



### Rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Service

will be on Fridays 7th 14th and 21st December, 6.45-7.30pm. Those interested in augmenting the choir for the service should be able to make at least two of those rehearsals and the afternoon rehearsal at 4pm on 23rd December. The service, at 6.00pm on 23rd, will be accompanied by organ, brass and percussion!  
Further details from Sam Austin 07921 840616

### Drivers are still needed for Christmas Day

to transport guests to and from the Churches Together in Mill Hill Christmas Lunch at John Keble Church. Timings 12 noon and 4pm. *If you can help please contact June Coombes 8959 1074*

### Men's Breakfast Saturday 8th December 8am in The Wilberforce Centre

Contact Robert Cottingham on 020 8959 3257

## Volunteers Needed for Community Tree Planting

Sunday 2nd December  
Meet at 2.00pm in Daws Lane Car Park. Please bring a spade.

We have 50 saplings to plant given by the Mayor of London's Tree Planting Scheme.



**Friends of Mill Hill Park**  
Residents committed to making a difference

### Sunday 2nd December 2018 The First Sunday of Advent

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**9.30am Parish Communion (CW)**

### Children's Sunday Groups today

*All children are in church for the first part of the service.*

**Hymn:** 50 *The advent of our King*

**Hymn:** 26 *Advent candles tell their story* verse 1

#### 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.

**Reading:** Genesis 17:1-8 (p.13 OT section)

**Reading:** Galatians 3:1-14 (p.185 NT section)

**Hymn:** 38 *Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding*

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 1:46-55 (p.54 NT section)

**Offertory Hymn:** 41 *Lo, he comes with clouds descending*

**Hymn during Communion:** 811 *Thou didst leave thy throne*

**Hymn:** 39 *Hills of the North, rejoice*

***Please join us for Tea & Coffee in  
The Wilberforce Centre after the Service.***

**6.00pm Youth @ St Paul's The Wilberforce Centre**

### This Week

Mon-Thu	9.00am	Prayers in Church	
Tue 4th	1.30pm	Christmas Tea	Church Hall
	8.00pm	Premises Meeting	The Vicarage
Wed 5th	10.00am	Housegroup	
	11.30am	Holy Communion	The Retail Trust
	3.30pm	St Paul's After School Club	The Wilberforce Centre
	8.00pm	Housegroup	23 The Reddings
Sat 8th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast	The Wilberforce Centre
Fri 30th	8.00pm	Housegroup	17 Downhurst Ave

### **Sunday 9th December —The Second Sunday of Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)  
Children's Groups: all in the Wilberforce Centre

If you are using one of the Gift Aid envelopes from the pews for your offering today, please ensure that *all details* on the envelope are completed to enable us to collect the Gift Aid on your donation.

You can contact Jo at  
[revjoannajames@btinternet.com](mailto:revjoannajames@btinternet.com)  
or call the Vicarage on  
**020 8201 0231**

***December/January issue of the Parish Magazine is available today. Available by donation as you leave church.***

**Donations towards the Christmas Flowers** in Church would be gratefully received. There will be a plate available on the way out of Church today.

Also, help on the morning of Saturday 15th December to assemble the **Christingles**—speak to Barbara Bailey.

In The Wilberforce Centre after the service.....

**A wide range of Advent Calendars—non-chocolate and The Real Advent Calendar with Fairtrade chocolate**

Books about Christmas for all ages, free Bible story booklets & Bibles from £1.

### **A message from Rev Jo**

Over the past few weeks I have been attending a course in Highgate called **GETTING YOUTH WORK GOING & GROWING IN YOUR CHURCH.**

The course culminates in a presentation and fact sharing evening at St Michael's C of E Primary School, Highgate, on Wednesday 5th December from 7.30-9.00pm.

If, like me, you are keen to see more of our young people attending St Paul's and growing in their faith, I would be delighted if you would support me by joining me for that evening and hearing about the challenges and solutions we all have to communicate our faith and encourage our young people... there is free parking and light refreshments will be served!

If you would like more information or are interested in coming along, please let me know, I'd love to talk to you about it! Jo

### **We will again be spreading Christmas Cheer at Mill Hill East tube station during the last working week before Christmas, 17th—21st December**

Our volunteers will be dispensing free tea & coffee, mince pies, satsumas and chocolates to early morning commuters along with information on local Church services and Christmas literature.

Please pray for this outreach. We are always grateful for donations of mince pies, chocolates or funding—and for more volunteers to join us. Please contact Anita Cheasty 020 8906 0642 [anitacheasty@hotmail.com](mailto:anitacheasty@hotmail.com)

### *Advent Prayer at St Paul's*



*8-9pm in Church  
Wednesdays 12th and 19th December  
Everybody Welcome!*