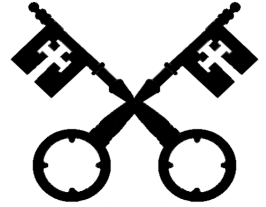


The Parish Church of  
**ST PETER,  
ARKLEY**



Part of the  
**Chipping Barnet Team Ministry**

*St John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet; St Peter, Arkley; St Stephen, Bells Hill; St Mark, Barnet Vale*

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
ADVENT SUNDAY**

*A warm welcome to everyone worshipping at St Peter's Church*



**Today's Service**

**9am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10.30am** Family Communion,

*followed by refreshments*

**Celebrant:** Revd Cindy Kent, MBE

**This Week**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11am** Holy Communion

**Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**ADVENT 2**

**10.30am** Holy Communion

**Celebrant:** Revd Cindy Kent, MBE

*Readings: Baruch 5.1–9 Canticle: Benedictus Philippians 1.3–11 Luke 3.1–6*

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING JEREMIAH 33: 14–16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### PSALM 25: 1–9

Response *R* ~To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust;

Let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies' triumph over me.  
Let none who look to you be put to shame,  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. *R*

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you have I hoped all the day long. *R*

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.  
Remember not the sins of my youth  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love. *R*

Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
Therefore, shall he teach sinners in the way.  
He will guide the humble in doing right.  
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies'. *R*

## SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 3: 9–13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## GOSPEL LUKE 21: 25–36

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# International Prayers: The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

## Dates for your diary and Christmas events across the Parish



### BARNET CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at SJB Barnet Church

1-5pm SJB Music Afternoon.

5pm Community Carol singing, accompanied by The Barnet Band.

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	5pm	<b>Special Carol service</b> at SJB free of charge, sung by the Haberdashers' girls school choir. All welcome!	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 am	<b>St Peter's Festive Coffee Morning</b> (with entertainment) in aid of the NSPCC	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30 pm	St Marks Fundraising presents: <b>A Festive Christmas Concert</b> <b>Borehamwood Brass</b>	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30 pm	<b>Da Capo Christmas Concert</b> at SJB, featuring Festive music and Christmas Carols. Tickets: <a href="#">Da Capo Concert Band - Ticket Sales</a> .	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	7 pm	<b>Carol singing in The Mitre Pub,</b> <i>58 Barnet High Street</i>	

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	3pm	<b>Blue Christmas</b> at SJB. A service for those who find this time of year difficult. <i>Officiant: Linda Sanders</i>
	7pm	<b>Lumos Live: Candlelight experience</b> at SJB.
29 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 am	<b>St Stephen's Day</b> at St Stephens church, Bells Hill

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