

THE PARISH OF ST ALPHEGE, EDMONTON

Sunday 7th December 2025

The 2nd Sunday in Advent.

Today as we enter further into Advent, we examine the “real” Santa Claus: St Nicholas of Myra.



Entrance Hymn

522: O come O come Emmanuel.

Offertory Hymn

686: The Angel Gabriel.

Procession

684: Tell out my Soul.

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THIS WEEK: DAILY OFFICES: Morning and Evening Prayer: Tues – Fri: 9am & 5pm in the Lady Chapel.
Monday 8th: The Immaculate Conception of the BVM.
Tuesday 9th: St Juan Diego - memorial.
Wednesday 10th: Our Lady of Loreto - memorial.
Wednesday 10th: Advent to Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew Holborn, 7pm
Thursday: 11th: St Damascus 1, pope - memorial.
Friday 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe – memorial,
Saturday 13th: St Lucy, virgin, martyr - memorial.

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday 14th: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Mass at 10am.
The Sycamore Advent course continues after Mass.
Sunday 14th: Carols at Sunbridge Care Home, 2pm

FUTURE DATES:

Wednesday 24th: Families' and Children's Mass 6pm
Wednesday 24th: Midnight Mass, 11pm

CONFESSION: (by appointment). Advent is an ideal time to come and unburden yourself of any worries and seek God's peace. Speak to Fr Angus to arrange time for this.

Would you like to join our Social & Fundraising group? Speak to Maxcine; Mary F or Carol Saul to find out more.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople know before mass begins if you would like a special blessing.

THE WHATSAPP GROUP: If you'd like to join this group, speak to Fr Angus or send a text to Stephen Heath on 07752 685021.

CANDLE FOR OUR LADY: Jamal Brown; Olivia Brown
Please see Sue if you would like to sponsor the EUCHARISTIC GIFTS, CANDLE FOR OUR LADY or SACRAMENT CANDLE

ST ALPHEGE PRAYER GROUP aims to pray every day at 9.00am. Prayers are offered during the Sunday service, just come to the side chapel during Communion. We are bound by rules of confidentiality. Please see Mary Findlow for more information.

PARISH SICK LISTS

Long term: Abigail; Gillian; Margaret; Lloyd; Brian; Ann; Erica; Pearline; Deborah; David; Pearl; Suzanne; Aniyah; Evelyn; Samantha; Sharon; Albert; Jean & Family; Rodney Hines; Astley.

Short term: Lauren; Patsy; Gloria; Leslie; Louise; Mike; Yolanda; Patsy; Correll; Andrew; Charles.
(Please let Fr Angus know of any names for the sick lists.)

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Barbara Utting; Olive McKenzie.


ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Victoria Munro; Hubert Gadd; Amelia Cox; Ernest Thomas; Ellen Lynch; Margaret Lavender; William Gates; Bertha Sandford.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Monica Miller; Philip Amoah.

YOUTH MINISTRY; All children are welcome to join and we'll celebrate the children's work after mass...

SERVING TEAM: If you would like to join our serving team or would like to know more about it then please speak to Fr Angus.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Bingo Evening. It was a great evening and raised £467.42

FINANCIAL POSITION: The Church and Hall Gas Bill for 2024 was £18,667.69 and the Electric Bill was £1,476.07. Please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). This is a great way to make your regular donation to support St Alphege. Scan the QR code to sign up! 



NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK: The foodbank is in urgent need of many items. There is a list of items at the back of church and a box to place items in.

JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR REFRESHMENTS!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.*

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

On that day: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse,
who shall stand as a signal for the peoples –
of him shall the nations enquire,
and his resting-place shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 72(71):1-2.7-8.12-13.17.R.cf.7

R: In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**
2. In his days justice shall flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth. **R.**
3. For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,
the poor who have no one to help.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy. **R.**
4. May his name endure for ever,
his name continue like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blest in him,
all nations shall call him blessed. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 15:4-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was
written for our instruction, that through endurance and through
the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May
the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in
such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that
together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has
welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to
show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to
the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for
his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the
Gentiles, and sing to your name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Luke 3:4. 6

R: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness
of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is
he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight."

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt
round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then
Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were
going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan,
confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and
Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood
of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear
fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to
yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God
is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even
now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore
that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after
me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will
baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his
hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into
the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,
and, since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come, we pray, to our rescue
with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**