



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

ADVENT: THE OUTCAST

Choral Mass

in the week of **The Second Sunday of Advent**
Wednesday 13 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.
- **Credit card donations** can be made via the link on our website, and can be Gift Aided.

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Welcome to St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate.

Setting: Missa 'Dixit Maria'— Hans Leo Hassler 1564-1612

Opening Hymn: NEH 12 (verses 1-2)

Jordanis oras praevias (tune: Winchester New)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yes, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The third 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.
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led
to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

All Blessed be God for ever.

NEH 12 (verses 4-5)

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore.

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Gradual: Hymn 501 (verse 2) *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:

We have sinnèd, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade
as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumèd us,
because of our iniquities.

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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Alle-lú-ia, * alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

This verse is sung by the Cantor:

The Kingdom of God has come near;
repent and believe in the good news.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Mark 1: 1-8

*During the singing of the Offertory Hymn a collection will be taken up
for our Advent charities, Providence Row and ABCD Bethlehem.
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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).*

Offertory 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!

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

Anthem during Communion:

Inter natos mulierum non surrexit major Johanne Baptista
qui viam Domini praeparavit in heremo. Alleluia.

Among those born of women there arose none greater than John the Baptist, who prepared the way of the Lord in the wilderness. Alleluya.

Antiphon for the Nativity of S John the Baptist

Hans Leo Hassler

Closing Hymn: NEH 5 *Vox clara ecce intonat*

Hark! a herald voice is calling
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!
Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;
So when next he comes in glory,
And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.

Organ music: Chorale Prelude on 'Winchester New'

—John Ebenezer West 1863-1929

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 tomorrow, Thursday 14 December, because of the Parish Carol Service).

Tomorrow, 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.

This 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

This Saturday, 16 December: please pray for Ufuoma Brume and Michael Sackey who are to be married at St Botolph's on Saturday.

Next Tuesday, 19 December: Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 20 December: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Mass in G minor *Rheinberger*; Veni Domine *Mendelssohn*
Veni Emmanuel *Peeters*

Next Thursday, 21 December: Said Mass at 12.10 pm

Next 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

Next 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>

Next Friday, 22 December: please pray for Alexandra Lowe and Christopher Hall who are to be married at St Botolph's next Friday.

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:

Thursday 14 December

Orlando Chamber Choir Concert 'To shorten winter's sadness' at 7.30 pm

To mark the 400th anniversary of Byrd's and Weelkes' deaths this year, Orlando Chamber Choir focuses on the sound of an early English Christmas. There will be readings, audience carols, and seasonal refreshments as well.

More information and tickets:

<https://www.orlandochoir.org.uk/tickets>

Friday 15 December

Bishopsgate Ward Club Carol Service at 12.00 noon

with St Botolph's Choir

Saturday 16 December

A Cantus Christmas at 7.00 pm

The dynamic chamber choir The Cantus Ensemble and their director Dominic Brennan make a welcome return to St Botolph's for a concert of popular and traditional Christmas choral music including wonderful choral classics as well as congregational carols for everyone to join in.

More information and tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-cantus-christmas-2023-tickets-756205951357>

Monday 18 December

XLP Carol Service at 10.00 am

Another of our charity partnerships is with the excellent youth charity XLP and we welcome their staff and volunteers for their Christmas celebration.

Monday 18 December
Morgan Stanley Carol Concert at 7.15 pm

Morgan Stanley Choir invites all to join them for a festive evening of well-loved carols and Christmas music in support of The Felix Project, the London-based food redistribution charity.,

More information and tickets:

<https://thefelixproject.org/morgan-stanley-choir-charity-carol-concert>

Tuesday 19 December
Stephenson Harwood Carol Service at 6.00 pm

Wednesday 20 December
Reed Smith Carol Service at 6.30 pm

Local law firm Reed Smith have come to St Botolph's for their carol service for many years; in 2022 they supported the children's charity Theirworld through this service, and this partnership is being repeated this year.

More information and tickets:

<https://theirworld.org/carol-concert-rsvp/>

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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