

Prayer:

We continue to remember Beryl Marcello, Bill Hodge, Jo Read, Jeremy Marshall, Brenda Boxall, Semara Bell and others in need of our prayers.

If you would like to pray with someone after the service, please speak to a member of staff or the welcome team who will be happy to help.

Copies of the **Deanery prayer topics** for December and January are available from the mission desk.

Advance dates:

Wednesday 19 December: Contact Christmas Banquet

Friday 21 December: 8pm Carol singing in central Sevenoaks —meet at church to depart at 8pm. Refreshments at the Rectory afterwards.

Sunday 23 December: 6:30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, followed by mince pies.

Christmas Eve: 2.30 and 4pm Family Carols by Candlelight
11.15pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day: 8am Holy Communion
10am Christmas Family Celebration (followed by Holy Communion)
10am All Age Service at Lady Boswell's School

Christmas help required: We are looking for some additional volunteers to help with our services over the Christmas season. We need help with stewarding, welcoming and monitoring the car park at various services. A schedule is on the table at the back of church. If you are willing to serve the church family and our visitors in this way, please add your name in the appropriate space(s) on the schedule. *Thank you.*

Loaves and Fishes Foodbank: THANK YOU to all who contribute to the foodbank. There is a continuing need. Gifts of breakfast cereals, tinned meat, vegetables and fruit are especially sought. If you could help take our contributions to the Foodbank on a Thursday, please sign up on the welcome desk or contact the church office. Help is needed on a number of dates in the new year.

Congratulations to Sam and Clare Carr on the safe arrival of baby Millie Comfort Carr on Saturday 1 December, a sister to Maisie, Jessamy, Bryn and Josiah.

VERSE for 2018:

2 Corinthians 4: 5 *'For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.'*

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Sunday 9th December 2018

The Second Sunday of Advent

8am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 9:2-7	Gavin McGrath
9.15am	Morning Gift Service	Isaiah 9:2-7	Angus MacLeay
10am	Grace Church All-Age Service	Isaiah 9:1-7	John Khnana
11am	Morning Gift Service	Isaiah 9:2-7	Angus MacLeay
4pm	4 O'Clock Church All-Age Service	Isaiah 9:1-7	John Khnana
6.30pm	Evening Communion	2 Peter 3:8-14	Peter Rowan

At our morning services today, we are collecting gift vouchers (specifically: Argos, Tesco, Asda and Sainsbury) for distribution by London City Mission to people in need in the run up to Christmas. If you are still wanting to donate, please bring any vouchers to the office by **Wednesday afternoon, 12 December.**

This week at St Nicholas:

Mon 10 th Dec	10am 6:15/7:30pm 8pm	Women's Bible Study — Luke 16: 16-31 Campaigners (aw1andem1@gmail.com) Bellringers - newcomers welcome
Tue 11 th Dec	9-9:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm 8pm	Lady Boswell's weekly prayer meeting in the school. Tuesday Fellowship - <i>Christmas Lunch</i> Equip (20s and 30s) in the undercroft Home Groups
Wed 12 th Dec	9:30am 10:30am 8pm	Wednesday Women's Bible Study Group Pre-School Carol Service with Mum & Co and Babies Club. Contact Study Groups
Thur 13 th Dec	9:30am 4pm 8pm	Thursday Bible Study Group (Vine Court Rd, Woodside Rd) Eagles (aw1andem1@gmail.com) Last of term Choir practice
Fri 14 th Dec	7.30pm	Centrepoint
Sun 16 th Dec	9:15 and 11am 3pm	Children's All-age Nativity Services. As part of the services we'll be acting out the nativity! It will be a great service to invite family and friends along to. Come dressed up as a shepherd, a wise person, an angel or stable animal. Sunday@3 Christingle Service at Lady Boswell's School - A fun afternoon of craft and adventure activities. Tea provided. All welcome.

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EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE

EXPLAIN GOD'S GOSPEL

as Christ's ambassadors in order to build a Christ-like, loving, prayerful, gospel-minded community.