



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
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Albrecht Dürer, The Prodigal Son cast out, National Gallery of Art Washington (Rosenwald collection)

THE OUTCAST

A Service of Lessons and Carols in Advent

Thursday 7 December 2023 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 this year reflect two issues particularly relevant to our Advent theme of 'The Outcast'.



PROVIDENCE ROW

HELPING HOMELESS AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE SINCE 1860

Providence Row has been working since 1860 with all sectors of the homeless population in Tower Hamlets and the City of London, including those turned away from other projects due to their special needs. The charity works with more than 1800 homeless and vulnerably housed people a year, offering an integrated service of crisis support, advice, recovery, and learning and training programmes. The Dellow Day Centre provides essential services including food, showers and laundry facilities, which help to restore health and dignity, and the charity's wide range of advice support and outreach services also help to tackle the more complex issues which may be the root cause of a person's homelessness.

ABCD Bethlehem is a UK charity which has worked for nearly 40 years in partnership with organisations supporting disabled children in hospitals and refugee camps in Palestine and Gaza. The children and their families cared for



by ABCD's partners were already in great need of help, but the devastating conflict in Gaza has had a further huge impact on their lives. With Palestinian areas of the West Bank in lockdown and suffering nightly raids, the psychological damage to children and young adults is incalculable. Your donations will go towards ABCD's crisis appeal to meet the needs of hundreds of vulnerable children in refugee camp centres by providing additional trauma therapy, support for families with food parcels and medication, and urgent repairs to centres damaged in the conflict.

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 devices at the front or back of church, or this dedicated QR code, and can be Gift Aided.
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**Welcome to St Botolph's for this service of Lessons and Carols
marking the beginning of the season of Advent.**

Please stand at the ringing of the bell

HYMN: NEH 16 *Wachet auf*

Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright!
Alleluya!
The wedding song swells loud and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The second candle is lit and this prayer is said:

Priest: Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

NEH 16 (verses 2)

Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her Friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son!
Hosanna!
Let us prepare to follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.

Please remain standing. The Priest welcomes the Congregation.

BIDDING

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and made a place for us in the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

As we meet to celebrate anew the coming of God's kingdom, we hear revealed the mystery of God's loving purpose for us – how that when we were far off, he met us in his Son and brought us home; how he humbled himself to take our human nature, that we might share his divine glory.

Let us then so celebrate this coming with our carols and hymns of praise, that our lives may be charged with his life; that we may bear witness to his glory and so bring light to those who sit in darkness. So first we pray for those among whom the Christ was born: the poor and helpless, the aged and young children; the cold, the hungry and the homeless; the victims of poverty, injustice and oppression, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved; those in despair or in the shadow of death.

Then, as we hear again the message of peace on earth and goodwill among all his people, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that all may be inspired to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace the world over. And that we may bear true witness to this hope in a divided world, we pray for the peace and unity of Christ's Body, the Church universal, that the whole earth may live to praise his name.

Finally, as we rejoice with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we offer up our prayers for the coming of his kingdom, in the words he himself has taught us, saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

And may the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting, now and at all times.

All: Amen.

HYMN: SP 64

Hills of the north, rejoice;
River and mountain-spring,
Hark to the advent voice;
Valley and lowland, sing:
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
He judgment brings and victory.
Isles of the southern seas,
Deep in your coral caves
Pent be each warring breeze,
Lulled be your restless waves:
He comes to reign with boundless sway,
And makes your wastes his great highway.
Lands of the east, awake,
Soon shall your sons be free;
The sleep of ages break,
And rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and grey,
Has dawned the everlasting day.
Shores of the utmost west,
Ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblest,
Break forth to swelling song;
High raise the note, that Jesus died,
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.
Shout as ye journey home;
Songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North we come,
From East, and West, and South.
City of God, the bond are free,
We come to live and reign in thee!

Please sit

FIRST LESSON: *Genesis 3: 20-end*

Et vocavit Adam

[Adam] named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever'—therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

CHOIR: CAROL

Adam lay y-bounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkes finden
Written in their book.

Anon, 15th century

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never Our Lady
A-been heavene queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen,
Deo gratias!

Boris Ord 1897-1961

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 2: 2-5

Et erit in novissimis diebus praeparatus

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

CHOIR: ANTHEM

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him
that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace,
that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Isaiah 52: 7

Sir John Stainer 1840-1901

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 11: 11-end

Et erit in die illa

On that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that is left of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Ethiopia, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. He will raise a signal for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, the hostility of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not be hostile towards Ephraim.

But they shall swoop down on the backs of the Philistines in the west; together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put forth their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them. And the Lord will utterly destroy the tongue of the sea of Egypt; and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching wind; and will split it into seven channels, and make a way to cross on foot; so there shall be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that is left of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.

Please stand

HYMN: NEH 3 (second tune)

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.

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

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

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

Please sit

FOURTH LESSON: James 1: 19-26

Scitis fratres mei dilecti

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

CHOIR: MOTET

Canite tuba in Sion,
quia prope est dies Domini: ecce
venit ad salvandum nos.

Erunt prava in directa,
et aspera in vias planas:
veni, Domine, et noli tardare.
Alleluia.

Joel 2, Isaiah 40:4, Isaiah 45:8

*Sound the trumpet in Sion,
for the day of the Lord is nigh:
behold, he cometh for our salvation.*

*The crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough places plain:
come, O Lord, and do not delay.
Alleluya.*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina c 1525–94

FIFTH LESSON: Hebrews 12: 28-13: 3

Itaque regnum immobile susipientes

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire. Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

CHOIR: ANTHEM

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40: 5

George Frideric Handel 1685–1759

PRAYERS

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to thy people, who trust in thy love. By thy coming, raise us to share in the joy of thy kingdom on earth as in heaven, where thou livest and reignest with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.**

Please stand

THE SOLEMN BLESSING

May God the Father, who so loved the world that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for eternal life. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who comes to us as Redeemer and Judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Ghost, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you to bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Please remain standing

During the singing of the following hymn a collection will be taken up for our Advent charities, Providence Row and ABCD Bethlehem. 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 one of the devices at the front or back of church or the dedicated QR code on the the inside front cover of this order of service (where you will also find more information about the charities).

HYMN: NEH 11 (verses 1, 4-7) *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 Root of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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...*

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. *Rejoice...*

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

ORGAN MUSIC:

Chorale Prelude 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme', BWV 645

—Johann Sebastian Bach

Please remain standing as the priest and choir depart

All are warmly invited to join us for refreshments following the service

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & NOTICES

Church opening and service times

The church is open for public worship and private prayer every Monday to Friday from 7.30 am to 5.30 pm, maintaining God's physical presence in the City of London. Our normal service pattern is: Choral Mass with sermon on Wednesdays at 1.10 pm, and Said Masses on Tuesdays at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm and Thursdays at 12.10 pm. **(Please note an exception this month:** there will be no 12.10 pm Mass on Thursday 14 December).

Next Tuesday, 12 December: Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 13 December: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Missa 'Dixit Maria' *Hassler*;

Inter natos mulierum *Hassler*

Chorale Prelude on 'Winchester New' *West*

**Next Thursday, 14 December at 1.10 pm
PARISH CAROL SERVICE**

St Botolph's Choir and the Choir of The Coopers' Company and Coborn School will be once again joining forces to make joyful music for our popular traditional carol service. Everyone is welcome to attend the service and to stay for traditional refreshments afterwards.

**Next Friday, 15 December at 5.30 pm
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT *with St Botolph's Choir***

An early evening service of spectacular choral carols from across the centuries and traditional carols for all to sing, followed by refreshments

Later in the month:

**FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER at 11.00 am
FAMILY MASS OF CHRISTMAS AND BLESSING OF THE CRIB
*with St Botolph's Choir***

Choral and organ music by Mozart and Bach and traditional carols for all to sing, followed by refreshments

**THURSDAY 21 AND FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER at 5.30 pm
Acclaimed actor Bruce Morrison presents 'A Christmas Carol'**

See posters round the church, or for more information and tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charles-dickens-a-christmas-carol-tickets-748331889827>

We also welcome local firms, City institutions, national charities and choirs for their annual carol services and concerts.

A full listing of all December events is on the church website: .
highlights during the forthcoming week include:

**This evening: Thursday 7 December
City Agents Society Carol Service at 6.30 pm
*with St Botolph's Choir***

**Saturday 9 December
Christmas Carols with the Godwine Choir at 7.30 pm**

The Godwine Choir, directed by Edward Hughes and Alex Davan Wetton, return for their annual carol concert at St Botolph's. The choir will sing stunning Christmas music and there will be festive favourites for the audience to join in as well.

More information and tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-carols-with-the-godwine-choir-tickets-737865885727>

**Monday 11 December
Aon Family Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.00 pm**

Tuesday 12 December
Mayer Brown Carol Service at 6.00 pm
with St Botolph's Choir and the Mayer Brown Singers

CAN YOU HELP US FINANCIALLY?

Cash and contactless donations made in church during Advent will go to our Advent charities (more information on inside front cover).

Our regular income continues to be depressed owing to the knock-on effects of Covid, with a reduction in our normal income streams including Hall and Court hire, service collections and alms donations as fewer people are 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? You will find more information about ways of supporting us on the website at <https://botolph.org.uk/support-us/>, and the Administrator can help with queries (church@botolph.org.uk).

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 and Easy Fundraising – 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 for your Christmas shopping?** 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:

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com>



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The Good Coffee Kiosk



Unfortunately, sales have not been at a sufficient level to keep the kiosk open, so with regret it has been decided that it will close for the time being while we investigate changes that can be made to make the venture more successful, and to enable more money to be donated to the good causes we want to support.

We would like to thank our loyal customers, and ask that you look out for news on any re-opening date in 2024.