Parish of All Saints Stretford

Sunday 13th December

3rd Sunday of Advent
Today’s Music is from New English Hymns (Green)

**Introit 11 O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**Gradual 3 Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

**Offertory 443 Rejoice the Lord is King**

**Communion 294 Just as I am, without one plea**

**Recessional 449 Soldiers of Christ arise**

**Readings for today – p762**

Zephaniah 3.14-20 June Kettle

Canticle Isaiah 12.2-6 Stuart Gilbertson

Philippianes 4.4-7 David Starmer

Luke 3.7-18

Intercessions: Beryl Davies

Lay Assistants: Valerie Smith Beryl Davies

Sides People: Eva Leagh Sybil Topping

**TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**



We pray for the sick and distressed and especially for: **Ruth Rogers, Liz Palmer, Lennox Davidson, Esther MacCormack, Connor Leah, Karen, Will, Max Crompton, Mark Davies, Phil Wall, Allan Roberts, David West, Mark Roberts, Sean** **McGlade, Sylvia Brown, Sean, Susan Fall, Chris Allen, Joan Hornby, Ros & Des Liburd, Simon Pitt and Stephen Tomkinson.**

We pray for the recently departed especially remembering **Gwen Archer** and family and friends who have been saddened by her death.

We pray for those whose names appear in our Book of Remembrance including: **Louisa Dorber, Emily Oakes, Donald Thorp, Geoff Fanshawe, Jennifer Ryan, Hannah Brookes, John Bennet, Walter Barley, David Hall, Wilfray Lee and John Peel.**

May they each rest in peace and rise again in glory. Amen

**Canticle Isaiah 12.2-6**

**[R] Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **[R]**

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. **[R]**

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **[R]**

**THIS WEEKS SERVICES**

Mon-Thurs Morning Prayer (all welcome) 8am

Tuesday Ecumenical Prayers 10am St Matthews
Wednesday Mid-Week Eucharist 9.45am

**Readings for Next Week (20th Dec) – 4th Sunday of Advent p765**

Micah 5.2-5a Beryl Davies

Psalm 80.1-8 Eva Clague

Hebrews 10.5-10 Steve Worsley

Luke 1.39-45[46-55]

Intercessions: June Kettle

Lay Assistants: Billy Tomkinson Albert Martyn

Sides People: Carl Horne Bea Morrow

**Father God**, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ draws us to kneel, to wonder at heaven dwelling on earth: He came to live among the poor and marginalised, to live as one of us, your creation. We glorify you, Lord, our souls rejoice in you. You are our God and Saviour. You fill hungry people with good things, and send the rich away empty. Remind us to be merciful. Break our hearts, Lord so that we share your compassion. Move through us, your church, Lord, to serve people living in poverty and those who are downtrodden. Lord, teach us to pray for those in greatest need; and strengthen us by your Spirit to reach out, together, across the world. To be the hands and feet of Jesus on earth. Amen.

**BAPTISM Prayers**

In our prayers today we ask for your blessing on **Isla Grace Hurst as we welcome her into our church family later today.**

**We also pray for Isla’s Parents, Grand Parents and God Parents;**

**L**ord, we ask your blessing on the parents, grandparents, godparents of **Isla Grace** as she becomes a member of our church family. May they guide her with their own example of your love and always be ready to listen and to comfort, to laugh and to play, to encourage and to praise. May they always show her that she is special in their eyes and in also in yours. **Amen**

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**STRETFORD SILVER BAND** : Tickets are available from Steve/Beryl for the Stretford Band Christmas Concert, this year we will have festive music and carols to sing-a-long to. **Saturday 19th December 7.30pm** Tickets £5.00 – Selling fast…..

**CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW** -As usual we shall be having a Christmas Draw to raise money and tickets are now available for you to buy and also to sell to your friends and family. Any donations of prizes over the next few weeks would be appreciated, specifically bottles of wine/spirits and boxes of chocolates and biscuits please.  The draw will take place after the Carol Concert on **Sunday 20th December**. Please see Stuart for further details.

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**THIS WEEK - CTiS CAROL SINGING**: Everyone is welcome to attend. Dates as follows **Tuesday 15th Dec 6.30pm** Butler Court, **Wednesday 16th 6.30pm** Victoria Court, **Saturday 19th 10am** Stretford Mall (Bottom of the stairs). See Steve for details.



***Sharing the love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Stretford especially during this season of Advent – A season of hope and anticipation.
 Hope – Joy – Love – Peace***

**CHURCH CONTACTS**

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**Weddings, Reading of Banns, Baptisms** and other matters may be arranged by contacting the Churchwarden or Secretary above.

The church hall can be used as a meeting place or as a venue for your party? The hall is available for single events or regular meetings. Enquiries about booking the church-hall can be made by ringing the

**Hall Booking Secretary Mon-Fri 9am-5pm (Muriel - 865 7171).**

Find out all about us on our website

[**www.allsaintsstretford.org.uk**](http://www.allsaintsstretford.org.uk)



**Christmas Appeal**

The Booth Centre helps homeless people move off the streets, find new homes and get back into work. We depend on donations from the public and Christmas is a time when homeless people need our help more than ever.

 Please support our Christmas appeal by donating:

1. Men’s toiletries – deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap
2. Hats, gloves and thick socks
3. Individually wrapped Cakes, biscuits and chocolates
4. Financial donations

See Duncan / Steve for more information. Items may be left at the back of church in the box provided.