

## Prayer:

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.

## Highlights:

Please pray

- For our missionaries abroad that they will be able to celebrate Christmas with neighbours and friends.
- For the Sunday@3 Christingle service this afternoon and for Angus MacLeay speaking.
- For the Lady Boswell's Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday 18 Dec and Tom Nash speaking.

Congratulations to Thibaut & Paulina Laourou on the birth of their daughter, Juliana.

## Advance dates:

**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

## 19 January: Equipped! - 2019 Leaders' Day, 9:15am-2pm

**Save the date: 27 January 2019** Richard Leadbeater speaking at our 9:15am, 11am and 6:30pm services.

**Confirmation Service 24 March 2019** - please speak to Angus if you are an adult who would like to consider confirmation.

**Shoebox Appeal update:** The West Kent warehouse has finished processing all the boxes and has sent 20,695 boxes overseas this year, mostly to Bulgaria and Central Asia.

**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.

**Website Update:** a few improvements have been made to the website. There is now a direct link to ChurchSuite ☒ from the main menu bar; there is a chapter search option on the sermon recordings page; you can subscribe to certain pages for automatic update notifications eg Rector's letter. We hope these will be useful to you.

## 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.'*



**St Nicholas Church**  
SEVENOAKS

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**

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|------------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| 8am        | Holy Communion   | Matthew 1:18-25 | Angus MacLeay |
| 9.15am     | Children's Christmas Service   | Matthew 2:1-12  | Simon Heather |
| 10am       | Grace Church   | Matthew 1:1-17  | Tom Nash      |
| 11am       | Children's Christmas Service   | Matthew 2:1-12  | Simon Heather |
| 3pm        | <b>Sunday@3 Christingle Service</b><br>- at Walthamstow Hall Senior School | Luke 2:8-14     | Angus MacLeay |
| 4pm        | 4 O'Clock Church   | Matthew 1:1-17  | Tom Nash      |
| <b>7pm</b> | <b>Christmas Celebration with Eynsford Concert Band</b>                    |                 | Gavin McGrath |

## This week at St Nicholas:

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| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 10am –12noon<br><b>7pm</b><br>8pm | Women's Bible Study social: 136 Oakhill Road<br>Campaigners carol singing (end of term)<br>Bellringers - newcomers welcome |
| Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 7:30pm                            | Equip (20s and 30s) in the undercroft  |
| Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 9:30am<br>7:30 for 7:45pm         | Wednesday Women's Bible Study Group<br>Contact Christmas Banquet   |
| Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 8pm<br>7.15/8pm                   | Choir practice<br>Rooted - see below for details   |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec  | 8pm                               | Carol singing in central Sevenoaks — meet at church to depart at 8pm. Refreshments at the Rectory afterwards.              |
| Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec  | <b>6:30pm</b>                     | <b>Service of Nine Lessons and Carols</b> , followed by mince pies   |

**Bookshop and coffeshop** - closed Thurs 20 Dec to Fri 4 January. Reopens Mon 7th January.  
**Church office** - closed from noon on Christmas Eve until the New Year. Reopens Wed 2nd January.

**Christmas help urgently 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. **Lots of spaces still to fill for 24 and 25 December.** Please sign up on the schedule at the back of church. *Thank you.*

**Students: Rooted returns for Christmas!** Join us at 151 Seal Hollow Road, TN13 3SP on 20/12/18 and 03/01/19 for food at 19:15 and a study at 20:00, email daniel\_halpin@hotmail.com for more details.