



Advent, like Lent, is a time for personal and corporate reflection on how we live our faith. In the case of Advent we are in a season of waiting. Advent waiting is not however simply about the birth of Jesus. Our Advent season waiting is also thinking ahead to Christ's future coming. So the season is sombre, in purple and with fasting and repentance – a reminder that as Jesus came to us once, so just as surely will come again. Advent begins this year on **Sunday 28th November**.

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the us to consider the expectation that Christ will come again, and we will be held accountable.

After all the uncertainty of the past few years, Advent also invites us to consider the eternal promise of the coming incarnation. **That in God, whatever the circumstance, we find comfort and joy!**

During our **Sunday worship this Advent** we will be invited to explore **who God is calling us to be as the people of Queen's Park** and the surrounding areas. This is a question addressed to us personally, as a congregation and as a community. In this time of watching and waiting, we are invited to make time to reflect and pray for the future of God's work in this place.

Fasting

The point of fasting is about offering to God the devotion that motivated it and we are encouraged to offer to charity the money saved. The time not spent in preparing and eating can be used for prayer or spiritual reading. A fast can simply be not eating meat or a fuller fast of leaving out a meal or two. It can be a way for some to assist in building spiritual expectation in the Advent Season.

Confession and Reconciliation

Confession, as a spiritual discipline. Individual Confession is meant to compliment and build on the general confession that we share in each week - its very personal assurance of God's continuing love can be a powerful way of addressing spiritual questions. You might consider making your Confession this Advent .

Advent begins this year on Sunday 28th November 9.30 am Sung Mass

Opportunities During Advent 2021



At St Anne's we have a giving tree on the first floor landing of the church. It is a symbolic place to be charitable during Advent and Christmas.

Four ways to give under the tree this Christmas:

1. Laurence's Larder.

Donations of non perishable items or cash.

2. Gift Box for St Mungo's

Fill a shoe box with items that would be useful for a homeless man. Warm socks, hats, gloves, toiletries, tea bags, cup of soups. Wrap the box, or in a gift bag and place under the tree.

3. Gift to St Anne's for its ministry

This Christmas you are invited to give a gift to St Anne's to help us continue our work in this place. We invite you to simply place your gift to St Anne's in the envelope provided, and place it in the basket under our Christmas tree.

4. Vouchers for those in need

Supermarket vouchers means we can give the ability to those in need to buy what they need. Vouchers of £5 or £10 are the most useful. And it would be helpful if they were for a Supermarket in the local area (including Kilburn). These can be they shared throughout the coming year.



Advent Procession at St Paul's Cathedral

The Advent Procession is a beautiful service of light, poems and music held every year at St Paul's Cathedral. St Anne's has regularly attended this event. This year it will take place on Saturday 27th November at 5.30pm. We will need to be seated in the Cathedral by 5.15pm. Collect tickets from Mo C.

Advent Reflection

Advent Reflection followed by Mass

On **Monday 29th November ; 5th and 20th December at 6pm** there will be an Advent reflection in the Chapel concluding with a Said Mass. This year we will be exploring 'Music of Eternity' using some of the resources from the 2021 Archbishop of York's Advent book. Each session will be stand alone, so you can join for one or for all three Monday's. Each session will conclude with Mass.



Welcome Advent Party

5pm -7pm in the Rotunda on **Friday 3rd December**. A chance for some drinks and nibbles to welcome in the season! £5 donation for entry and Donation for drinks please. Why not invite your friends to come and mark the start of the season.

Wreath Making

This annual creative workshop will take place on **Saturday 11th December -10am until 1pm**. Come at 10am to make you own Christmas wreath or table centre piece. All materials will be provided but participants will be asked to buy their wreath.

Carols by Candlelight

with Queen's Park Singers – **Sunday 19th December at 4pm** followed by mulled wine and mince pies!

Christmas Parties

My Move Christmas Party – Friday 17th December from 9.30am – 11.30am in the Rotunda.

Tea and Chat Christmas Party – Friday 17th December from 2- 4pm in the Rotunda.

Vicar's Christmas Drinks - Tuesday 21st December from 7.30pm.

Please take time to look at the Advent resource book to support your spiritual journey during Advent. You may also find it helpful to make an appointment with one of the clergy for Spiritual Direction or Confession during this period.

Celebrating Christmas

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the promise that God is with us. The message of Christmas is one of hope, comfort and joy. This year this is more important than ever! Many in Queen's Park have been blessed by the outstanding care our neighbours who have provided comfort this year. Spiritual Joy reflects the goodness and hope of God which Christmas brings.

Monday 29th Nov – 6pm Advent Reflection

Monday 6th Dec – 6pm Advent Reflection

Saturday 11th – 10am – 1pm Wreath Making Workshop.

Friday 17th

9.30am – My Move Christmas Party

2.30pm – Tea and Chat Christmas Party

Sunday 19th December 4pm

Carols Service supported by Choir from Queens' Park Singers.

Monday 20th Dec – 6pm Advent Reflection

Tuesday 21st - Vicar's Christmas Drinks Party 7pm - 10pm.

Christmas Services

Friday 24th Dec – Christmas Eve

5pm – Crib Service

11pm – Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th Dec – Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Service

Sunday 26th – St Stephen

9.30am Mass

St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

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