

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Carols,

& powerful joy of Jesus!

As I sit to write this week I am smiling as I think of singing out loudly at the Ace Cafe this morning.

We left St. Anselm at 8am and arrived at the Ace to tea, coffee, and bacon sandwiches (well I did!)

A group of people who had never met congregated and started to practice Hark The Herald Angels Sing

We were lucky to have a great guitar player with us and even luckier to find someone who could play the drum. I say drum... it was an upside down empty tub of Helmand mayonnaise!

We did not sound glorious.

We were not note perfect, we were gruff, out of tune and by any professional standard - a very poor choir.

But the smiles on our faces were enormous! The simple act of singing together brought out joy that was hidden somewhere deep down inside. Somehow, singing of the coming of Jesus enabled us to see one another in this joyful light and to put aside the usual London reserve.

People watched us as they munched their own breakfasts and builders and businessmen alike looked



up and smiled - and even joined in!

The reason we were singing was part of a BBC Radio London series on carol choirs across London and how they make people smile and feel included.

I love these moments of pure Christian joy when the love of Jesus is shown in it's simplest form... joy.

Be joyful this week amongst the business ahead. If you feel yourself getting grumpy... just sing a carol!

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Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible.

Prayer focus

For all those who will find Christmas difficult, through bereavement, through financial worries, through families worries. That through it all they will feel the love of Christ.

Worship focus

Crib and Carol service at 3pm on Christmas Eve is always a wonderful time that fills your heart with love for those around you and focuses you on Jesus.

This Sunday

Sunday 17th December

3rd Sunday of Advent ●

10am - Children's Parish Mass

3pm - Carols with the congregation of the Indian Orthodox Church

5pm - Holy Hour

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year B(II)

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Notices

The Indian Orthodox church who use the church on Sunday afternoons have invited us to join them for carols by their children and some refreshments THIS Sunday 17th December, 3pm - 5:30pm. Fr. Matthew & Fr. Josiah will be in attendance.

Holy Hour will be at 5pm on Sunday and I really encourage you to come to this last one before Christmas. An hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament will put you in exactly the right place for the busy period ahead.

Services for next Sunday and for Christmas Day are listed on the pew sheet and on the website. Do try to come to the carols and crib service at 3pm on Christmas Eve. It's a lovely service that will warm your heart ahead of the big day.

Midnight mass will be as usual at 11:30pm on Christmas Eve - a power service to welcome and celebrate the incarnation of Jesus Christ!

Please support the church generously this Advent through your giving. www.stanselm.co.uk/giving

Years Mind

17th - Olive Castle

18th - Derek Cawston, Mary Lane

19th - Margaret Hemmings

20th - John Houston, David George Loyns

21st - Annie Bryant, Emile Charles Leopald Van Lear, Ernest Jones

22nd - Mildred Canfield, Mary Titchmarsh, Minnie Mabel West, Kenneth Roy Tupman

23rd - Hannah Harding, Nigel Esquick

Pray This Week For

Wayne Campbell, Mavis & Daniel Sibley, June Boughton, Verity, Laura & her twins, Deborah Annabelle Potts, Susannah Mansa, Omeeta Dunrad, Elijah, Julie, Oliver Joseph, Khuan, Linda and Carmen Artrey.

Monday 18th December

O Adonai ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 19th December

O Radix Jesse ●

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: For all religious

Wednesday 20th December

O Clavis David ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 21st December

O Oriens ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: New Christians

Friday 22nd December

O Rex Gentium ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 23rd December

O Emmanuel ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: For Charity

Sunday 24th December

4th Sunday of Advent ●

10am - Parish Mass

3pm - Crib & Carol Service

11:30pm - Midnight Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year B(II)

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day ●

10am - Christmas Day Mass

Prayer focus: For Charity