



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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Antonello da Messina, San Cassiano Altarpiece (detail), Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna

'THE GIFT'

The Gift of Obedience – Our Lady **Choral Mass**

in the week of **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Wednesday 22 December 2021 at 1.10 pm

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St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate - a place of calm, sanctuary and God's love in the City

St Botolph's Advent & Christmas Charities

Alms given and collections taken during Advent and at Carol Services are divided between our chosen charities, which once again this year reflect two issues particularly highlighted by the Covid-19 pandemic: homelessness and mental health.



Veterans Aid's vision of a society in which all veterans can live with dignity and independence is only achievable because donors and supporters make it possible. Recently that vision became a reality for one ex-serviceman who came to them 10 years ago, after a period of begging on the streets nearly broke him. He never forgot what the Veterans Aid team had done for him and wrote to express his thanks – and to share pictures of his wedding. They showed a proud man, glowing with happiness, reunited with his family, on the threshold of a new life. The charity has been fully operational through the pandemic to make sure there were more stories like this.

£100 saves one veteran from a first night on the street. Here's how:

- *£35 pays for a Veterans Aid Ops Team member to get a homeless veteran to a place of safety.*
- *£40 buys a night's clean, safe accommodation and keeps them off the street.*
- *£15 pays for emergency medical and hygiene needs.*
- *£10 buys a hot meal and drink for the first night.*

The Government, the NHS and mental wellbeing charities agree that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought on a mental health emergency the effects of which are likely to be felt for a long time. 2021 has been another year of anxiety and uncertainty for all of us – but those already living with mental health problems have faced extra challenges, and more people will need help as the situation continues. MIND provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem, as well as campaigning to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.



A donation of £20 could run the charity's online peer support community 'Side by Side' for an hour, helping people connect with others and feel less alone. £40 could help its Infoline answer calls, providing someone with vital support and information.

Please give as generously as you are able at this time:

- **Cash donations** may be placed in the alms boxes, or handed to a member of staff at any time. If you are a UK taxpayer please complete a Gift Aid envelope so we can claim back a further 25% from HMRC.
- **Card/contactless donations** can be made at any time via the device on the table at the back of church, and can be Gift Aided.
- **Credit card donations** can be made via the link on our website **or by using this dedicated QR code**, and can be Gift Aided.



Today we are using the Wednesday Choral Mass book – if you are following the livestream, you will find a copy to download or follow on the website.

Setting: Mass of the Stable—Malcolm Archer b 1952

Opening Hymn: NEH 11 (verses 1-2) *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone,
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way. *Refrain*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The fourth candle is lit and this prayer is said:

Priest: Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle; to you be praise and glory for ever! Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

All Blessed be God for ever.

NEH 11 (verses 3-4)

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law. *Refrain*
O come, thou Root of Jesse! Draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save. *Refrain*

Kyrie eleison: see the Mass book for translation of the Greek text

First Lesson: Micah 5: 2-5a

Gradual: Hymn 501 (verse 4) *Rorate caeli desuper* (The Advent Prose)

Cantor

All

Antiphon

Drop down, ye hea-vens, from a - bove,* and let the skies pour down right - eous - ness.

This verse is sung by the Cantor:

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
Fear not, for I will save thee: For I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

and the Antiphon is then repeated by all

Gospel Acclamation

The refrain is sung first by the Cantor and then by all:

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Lle-lú-ia, * alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

This verse is sung by the Cantor:

Greetings, favoured one! the Lord is with you.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Luke 1: 39-55

Offertory Hymn: NEH 182

During the singing of this hymn a collection will be taken up for our Advent charities, Veterans Aid and MIND (you will find more information on the inside front cover of this order of service). If you are a UK taxpayer please complete the Gift Aid envelope provided. We are also able to accept contactless payments – if you prefer to donate by this method please use the device on the table at the back of church.

Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,
When she to Bethl'em came that happy morn;
How high her raptures then began to swell,
None but her own omniscient Son can tell.

As Eve when she her fontal sin reviewed,
Wept for herself and all she should include,
Blest Mary with man's Saviour in embrace
Joyed for herself and for all human race.

All saints are by her Son's dear influence blessed,
She kept the very Fountain at her breast;
The Son adored and nursed by the sweet Maid
A thousandfold of love for love repaid.
Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,
Next to his throne her Son his Mother placed;
And here below, now she's of heaven possessed,
All generations are to call her blessed.

Sanctus, Benedictus qui venit, and Agnus Dei: see Mass book

Anthem during Communion:

Maria, Mater gratiae
Dulcis parens clementiae
Tu nos ab hoste protege,
Et mortis hora suscipe.
Jesu tibi sit gloria
Qui natus es de Virgine
Cum patre et almo Spiritu
In sempiternam saecula. Amen.

*Mother of grace, O Mary blest,
To thee, sweet fount of love, we fly;
Shield us through life, and take us hence
To thy dear bosom when we die.*

*O Jesu! born of Mary bright!
Immortal glory be to thee;
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.*

Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, tr. Edward Caswell

Gabriel Fauré 1845-1924

Closing Hymn: NEH 11 (verses 5-7)

O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.

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

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb. *Refrain*

O Come, Desire of Nations! Show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall. *Refrain*

Organ music: Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733

—Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & NOTICES



The Good Coffee Kiosk is now open!

You can now support St Botolph's and other good causes by buying your hot drinks from the Bishopsgate entrance: our barista Jose will give you a warm welcome and a loyalty card! Opening hours Monday to Friday 7.00am-2.00 pm.

Church opening and service times

In line with current guidance, the church remains open for public worship and private prayer, continuing to maintain God's physical presence in the City of London. We continue to open the church from 10.00 am to 3.00pm from Monday to Friday. We maintain the existing pattern of three lunchtime services per week: Choral Mass with sermon on Wednesdays at 1.10 pm, and said Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1.10 pm. All services can be attended either in church or via livestream on our YouTube channel (accessible from the home page of the church website). We would particularly discourage people from attending church in person if they are travelling a distance, or feel vulnerable in any way.

Tomorrow, Thursday 23 December: Mass at 1.10pm

**This Friday, 24 December:
FAMILY MASS OF CHRISTMAS AND BLESSING OF THE CRIB
at 11.00 am**

Missa Brevis in C, K220 ('Spatzenmesse') Mozart;
Infant holy *Polish traditional carol*; In dulci júbilo, BWV 729 *Bach*
and traditional carols for all to sing

Following this service the church will close for the Christmas break, re-opening at 10.00am on Tuesday 4 January.

Our first service of the New Year will be the Said Mass on Tuesday 4 January 2022 at 1.10 pm.

**Wednesday 5 January 2022:
CHORAL MASS OF THE EPIPHANY AT 1.10 pm**
Missa brevis *Anerio*; Magi venient ab oriente *Clemens*;
Wie schon leuchtet der Morgernstern Pachelbel

***A very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year
to you all from the clergy, congregation and staff
of St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate***

Can you help us financially?

Our regular income continues to take rather a hit during the ongoing pandemic, with a reduction in our normal income streams including Hall and Court hire and, although we are now able to take up collections in services again, these and alms box donations remain depressed as there are fewer people working in and visiting the City of London. If you are in a position to give St Botolph's any financial support at this time, perhaps you might consider giving by standing order or direct debit, or a one-off donation? The Administrator can help with any queries (church@botolph.org.uk).

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Another way of supporting St Botolph's could be by way of your **online shopping**. The church is registered as a beneficiary charity at Give as you Live, Easy Fundraising, and Amazon Smile – these are simple automatic ways for you to support us (at no extra cost to you, or to us) when shopping online – **why not try one of these options as you complete your Christmas shopping or browse the January sales?** Give as you Live and Easy Fundraising cover over 4000 shops and other websites – all of the systems are easy to use, and have been tried and tested on your behalf by the Administrator!

More information from:

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