

St John's, Sevenoaks

Advent 4 - Sunday 18th December

Celebrant: Fr. Barry Compton

Preacher: Robin Long

Music at the Sung Mass English Hymnal

Introit: Drop down ye heavens from above 735

Offertory: Hark the glad sound 6

Communion: Let all mortal flesh 318

Recessional: To the name that brings 507

Anthem: O Lord increase my faith (*Gibbons*)

Collection - During the Offertory hymn a collection will be taken for church funds. If you are a tax payer it would be greatly appreciated if you would Gift Aid your cash contribution, which will enable the church to claim an additional 25%. Envelopes for this purpose are on the table at the back of the church.

There will be no refreshments after Mass today

4.00pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Please join us in the Hall for refreshments after the Carol Service

Christmas Flowers. There will be a retiring collection this Sunday for flowers to decorate the church for Christmas. Please give generously.

Coming up...

Christian Aid is organising Carol Singing at Sevenoaks Station on the evening of Wednesday 21 December. If anyone is interested in taking part, please ring Peter Ashwell on 01732-461087.

The New Year's Day Parish Walk will take place after Mass on Sunday 1st January

7th January 2012 at 6pm. The Parish Pantomime & Party will take place in the Parish Hall. Actors and actresses are needed for the Pantomime. Please contact Carol Cheeseman for details.

13th to 15th April 2012 Walsingham Parish Weekend Cost £130 for adults, free for under 18's.

The deadline for putting your name on the list is 18th December, when £20 deposit needs to be paid to Amy Payne. If you are interested about this or would like to know more, please speak to Amy or one of the Walsingham Committee.

The food bank is now supporting up to 20 families a week. Regular donations in the basket at the back of the Church are always welcome. Would you also consider donating something extra, in either food or cash, as we approach Christmas? Please speak to Carole Bonner if you can help.

Parish website: www.saintjohnthebaptist.org.uk

This Week...

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| MON 19th | O Stock of Jesse We pray for <i>Our Churchwardens</i> |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion No Sacred Space |
| TUE 20th | O Key of David We pray for <i>The Diocese of Rochester</i> |
| 9.30am | Mass |
| WED 21st | O Rising Sun We pray for <i>The Philokalia Society</i> |
| 7.00pm | Mass |
| THU 22nd | O King We pray for <i>CBS</i> |
| 9.30am | Mass |
| FRI 23rd | O Emmanuel We pray for <i>SAYT</i> |
| 10.00 am | Mass No Sacred Space |
| SAT 24th | Christmas Eve We pray for <i>Our Parish Branch of the M.U.</i> |
| 9.30am | Mass |
| 12.00 Noon | Confessions |
| 4.00pm | Christingle |
| 11.00pm | Carols by Candlelight |
| 11.30pm | Midnight Mass of The Nativity |
| SUN 25th | CHRISTMAS DAY THANKSGIVING FOR THE INCARNATION |
| 10.00am | Sung Mass |

If you would like to mark an anniversary of the death of a beloved or an occasion of thanksgiving you are welcome to give a seven day candle that burns at the Walsingham altar or the All Souls altar. The candle costs £3, monies placed in the donations tray at the back of church and name inserted on the list.

If you would like to offer flowers, a donation can be left with Terry and the name inserted on the same list.

Would those lighting votive candles please remember to place 20p in the basket on the table at the back of church.

During the current vacancy, the Churchwardens and the Rural Dean will be responsible for the parish. The Churchwardens can be contacted as follows:

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