



Weekly Bulletin

December 2nd 2018 Advent Sunday

*Welcome to St Marylebone Parish Church
Please switch your mobile telephone to silent*

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION

BCP Holy Communion: p. 237

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Stephen Evans

11.00 am CHORAL EUCHARIST

CW(1) Traditional

Celebrant: The Revd Jack Noble

Organ Voluntary: Bach, *Gottes Sohn ist kommen* BWV 600

Mass Setting: Liszt, *Missa Choralis*

Processional Hymn: 15

Please sit for Kyries and stand for the Collect

The Gathering and sending out of Young Church

Reading: *Jeremiah 33.14-16 read by Peter Wight*

Gradual Anthem: Byrd, *Vigilate*

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 21.25-36

Preacher: The Revd Jack Noble

After the Peace

Offertory Hymn: 7

Please kneel or sit whilst the choir sings Sanctus and Benedictus. If you are a baptised Christian and are used to receiving the bread and wine at Communion, you are welcome to do so today. During Communion the choir sings Agnus Dei.

Communion: The Advent Prose

Post Communion Hymn: 366

Organ Voluntary: Callum Anderson, *Hymn Prelude*

**3.30pm ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL
WITH MEDITATION (free admission)**

Ben Horden (London)

with music for Advent and Christmas by
Johann Sebastian Bach and Dietrich Buxtehude.

6pm ADVENT CAROLS with Prayers for Healing

Officiant: The Revd Stephen Evans

Preacher: The Revd Jack Noble

Gluten free: *Communicants who would prefer a gluten-free wafer should ask a sidesman for a gluten free ticket on arrival at the Church to display at the altar rail when taking communion.*

Large print editions *of the Weekly Bulletin, Order of Service and the Hymnal are available from the Sidesmen.*

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YOUNG CHURCH gathers after the Collect at the foot of the choir steps before proceeding to the Crypt for their teaching; they re-join the congregation for Communion. Parents with babies and younger children may use the Browning Room, where a speaker relays the service. Children must be accompanied to or from the Browning Room and must never be left unattended.

JUNIOR CHOIR rehearses on Sundays in the parish church, gathering in the choir stalls at 12.30pm after the service. We are now recruiting singers between the age of 8 and 18. For further information please contact our Assistant Director of Music, Jamie, on asstdirectorofmusic@stmarylebone.org

Collect of the Week:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

O Lord our God, as we wait for the coming of thy Son our Lord, preserve us in watchfulness and faith, that when he shall appear he may not find us asleep in sin but active to serve him and joyful to praise him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MUSIC NOTES

Franz Liszt's *Missa Choralis* was written in 1865 during the period when he was resident in Rome and took holy orders. Although Liszt is remembered as a virtuoso pianist and charismatic performer, he spent his later life in Rome following an almost monastic existence, devoting himself to studying and composing church music. Despite Liszt's study of Palestrina, the *Missa Choralis* employs little polyphony, preferring to make its impact through a simple expression of profound emotion.

Vigilate by **William Byrd** (1543-1623) is quite simply a masterpiece of contrapuntal ingenuity and musical invention. Listen out particularly for the cock crowing (*an galli cantu*), set to a lively rising phrase (melismatic - i.e. many notes to one syllable). His setting of *dormientes* (sleeping) is also effective, a sighing, falling phrase. The whole motet is shot through with energy, surely awakening even the most slothful soul into action for Advent! This piece is taken from Byrd's *Liber primus sacrarum cantionum* of 1589.

Vigilate, nescitis enim quando dominus domus veniat, sero, an media nocte, an gallicantu, an mane.

Vigilate ergo, ne cum venerit repente, inveniat vos dormientes.

Quod autem dico vobis, omnibus dico: vigilate.

(Mark 13: 35-37)

Watch ye therefore (for you know not when the lord of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning):

Watch therefore, lest coming on a sudden, he find you sleeping.

And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch.

SERVICES NEXT WEEKEND

SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER 2018

ADVENT 2

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant & Preacher:
The Chaplain

11.00 am CHORAL EUCHARIST

Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rector
Readings: Baruch 5.1-9 and Luke 3.1-6

Noticeboard

Advent: This Sunday the Church enters the season of Advent as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. It is most usual these days to change the liturgical colour used in this season from the green of Trinity-time to purple. However, blue (more accurately cerulean) is an alternative, long used, especially in England. Blue is the colour of hope and expectation rather than penitential purple and it also means we can once again use our recently restored blue vestments designed by the great English ecclesiastical architect and designer Sir Ninian Comper and made by the Sisters of Bethany for St Marylebone, probably in 1917. The vestments were restored by Watts & Co as part of our 900th/200th celebrations due to the generosity of the Joie MacAulay bequest.

Open Door Christmas Lunch will be taking place on **Tuesday December 11th at 1pm** in the Undercroft. If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office.

Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Services at the Parish Church: A full list of all services and carol concerts over the festive season is available on the website as are leaflets at the back of the parish church. The parish church is the venue for a number of star-studded charity carol concerts and we are delighted that Fischer's has again offered to serve hot chocolate and Sachertorte after the service of IX Festivals and Carols at 6 pm on Sunday 16th December.

129th Annual Commemoration of the Death of Robert Browning: The annual lecture, wreath laying in Poets' Corner and reception - all following Choral Evensong in Westminster Abbey will take place on **Friday 14th December**. Seats will be reserved in the Abbey's Choir and in Poets' Corner for those who wish to attend. Tickets for the Reception (to be held in nearby Dartmouth Street) can be purchased from the Secretary to The Browning Society, jsmith2847@aol.com, or from the parish office, parishoffice@stmarylebone.org

Coffee rota: There are still a few gaps on the rota to serve refreshments after the Sunday Choral Eucharist. Please do sign up to help if you can. The list is in the Browning Room.

Christmas Cards are on sale after the 11am service on Sunday mornings. If you are able to volunteer for just half an hour to sell them at the back of the church straight after the service, please sign the sheet in the Browning Room. The cards are also available to buy during the week if you come to the parish office, or you can email parishoffice@stmarylebone.org or telephone: 020 7935 7315.

R E Wells' Painting: A signed and numbered authorised limited edition print of the parish church from York Gate hanging in the Browning Room is now on sale at a price of £100.00. If you would like a copy please contact parishoffice@stmarylebone.org The print measures 495mm square, is printed on silk vinyl and is unframed with white borders. Greetings cards are now on sale at £5 for packs of 5 cards.

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Music for the Moment: The next concert by students of the Royal Academy of Music will take place on **Friday 11th January 2019** at St Marylebone Parish Church. Refreshments will be served from 2.30pm by students from the St Marylebone CE School and the concert will start at 3pm. These free concerts are devised with those living with dementia and their carers in mind but all are welcome.

The 2018 Organ Recital Series continues at the parish church today at the earlier time of **3.30pm** with a recital by Ben Horden and an Advent Meditation, with music for Advent and Christmas by Johann Sebastian Bach and Dietrich Buxtehude. Admission is free with a retiring collection.

Open Door is an informal gathering over tea and coffee which provides an opportunity for Christian fellowship and discussion. The next meeting of the group will take place on **Tuesday December 11th from 2.30-4pm**. Dates of 2019 meetings are available on the website or from the Parish Office. The Open Door Christmas Lunch will take place the same day, start time **1pm**, in the Undercroft.

Coffee Morning AgeUK and St Marylebone Parish Church: The next meeting of this monthly coffee morning will take place on **Thursday 17th January, 10am-12pm** in the Undercroft. These meetings take place every third Thursday of the month and provide an opportunity to chat, get advice from AgeUK, take part in activities and listen to guest speakers, all whilst enjoying tea and cake.

Crypt Art Exhibition: The current Contemporary British Painting exhibition in the Crypt Hall is entitled "*New Painting*", and will be on display until 17th January. The Crypt Hall is often occupied for meetings so please check with Parish Office (020 7935 7315) before planning your visit.

Mini Mozart: Classes take place here at the parish church on Tuesdays until **4th December**. More information is available at www.minimozart.com

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WEEKLY SERVICES & PRAYERS

All services take place in the Crypt Chapels

Holy Eucharist – Wednesday at 1.10 pm and Friday at 9.30 am

Morning Prayer – Monday to Wednesday at 9.30 am

Evening Prayer – Monday to Wednesday and Friday at 5 pm