and Sherwoods Road*

Holy Baptism: *Jaxon Bellotti, Brody Hemmings*

Birthdays: *Isabelle Boskey*

In Particular Need: *Bill & Pam, Jonathan, Ann, Irene, Judith, Richard, Ivan and Carol*

Year's Mind: *Bob Tindall, Betty Donaldson, Neal Boskey, Albert Hurst, Douglas Taylor, John Doe*

The Lady Chapel may be used as focus for prayer. There are candles to light and a board for requests. 

Forthcoming Services and Events

Monday 4th December
 1.30pm Bromet School Rehearsal

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 7th December
 6.00pm Bromet School Carol Concerts


Thursday 7th December
 10.00am Holy Eucharist


10th December 2017: 2nd Sunday Advent


9.30am Sung Eucharist with anointing 

3.00pm Messy Church at BOMC 


Flowers

 As we enter Advent, when we don't have flowers in church, it seems an appropriate time to say thank you to Mary Russell and Marilyn Gerry who have helped with supplying and arranging flowers through the last year.

If you would like to give it a go next year, make a donation in memory of someone or to celebrate a special event in your life or to make a donation towards the flowers in the church this Christmas please 

 **Thank You**

A big thank you to everyone for your generous sponsorship enabling me to raise £400 for Aspire. Fr. David

Rota Reminders	Sunday 3 rd December		Sunday 10 th December (anointing)
		Sidesmen	Lynn and Hugh
	Chalice	Adrian and Debbie	Margaret and Chris
	Intercessor	Marilyn	Daphne
	Readers	Pip	Lynn
	Coffee (please bring milk)	Adrian	Penny