

# The Parish of South Beddington & Roundshaw 29th November 2025 - Advent Sunday Open Doors – Open Hearts – Open Minds



**Check out our website:** http://tiny.cc/sbrparish

Welcome to Oakley as she comes for Baptism today, with Sarah-Louise and Liam her parents and wider family and friends. It is a joy to have you here!

**Thank you to everyone** for your amazing support through donations and time to this weekends' Christmas Tree Festival. Do take time to browse the trees – each has been prepared to promote a little of some of our areas of mission and ministry and tell a great story!! Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this happen!

Growing Young Singers - We now have two adult volunteers in the process of appointment as Youth Choir Volunteers and the possibility of a Young Leader. Whether you are a singer or someone who simply would love to be part of a spread of new adventures to encourage every child to Lift their Voice in song come join us. Email Valerie direct or chat with Mthr Berni if you want to find out more.

**Advent with Schools.** Mthr Berni has a busy few weeks with Christmas Workshops and Assemblies across the parish primary schools this half term, working alongside Sutton Schools Works. Please keep children across the parish in your prayers. Wee now have a lot of contact through this stream of work, our incredible Reading Volunteers and the music lessons and choirs led by Valerie. In the coming weeks we have visits and services in the churches and extra hands would be fabulous (you need to have your dbs in place and completed basic safeguarding as a minimum). This coming Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> there is a group of children with SEN coming from Foresters school to explore SMC as a place of worship, and think about Bethlehem and Nazareth. They arrive at 1.15. If you would like to support let Mthr Berni know

Weekly Advent Study Group meets weekly at St Pauls after the Weds mass. Chat to Julie or Mthr Berni if you'd like to know more. All welcome to join the group.

Aid For Jamaica - The devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica has left behind a trail of destruction and heartbreak A relief effort is being coordinated in CRO 3RG weekdays - 10am to 4pm and Saturday 9am to 6pm for donations. If you would like to coordinate our parish support, please speak to Mthr Berni.

During the last two weeks of January Panto Season will be upon us - don't forget to book your tickets as they are selling fast! During this time our worship will move to St Pauls and both Sundays will be parish mass at 10.30. I hope everyone will enjoy the opportunity to worship as a whole parish in the warmth and for St Paul Patronal we will be joined by our siblings from Springfield

Working Parties at SMC from January - will be a regular fourth Saturday of each month from 9.30 through to lunchtime. Do make note in your 2026 diaries.

**Open Church Rota for SMC-** Would you like to take this simple admin task on? Pls let Mthr Berni know. Joanna has faithfully managed this for a very long time and will now be stepping back (for a season or permanently we can review in time!). For the coming weeks see the sheet at back of church and sign up for sessions you would like to cover.

## St Paul's Church

Mass: Sundays 8.30 and Wednesdays 10.30 Advent Study + lunch Weds from 11.30 Lunch Club Mon 11.30 / Drop in Fri 9.30-12.30 Open Church: Tue/Thur/Sat 9.30-Thursday Club 10.30-12.30

## St Michael's Church

Mass: Sundays 10.30 Morning Prayers 8 Mon to Thurs 11.30 & Fri in term time 4.15-6.30

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Please pray for: Archbishop designate Sarah Mullaly and the unity of God's Holy catholic Church

All sick in body, mind or spirit known to us and known only to God. For all who care for, visit, call and remember the sick in prayers and deeds day by day

For Peace, Justice and ending of wars in the Holy Lands and across the world. For all directly & indirectly affected by Hurricanes and natural disasters worldwide

For Baby Oakley and family

Birthdays Mercilina Tusiime (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Year's Mind: Jean Smith (25<sup>th</sup>) Herbert Chatfield (28th) Audrey Flint (3<sup>rd</sup>) Ana Paule Saldi (4<sup>th</sup>)

## Advent begins today...

As we enter Advent, the world tells us there is much to do, much to prepare - and plenty to keep us busy. In the midst of it all, I hope you find space to pause, rest and refresh, to remember that it's not our toil that brings Christ nearer, but his determination to love and bless us and the whole world.