



# Holy Innocents Kingsbury

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*28th November 2021,*

*First Sunday of Advent, Year C*

*Welcome to Holy Innocents.*

*To use the loop system, switch your hearing aid to 'T'.*

*If you would like someone to be mentioned in the prayers today please ask one of the ministers before the service begins.*

## Readings & Hymns for today

*Stand when the hymn begins.*

**Processional hymn:** *Tune; Veni Emmanuel*

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**2 O come, O come, thou Lord of  
Might,  
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe:**

**3 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on  
high,  
And close the path to misery:**

## Services Today

8.30am Said Eucharist  
10.00am Eucharist  
4.00pm Reflective Advent Service

## Services this week

Tuesday 10.00am Morning Prayer & coffee  
Thursday 10.00am Said Eucharist followed  
by coffee  
Wednesday & Friday 9.15am Morning  
Prayer (please let Sophie know if you'd like to  
join her)

## Next Sunday 5th December

### Second Sunday of Advent

8.30am Said Eucharist  
10.00am Eucharist  
4.00pm Reflective Advent Service

### Next Week's Readings

*Malachi 3: .1-4; Canticle: Benedictus  
Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6*

**4 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people  
save,  
And give them victory o'er the  
grave:**

*John Mason Neale (1818-1866)\*  
AM 45*

## COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast  
away the works of darkness and to put  
on the armour of light, now in the time  
of this mortal life, in which your Son  
Jesus Christ came to us in great  
humility; that on the last day, when he  
shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Jeremiah 33: 14-16*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 25: 1-9**

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust; ♦ let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.

**2 Let none who look to you be put to shame, ♦ but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.**

3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, ♦ and teach me your paths.

**4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, ♦ for you are the God of my**

**salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.**

5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, ♦ for they are from everlasting.

**6 Remember not the sins of my youth**

**or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; ♦ therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

**8 He will guide the humble in doing right ♦ and teach his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth ♦ to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God

and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 21: 25–36*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you O Lord**

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Offertory Hymn:** *Tune; Narenza*

- 1 Ye servants of the Lord,  
Each in his office wait,  
Observant of his heavenly word,  
And watchful at his gate.**
- 2 Let all your lamps be bright,  
And trim the golden flame;  
Gird up your loins as in his sight,  
For awful is his name.**
- 3 Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,  
And while we speak, he's near;  
Mark the first signal of his hand,  
And ready all appear.**
- 4 Christ shall the banquet spread  
With his own royal hand,  
And raise that faithful servant's  
head  
Amid the angelic band.**

*Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)\**

*AM 57*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Recessional Hymn:** *Tune; Cross of Jesus*

**1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in thee.**

**2 Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.**

**3 Born thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us for ever;  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**4 By thy own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone:  
By thy all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)\**

*AM 30*

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## Notices

*Diary of upcoming events: for details see notices below or notices in church.*

Day	Date	Time	Event	Place
Sundays	28 Nov, 5, 12 & 19 Dec	4pm	ADVENT REFLECTIVE SERVICE	Church
Wednesdays	1, 8, 15 & 22 Dec	10.30-11.30am & 7-8pm	Advent Group	<i>Zoom – please contact Sophie to sign up for details</i>
Sun	19 Dec	5.30pm	CAROL SERVICE	Church
Fri	24 Dec	4pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	Church

**Save the date** 4<sup>th</sup> December at the Sea Cadets, Cool Oak Lane. 60's nite plus Xmas songs with Live Music. Tickets Adults £10, Children under 11 half price £5. For more info please see poster in Narthex.

## Advent Groups

Advent begins on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

To help us prepare for Christmas we will be holding Advent groups looking at Jane Williams' latest book; The Art of Christmas. The groups will be held on zoom on **Wednesdays 10.30-11.30am or 7-8pm.**

If you would be interested in joining a group or in buying a copy of the book (£7.99) please put your name on the list in the narthex.

### Advent Reflective Service

In the busyness of the run up to Christmas we offer half an hour's peace and reflection on **Sundays** during Advent at **4pm**. Please do join us for a reflective service with prayers, readings and music.

**Next Brent Deanery Synod meeting** will be at **St Gabriel's Church**, Cricklewood on **Tuesday 7th December**.

This is a meeting that is open to all, so please publicise amongst your congregations, and also to anyone who may be interested in the topic. The main speaker, **Rev Gerrie Sturgeon** will give an insight into **Dementia Care and Chaplaincy**, but there will also be opportunity on the evening to pray for other concerns within our communities - at the moment we are looking at mental health, post lockdown recovery, refugees and climate/eco issues as possible prayer station topics.

**It has been** announced that the Revd Canon Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy is the next Bishop of Willesden.

### Christmas Flowers

Liz, Margaret or Dolly will be collecting money to make the church ready for Christmas.

**Readings for Morning Prayer** Isaiah 52: 7–10; Psalm 19: 1–6; Matthew 4: 18–22

**Readings for Thursday Eucharist** Isaiah 26: 1–6; Psalm 118: 18–27a; Matthew 7: 21, 24–27

### For your prayers

Marilyn; Coral; Robin; Dennis; Ann; Phyllis B; Dorothy; Desmond; Keith; Des; Jackie; Tia; John.

**Anniversary of death:** Comfort Ukanwoke; Amelia Fowler; John Pitcher.

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### **Church and COVID:**

We do not have the same restrictions as before but given cases are still about there are some things to keep in mind;

**Entry:** We do ask everyone to register as you come to church and please do use the hand sanitiser.

**Masks:** Following the government advice masks are not compulsory but they are “expected and recommended”. Please do feel encouraged to wear a mask.

**Distancing:** There are ribbons on the back pews for those who might like some more space. We are all reacting differently to the current COVID situation; some of us feel comfortable being close but others will want to keep 2m distance from each other.

**Common Cup:** Given the continued potential risks to health, we will not reintroduce the common cup at this point. We will therefore continue with communion in one kind and distribution by the chancel steps as we have been.

**Tea and Coffee** will be available after the service; please do spread apart and outside when you can.