

## Today's Services

**8.00am Holy Communion** (p229 in service book)

President & Preacher: Rev. Michael Camp, Vicar.

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-end, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

**10.30am Parish Eucharist** (p8 in service book)

President: Rev. Michael Camp, Vicar.

Preacher: Enid Knight, Reader.

Setting: Thorne

Introit: Advent Antiphon *O* key of David

*O* key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel; you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison, and break down the walls of death.

Hymn: NS 24 'Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding'

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-end (page 784)

read by Ruth Gall

Advent Antiphon *O* morning star

*O* morning star, splendour of the light eternal

and bright sun of righteousness: come and bring light

to those who dwell in darkness and walk in the shadow of death.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 (page 177)

read by Rachel Hodge

Hymn: NS 384 'Lo, in the wilderness a voice'

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18 (page 50)

Intercessions led by Angela King

Hymn: NS 177 'Thy kingdom come, O God'

*Visitors who are used to receiving Communion in another*

*Christian Church of whatever denomination are welcome to*

*receive Communion here. If you are not a communicant you*

*are welcome to come forward for a Blessing if you wish. If*

*you'd like to receive a Blessing please bring this pew notice*

*sheet to the Altar rail with you as a signal to the ministers.*

Antem: Manz *E'en so* Lord Jesus

Hymn: NS 139 'Rejoice! the Lord is King'

*All are welcome for refreshments in the Church Rooms  
immediately after the service*

**4.00pm Christingle Service with Children's Nativity**

(see separate service sheet)

**No 6.30pm service**

## Collections

Half the loose cash given in the collection goes to Church funds. A quarter goes to the Children's Society and the rest is divided between other charitable causes. The Christmas Day collection will go to Bromley Welcare. All the money given in planned giving envelopes goes to Church funds.

## The Week Ahead

### Services

Usually in the Chapel of the Resurrection

Mon 9.15am Morning Prayer

7.00pm Bickley Primary School Carol Service

Tues 8.00am Holy Communion

Weds 8.15am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion

Thurs 8.15am Morning Prayer

12.15pm Holy Communion

Fri 9.15am Morning Prayer

Sat 8.15am Morning Prayer

Daily 5.00pm Evening Prayer

### Meetings and Events

Mon No Parish Toddlers (restarts 8<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm)

8.00pm Meditation group (led by Sheila Jones)

Wed 6.30pm Men's Group (meet in Church)

Sat 10.15am Coffee Morning and Traidcraft Stall  
in the Rooms

## Services Next Week

### The Fourth Sunday of Advent

**8.00am Holy Communion**

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**10.30am Parish Eucharist**

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### Readings

Morning: Micah 5:2-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45(46-55).

## Christmas Eve

**6.00pm Candlelit Carol Service**

**11.30pm Midnight Mass**

President & Preacher: Rev. Michael Camp, Vicar.

## Christmas Day

**8.00am Holy Communion**

President & Preacher: Rev. Angela King

**10.30am Christmas Family Eucharist**

President: Rev. Michael Camp, Vicar.

Preacher: Rev. Angela King.

No evening service

### Readings

Morning: Isaiah 53:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14

## The Week After Christmas

### Services

Usually in the Chapel of the Resurrection

Tues **St. Stephen**

8.00am Holy Communion

Rev. Michael Camp, Vicar

Weds **St. John**

8.15am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion

Rev. Angela King

Thurs **The Holy Innocents**

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.15pm Holy Communion

Rev. Michael Camp, Vicar

Fri 9.15am Morning Prayer

Sat 8.15am Morning Prayer

Daily 5.00pm Evening Prayer

## Notices

There will be an opportunity to admit some more of our **children to Communion** next year and we plan to begin a new preparation course in February. If your child would like to be able to receive Communion please speak to the vicar.

Places are still available for the next **Arrival Day on Saturday 13 January**. Arrival Days are for anyone wishing to engage in a process enabling them to grow in their faith and in their understanding of what it means to be a Christian today. If you think you may be interested please speak to the vicar.

**Epiphany Eats and Encores - 7.30pm, 6th January 2007**. An opportunity to continue the festive season into 2007. Come eat, drink and be entertained. Fancy singing a song, playing a tune, reciting some poetry or telling a joke? If you do, please sign up on the board at the back of the church. If not, then come and enjoy the entertainment anyway. During the evening a two course meal will be served, all you bring are liquid refreshments and nibbles. Tickets are available after the 10.30am Eucharist or from Matt Proctor on 020 8464 0705. Prices are £5 for 11 years and older and £3 for 10 years and under.

**Donations** towards the **Christmas flowers** are needed. Please see Marion Batchelor or Pat Mitchell or bring into the Church office. Thank you

**Men's Group** - Meet at 6:30pm in the church on Wednesday 20th December to put up the church Christmas candles and Christmas tree. Drinks in the Partridge afterwards followed by a curry in the New India restaurant in East Street. If you are unable to make the 6:30 start please feel free to join us when convenient.

Cultured lady opera singer now retired requires, after Christmas, **accommodation (furnished bedsit or flatlet**, while waiting for sheltered accommodation vacancy) in the home of a Christian lady perhaps seeking companion/help, or dog walker. Would pay the appropriate reasonable rent. Contact Diane 020 8464 8238

If you have not yet returned your completed **2007 Fair Shares pledge**, it would be helpful if you could do so as soon as possible, even if you are not changing the amount you are currently giving, or you need to make a nil return. Thank you to those who have already returned the form.

During the **Services in Advent**, the choir will sing special Antiphons, often known as 'the Great Os', to mark a 'countdown to Christmas'. Familiar from the Advent hymn 'O Come, Emmanuel' which is a metrical paraphrase, they will be used as Introits and Graduals during the Parish

Eucharists on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December and as a Magnificat Antiphon during Choral Evensong on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

There will be **no 8am Holy Communion** on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

### Prayers

We pray...

...for Kushtia (Bangladesh)- the Rt Revd Paul Sishir Sarkar  
...for all who come to our churches during the Christmas season – that they be touched by the wonder and mystery of the incarnation

...in our Church for Pastoral Work and Outreach  
...in our Town for local hospitals and all who work in the Health & Social Services, Bromley Y, LATCH & BCVYS, Bromley Welfare, Community Links Bromley.

...in the Parish for Bromley North and Town

**...for our spiritual preparation for Christmas**  
**...for those who are in immediate need of our prayers**

Vera Collier, Rosemary Spencer, Gerald Burtt.

**...for those who continue to need our prayers over a longer period**

Gill Waters, Duncan McGill, Tony Galloway, Edna Frost, Jean Gribble, Leighton Jones, Rose Maddams.

**...for those who receive Communion at home or in residential care**

Jean Ingram, Rosemary Bailey, Muriel Elphick.

**...for those who have died**

Jack Munden.

### Contact Details

**Vicar: The Rev Michael Camp**

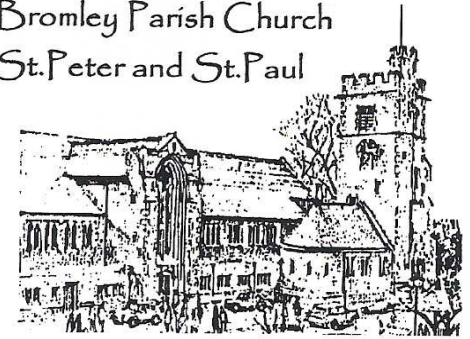
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Please try to avoid contacting Michael between 5.30 and 7.00pm and on his day off (Friday)

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Web site [www.bromleyparishchurch.org](http://www.bromleyparishchurch.org)

The office will be closed the week beginning 25 December.

Bromley Parish Church  
St. Peter and St. Paul



**Sunday 17 December 2006**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Welcome to Bromley Parish Church.**

...especially if this is your first time here. Please take one of our welcome leaflets, which tell you a bit about the Church. **Children** are welcome at our services. There is a cupboard full of books at the back and at the 10.30am service there is a crèche, which you are welcome to make use of if you wish. **Hearing aid users:** the induction loop operates in the main body of the Church; just switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

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*See inside for further details*

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