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## *From Fr Jonathan*



As I write, one liturgical year as ending and new year beginning. During Advent the church is bedecked in the preparatory colour of purple as, with the Patriarchs and Matriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Lord's Christ, the one who is the very image of the invisible God.

It seems that, at least since Halloween, the shops and streets around us have been replete with Christmas decorations and the piped music of Christmas Carols. This rightly proclaims the joy of Christ coming into the world but, as Christians, it is also important for us to maintain the distinctive character of Advent and its stature of waiting.

In so many ways Advent speaks of our vocation as the People of God - as those who are called patiently to wait upon God, whose coming is as sure as the sunrise. But the Christ upon whom we wait during Advent has three aspects of his coming.

The first coming is the birth of the Christ-child at Bethlehem, which we celebrate each year on 25 December. The second is the coming of Christ in glory at the end of the age – Christ who comes, as our judge, but one who judgement is one of compassion, mercy and love. The third coming is more personal to each of us – the Christ who comes into our hearts and sets them ablaze with the unquenchable fire of his love, which we are called to radiate into the world, transforming with the peaceful and reconciling love of God. As we pray in the St Peter's School prayer each day, "that we may shine as your lights, so that one day the world may be your Kingdom".



Advent is a time of new beginnings and fresh resolutions as renew and rekindle our life together as a community. As Advent begins, we will be returning to St Peter's long and venerable tradition of the Holy Eucharist being celebrated each day from Monday to Friday at 1230, as well as on Wednesdays at 0800. We want to get the message out far and wide that this lunchtime daily act of worship, prayer and attentiveness to God is taking place throughout the year and especially to the offices and business community around us. Do please let as many as possible know about the daily Eucharist and consider coming one day during the week if you can. Our life of prayer is at the heart of all we do and all we seek to be and is the seedbed out of which all else grows.

We seek also to build up and grow our regular Sunday congregations in the time following the pandemic, so that many others may come to experience for themselves the richness of our tradition, in the quiet 0815 BCP service of Holy Communion, at the 0945 Family Eucharist and at our 1115 Choral Eucharist. There is so much for which to give thanks here at St Peter's.

### **A year of Matthew**

A new liturgical year also means a new year of the cycle of the lectionary (the course of readings on Sunday mornings). We have just completed Year C (the year of Luke) and are beginning Year A (the year of Matthew) so most of our Gospel readings on Sunday mornings for the next year will be from St Matthew.

Matthew's Gospel is the first book in the New Testament and, because of its many quotations from the Old Testament, seeing Jesus as the fulfilment of all God's revelation in the past, can be seen to be a bridge between the Testaments. Matthew is one of the "synoptic" Gospels, along with Mark and Luke, because of their similarity in shape and in form. The Gospel seems to rely heavily on material from Mark's Gospel and from a source of the sayings of Jesus which he shares with Luke, which a number of scholars call 'Q'. It seems probable that the Gospel came to its final form some time after the Jewish revolt of 66-70 D, and so possibly sometime in the 80s. It may be that the community in which the Gospel came to its final form was in Syrian Antioch, the third largest city of the Roman empire.

In terms of its literary form, Matthew's Gospel is shaped by five discourses, with a possible intention of mirroring the five books of the Pentateuch/Torah. These are the Sermon on the Mount in chapters 5-7, the missionary discourse in chapter 10, the parable discourse in

chapter 13, the discourse on the church in chapter 18 and the “olive discourse” on the end times in chapters 23, 24 and 25.

Matthew’s Gospel is clearly interested in the life of the church community and the only Gospel specifically to use the word church (*ekklesia*) 16:8 and 18:17 and to include issues of church discipline and order. As noted above, there are many references to the Hebrew Scriptures and direct quotations from the prophecies. The Gospel seems to have a largely positive view of the Jewish faith, leaving criticism to the particular ways in which leadership of chief priests, Sadducees, Pharisees and elders embodied the faith.

Moving through the liturgical year, the preaching of the ministry team will bring out and explain further the way in which Matthew’s Gospel portrays Jesus and the reasons for presenting Jesus in the light that it does as well as how it inspires us to live out our faith in the life of the church today.

As we approach Christmas and Epiphany we are particularly aware of the those parts of the narrative of the birth of Jesus which are belong to Matthew alone. In Matthew’s nativity the angelic message of the birth of Jesus is made to Joseph alone. Matthew has the account of the visit of the Magi (or wise men), the star over Bethlehem, Herod’s plot, the massacre of the innocents and the flight into Egypt. Matthew precedes his nativity story by the genealogy in 1:1-17 beginning with the words, “An account of the genealogy of Jesus, the Messiah, the son of David and son of Abraham”. The rest of the Christmas story we gain from Luke’s Gospel: the birth of John the Baptist, the census of Quirinius, the adoration of the shepherds and the presentation in the Temple.

I am so looking forward to spending my first Christmas here at St Peter’s and I hope that, wherever Christmas finds you, it will be a time of love and joy with those closest to you and that the Year of Our Lord 2023 will bring you many blessings.

With my warmest good wishes, love and prayers, as always,

**Fr Jonathan**



## *From The Rev'd Julie*



As I sit down to write this letter, we are heading towards the end of the church year. And, as we journey through Advent and into the Christmas season we will reflect upon and embrace the promise of hope. For Advent is all about waiting in anticipation of hope, the hope of new life and new birth. We re-tell the Jesus story in the old, old but forever new ways. And we do this in many different ways. Sometimes it's through giving a reading or singing a song. Other times it is by participating in a Nativity play as we will at St Peter's on the 11th of December. The story of Christmas stands the test of time. 'We love to tell about the birth of Jesus, to proclaim that the Saviour of the world has come. But what does it mean for every day, ordinary people to await the birth of Jesus? We have learned much these past few years as a society and as a church about waiting. We are waiting for change, for signs of new life in the midst of darkness. And Advent once again comes in the midst of instability and uncertainty this year. I for one want to experience the hope of new life and new birth now. I want to see hope realised. And yet this misses the point of what we celebrate most this season, the hope of Incarnation. God, through the messiness of birth and into the complexity of human life, has become one with us. Jesus was born, lived, and died as one of us. The significance of this cannot be underplayed for it means that God in Christ has enveloped each of us into an everlasting relationship of love. And this love is an open welcoming invitation for all. I am often overjoyed by the enthusiasm at St Peter's in our call to make God's welcoming love known throughout our community. And we have done this in a number of new creative ways this year as we have welcomed Fr Jonathan as vicar. Our ministry with young families has been a particular joy for me. And this reminds me of a lovely visit with year 4 earlier in the month. The children had been reading and learning about the Sermon on the Mount and had a number of questions for me. They asked me every sort of question about the Beatitudes: what does meek mean? What is your favourite? Do you always show mercy? Are you pure in heart? Do you find it difficult to practice the Beatitudes?

The final question was a bit surprising and gets to the core of what we celebrate this Christmas season. 'Revd Julie some say God sent Jesus into the world. Others say Jesus is God. So who is right?' Well of course as we hear each year in reading John's Prologue the answer is both. In Christ the light of God has come into the world. One thing I greatly enjoy about being a priest is performing baptisms. Baptisms are joyful occasions whether it is a family bringing their child for baptism or an adult taking a step of faith. For baptism brings us to the heart of what we believe about ourselves, about faith and ultimately about God. Towards the end of the service we give the newly baptised a lit candle saying these words: God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life. Think about your own life, when you first experienced the light of Christ. Maybe it was when you felt burdened, or overcome with personal struggles. You may have experienced Jesus simply lifting that load off your shoulders, opening a way for you to new life. This is good news and it is something we want to share with those around us. For this is what Christmas is all about. It is about proclaiming that Jesus the true light of the world has come for us and for the world. Please support St Peter's Christmas Charities This Christmas season St Peter's is supporting a local, national and international charity. Our local charity is Caxton youth organization, supporting children with learning difficulties in our local area. Caxton Youth Organisation has been working with young people from different communities in Westminster since 1948. They work to advance the education and social development of young people with disabilities, resident in the City of Westminster, and to develop their social, educational, citizenship and life skills. St Peter's is also supporting the national charity The Children's Society with disadvantaged children in the UK. The mission of The Children's Society is to 'fight for change' so that disadvantaged children have better lives." They do this through nurturing children in early years, strengthening families through advice and support, providing basic needs for destitute families, campaigning for the needs of children, particularly around the areas of debt and poverty. And finally, we are supporting the international charity Freedom from Torture which provides therapeutic care for survivors of torture who seek protection in the UK. Freedom from Torture provides medical and psychological documentation of torture, a range of rehabilitation therapies, including psychotherapy, individual and family counselling, physiotherapy, and complementary group work as well as practical advice and support.

Thank you for your support and may you have a blessed Christmas.

**Revd. Julie**



# *The Advent Wreath*



During Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas by lighting the traditional Advent Wreath. The candles are by tradition three purple, one rose and one white and special prayers are said at the lighting of each candle representing the stages of God's purpose for his beloved people in looking forward to the coming of the long-awaited Messiah. The candles with their traditional prayers are as follows:

## **Week 1 - The Patriarchs (Purple)**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Week 2 - The Prophets (Purple)**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Week 3 - John the Baptist (Rose)**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Week 4 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, the God-bearer (Purple)**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Christmas Day - The birth of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, King of peace: to you be praise and glory for ever. The new light of your incarnate Word gives gladness in our sorrow, and a presence in our isolation. Fill our lives with your light, until they overflow with gladness and praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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# *Celebrating the Seasons at Home*

## **St. Nicholas Day**

In some parts of Northern Europe, whilst children look forward to Christmas, they also celebrate a special day on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is Saint Nicholas' Day.

St. Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra, in modern Turkey, dying there in 345. He was generous with his money and was known to help the poor, even though he often tried to do so anonymously. One story about his generosity was his saving of the three daughters of a poor widower who were about to be sold into slavery. One night, under the cover of darkness, Nicholas threw three bags of gold through their window and thus saved them.

Traditionally as a part of this day, children leave out their shoes at bedtime. If they've been good, St. Nicholas will fill them with sweets and treats, but if they have been naughty, the morning will find their shoes filled with coal. Sometimes at St. Nicholas Day parties, the saint will appear himself (an adult dressed up very much like we would do with Father Christmas). After party games and food, he will open his big book and read from it the names of the children, deliberating over whether they have been good enough to receive presents as rewards. Parents will give St. Nicholas information about the children's year, so that the deliberation is as realistic as possible.



Whilst you may not wish to fill your children's shoes with either coal or sweets, the idea of St. Nicholas leaving gifts for "being good" is not unlike our tradition of Christmas stockings. And of course, Saint Nicholas is closely linked to Father Christmas, who is also known as Santa (saint) Claus (Nicholas)!

One St. Nicholas Day tradition you may like to try is the very sweet and sticky St. Nicholas Day Ring – a pastry ring filled with almond paste and decorated with icing sugar, cherries, and angelica.

St. Nicholas Day Ring.

#### Ingredients

A block of puff pastry

Almond paste – you can buy a block of marzipan or make your own by kneading together equal parts of ground almonds and icing sugar with a little beaten egg.

Glace cherries

Angelica

#### Method

Roll the puff pastry into a long, thin strip.

Create a roll of marzipan, laying it along the length of the pastry.

Pull the pastry over, so that it wraps around the marzipan, using a little water to seal the pastry tube.

Pull the length of marzipan-filled pastry into a circle, sealing the ends with a little more water.

Bake in the oven at 180 degrees for about 20 minutes, or until golden brown.

Once cool, mix icing sugar with a little water and spread it over the pastry ring.

Decorate with 8 – 10 half-cherries, separated by small sections of angelica, to look like leaves.

Enjoy – probably in quite small quantities!



# *Celebrating the Seasons at Home*

## **The Epiphany**



The Epiphany falls for Western Christians on January 6<sup>th</sup>. It is the last day of Christmas, on which traditionally the Christmas decorations are taken down, though sometimes at least the crib will be kept in place until Candlemas, on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

There are many traditions around Epiphany. Just across the Channel in France, it is celebrated with a special cake – the *galette des rois* – in which a token is hidden. The person whose slice of cake contains the token wears a crown and is ‘king for the day.’ There is a rather nice link here to our own Christmas pudding, where finding the token – traditionally a sixpence – gave you the right to a wish.

Another lovely tradition, which has become increasingly popular in England, is to write the names of the three wise men by your door, as a sign to Christian travellers that this is a Christian home, where they will always find a welcome. The names are written in chalk, blessed in church that day.

You write Kaspar, Melchior and Balthasar and the year (usually in Roman numerals). You can write on brickwork or even, if you live in a flat with no plain bricks, on a sheet of black sugar paper, which can be blue tacked to the door. However, it is done, it is a lovely sign that there is a Christian family here and we find ours often becomes a talking point when friends visit!

## *St. John the Apostle*



The feast day of Saint John in the Catholic Church, Anglican Communion, and the Lutheran Calendar, is on **27 December**, the third day of Christmastide. In the Tridentine Calendar he was commemorated also on each of the following days up to and including 3 January, the Octave of the 27 December feast.

## *St. John and St Peter*



St John and St Peter, part of the Four Apostles by Albrecht Durer, completed in 1526

John and Peter are shown reading from the opening page of John's own Gospel.

## *The Baptism of Christ*



The Baptism of Christ by John the Baptist, by Andrea del Verrocchio and Leonardo da Vinci c 1475. The baptism is a major event in the life of Jesus which is described in three of the gospels: Matthew, Mark and Luke. It is considered to have taken place at Al-Maghtas, also called Bethany Beyond the Jordan, today located in Jordan.



# *Voices from the persecuted church*



**This is from an article courtesy of *Open Doors*.**

When Maria became a Christian, she knew she would face opposition from her Hindu husband and in-laws – so she initially kept her faith secret. But after several months, her husband found out.

She was beaten, tortured, and made to worship Hindu idols by her in-laws. There were even times when she was denied food and water.

Maria stayed in this situation for as long as she could – but her husband made an ultimatum: “When my husband saw my ceaseless love of God, he warned me to leave Christ or leave him,” She shares. “Seeing no way out, I chose to hang on to Christ and free myself from an abusive

relationship.

“For fear of society, I ensured all the suffering and torture caused by my husband and in-laws, but constantly I was threatened and told to leave Christ, she continues. “I was constantly praying to God to protect me and show His mercy. It was only through His grace and favour that I was able to get through those tough times.”

Finding a job was hard – but Open Doors partners heard about Maria and helped her start a clothing business from her home! “I am so happy and thankful to God that He constantly keeps reminding of how great His love is and that His love never runs out on me,” Maria says. “All I have is Christ and His love and nothing in this world can be compared to Him.”

Her faith in God is stronger than ever. “I am self-assured and directed to Isaiah 41:10: “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Certainly, God has strengthened me and never abandoned me and in every critical situation He vindicated me.”

## *Search for St Peter*

We are lucky at St Peter's Eaton Square to have such a good statue of our patron saint to help us think about him and his place in the story of Jesus and in God's heavenly kingdom. St Peter appears in other churches too, in paintings and stained-glass windows. Next time you are visiting a church, or a museum and you see an image of St Peter, take a photograph and send it to [admin@stpetereatonsquare.co.uk](mailto:admin@stpetereatonsquare.co.uk) to be included in the parish magazine. Please also write a few words about where you saw it and whether you liked the picture or painting.



To start things off, here is St Peter in a stained-glass window in a church called St Peter's in the village of Bywell in Northumberland. The church there is very old. It dates from Saxon times, but the window was made in Victorian times. Next to St Peter is Jesus, then Mary and on the right St Andrew, Peter's brother. Bywell has two churches very close together. The other one is St Andrew's

## *From the magazine for December 1942*

*It has been decided this year that to have a mid-night Celebration of the Holy Communion. This will begin at 11.45pm on Thursday (Christmas Eve). Hymns will be sung at this service. Owing to the blackout only shaded Altar-lights can be used, so communicants should bring torches. There will be moonlight. The first fifteen minutes will be needed for a hymn and the ante-communion and so just after midnight, in the earliest minutes of Christmas Day, will be the time of the actual Celebration.*

*Experience shows that there are always some who find other hours difficult and so welcome this unusual hour. Unusual, that is, for St Peter's for there are others who may now be living among us who by long custom have come to value this Holy Communion "in the night of the Lord's Nativity" as we find the heading in old prayer books. The other times for Holy Communion on Christmas morning will be 7.30, 8.30 and 11.30 (Choral). Matins will be at 0.30 with the Sermon at 11am as usual. There will be no service in the evening as people like to spend that time with their family and friends.*

*On Christmas Eve Evensong will be at 3.45, followed by a brief address and Preparation Prayers.*

### **COMMENT**

Midnight Mass of Christmas is taken for granted nowadays at many different levels of churchmanship though perhaps even twenty years ago it was still perceived as Roman Catholic in this country. In fact, celebration goes back many centuries. There is a record of it being held in Jerusalem in the fourth century. From the 12<sup>th</sup> century, it was the first of three Masses that could be celebrated to mark Christmas, in the first the gospel reading focused on the nativity itself, the second on the visit of the shepherds and the third on St John's great prologue. The Common worship lectionary still uses these three readings, but they are not tied to particular sequence and allow the first two to be combined. as many places will not have three masses.

**Valerie Smith**

## *From the magazine for January 1943*

*I am writing while it is still the season of Advent and it is still uncertain whether or not the church bells of Britain will be allowed to ring on Christmas Day. The suggestion is under consideration, but no decision has yet been announced. If they are to peal for victory, the Feast of the Incarnation and Easter-tide surely offer something more than symbolism. They stand for the triumph of God over human waywardness and ignorance, for the conquest in Christ of death.*



### **RESOLVE TO MAINTAIN DAILY WORSHIP**

*The Daily Holy Communion. We try to maintain a daily celebration of Communion in each of our place of worship, but at two of them it frequently happens that no one is present to assist in offering the worship of the Church to God. It would be a great help if those who can, would give their names to one of the clergy, saying which week day each week they will try to be present at which Church. In this way we could build up a rota of worshippers so that there would be a nucleus of two or three gathered every morning to celebrate the Holy Mysteries, to pray together for the coming of God's kingdom and the doing of His will, and to commend into His hands all who are in peril or distress. Who will make an effort in 1943 to be more determined in the worship of God on weekdays.*

COMMENT: The ringing of church bells for Sundays and special holy days had been banned in June 1940; they were to be used only in connection with an invasion. By the end of 1942, after bells had been rung the previous month to celebrate the victory at El Alamein, pressure grew to allow them for Christmas. In the event Parliament decided at the last moment (on 17 December they were still prevaricating) that this could happen, and restrictions were further relaxed starting on Easter Day 1943.

As we hope to move back, after the pressures of recent years, towards a daily Eucharist at St Peter's, we can appreciate the concerns of Prebendary Kirk about attendance. His idea of having a least a core of people committed to attending on particular days seems a good one. It is not clear how well it worked in the event.

**Valerie Smith**



## *Q&A with our Director of Music, Andrew John Smith*



Q. What does it take to create the beautiful musical performances we enjoy and that so enhance our worship at the Sung Eucharist week after week?

A. There are many disparate elements that take on varying degrees of importance at different times. We do about around 60 services a year, which isn't much, but each one is tailor made as far as is possible. In a cathedral the choir is a fixed size and is the same for any service. They have to make sure that the music list can be learnt by the choristers in time, whereas we have to choose the music for the singers available. So we have to plot this quite far in advance. We use about 40-50 singers a year but I'd always rather avoid depts where possible. Not least because there is obviously very limited funds. Some repertoire is inevitably much more suitable to this than others.

Q. Sounds complicated.

A. The thing is, good people are inevitably busy, and we have some of the very best in the country. We've got regular members of Tenebrae, Monteverdi choir, Polyphony, The Sixteen, Stile Antico, The Queen's 6, The Kings Singers and the Tallis Scholars, amongst

others. All it needs is for more than one group to be away at the same time [to cause a scheduling issue]. Then there's the fact that we can't rehearse in the building, and the rehearsal room is woefully inadequate and can't hold too many singers anyway—

Q. So you don't rehearse with the organ?

A. Right, so during worship we depend on Dan Moul's experience, expertise and sensitivity. We are often adjusting things during the service. We're fortunate that the singers are generally switched on enough to conceive of what the accompaniment will actually sound like without necessarily ever hearing it.

Q. How do you choose the repertoire?

A. Taking account of what I've said I think it's good to include the best of what each musical culture offers, and we always try to do the best work that suits our liturgy.

Q. Favourites?

A. Of sacred repertoire? Most of the sixteenth century! Bach, Liszt, Saint Saëns, Stravinsky, Penderecki. Contemporary church music is in a terrible place at the moment but the recently deceased Sir Peter Maxwell-Davies I find utterly compelling. I can't think don't think anybody is more interesting than Judith Bingham at the moment.

## **Interview by Nancy Wood**



# *Recipe*

## **Mince Pies!**



### **Ingredients.**

225g cold butter, diced  
350g plain flour  
100g golden caster sugar  
280g mincemeat  
1 small egg, beaten  
Icing sugar, to dust

### **Method**

- **STEP 1** To make the pastry, rub the butter into the flour, then mix in the golden caster sugar and a pinch of salt.
- **STEP 2.** Combine the pastry into a ball – don't add liquid – and knead it briefly. The dough will be fairly firm, like shortbread dough. You can use the dough immediately, or chill for later.
- **STEP 3.** Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Line 18 holes of two 12-hole patty tins, by pressing small walnut-sized balls of pastry into each hole.
- **STEP 4.** Spoon the mincemeat into the pies. Take slightly smaller balls of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies.
- **STEP 5.** Top the pies with their lids, pressing the edges gently together to seal – you don't need to seal them with milk or egg as they will stick on their own. *Will keep frozen for up to one month.*

## *Marriage of April Fredrick and Glenn Levett*



Original members of the Family Eucharist Choir will remember our first soprano, April Fredrick, who led us with her beautiful voice and winning smile. On 22 October, April married Glen Levett at St Anne's Limehouse. A reception followed on the lawn and then at Husk, home of Tower Hamlets Community Church, replete with music, speeches and a ceilidh. We wish April and Glen many years of health and happiness and ask God's blessing on their life together.



# *Readings*

## *December / January*

<b>4 December 22</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 11, 1 – 10 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.10-12	<b>1 January 23</b> <b>Naming of Jesus</b> Numbers 6.22-end Galatians 4.4 – 7 Luke 2.15 - 21
<b>11 December 22</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 35, 1 – 10 James 5.7 – 10 Matthew 11.2 - 11	<b>8 January 23</b> <b>Epiphany</b> Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
<b>18 December 22</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 7, 10 – 16 Romans 1.1 – 7 Matthew 1.18 – end	<b>15 January 23</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b> Isaiah 49.1 – 7 1 Corinthians 1.1 – 9 John 1.29 – 42
<b>24 December 22</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20	<b>22 January 23</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> Isaiah 9.1 – 4 1 Corinthians 1.10 – 18 Matthew 4.12 12- 23
<b>25 December 22</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14	<b>29 January 23</b> <b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas</b> Malachi 3. 1-5 Hebrews 2. 14-end Luke 2. 22-40

# *Calendar*

## *December 2022*

Th 1	Charles de Foucauld, hermit, 1916	Kids for kids
Fr 2		St Peter's Poppets
Sa 3	Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552	Missionaries
<b>Su 4</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>The parish and people</b>
Mo 5		The Katie Piper Foundation
Tu 6	Nicholas, bishop, c 326	The children of our parish
We 7	Ambrose, bishop, teacher of the faith, 357	Hymn writers
Th 8	Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	All mothers
Fr 9	Ember Day	Those preparing for ordination
Sa 10	Ember Day	Theological colleges and courses
<b>Su 11</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>The parish and people</b>
Mo 12		Westminster St Margaret's Deanery
Tu 13	Lucy, martyr, 304	Those who are visually impaired
We 14	John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith, 1591	Spiritual Directors
Th 15		Caxton Youth Club
Fr 16		The Archdeacon of London
Sa 17	<i>O Sapientia – O Wisdom</i>	For the gifts of wisdom and discernment in our faith

# *Calendar*

## *December 2022 (Cont.)*

<b>Sun 18</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>The parish and people</b>
Mo 19	<i>O Radix Jesse – O Root of Jesse</i>	Amnesty International
Tu 20	<i>O Clavis David – O Key of David</i>	Prisoners
We 21	<i>O Oriens – O Morning Star</i>	All hospices
Th 22	<i>O Rex Gentium – O King of the Nations</i>	Charles, our King
Fr 23	<i>O Emmanuel – O God-with-us</i>	The peace of the world
Sa 24	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	The Passage
Su 25	<b>Christmas Day</b>	Praise for the incarnation of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
<b>Mo 26</b>	<b>St Stephen, deacon, protomartyr</b>	All persecuted for their faith
<b>Tu 27</b>	<b>John, Apostle and Evangelist,</b>	Biblical commentators
<b>We 28</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents</b>	The Children's Society
Th 29	Thomas Beckett, Archbishop, martyr, 1170	+Justin. Archbishop of Canterbury
Fr 30		Belgravia Residents' Association
Sat 31	John Wyclif, reformer, 1384	Seeking God's grace as an old year ends and a new year begins

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## *January 2023*

<b>Su1</b>	<b>Christmas 2/Naming of Jesus</b>	<b>The parish and people</b>
Mo 2	Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and 389	Theologians
Tu 3		Westminster Abbey
Wed 4		St Peter's School at the start of a new term
Th 5		Victoria Business Improvement District
Fr 6	[The Epiphany of Our Lord]	A sense of awe and mystery in our worship
Sa 7		The Metropolitan Police
<b>Su 8</b>	<b>The Epiphany of Our Lord</b>	<b>The parish and people</b>
Mo 9	The Baptism of Christ	All to be baptised
Tu 10	William Laud, archbishop, 1645	Liturgists
We 11		The London Ambulance Service
Th 12	Aelred, abbot, 1167	Vocations to the religious life
Fr 13	Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367	St Mellitus College
Sa 14		Glass door project
<b>Su 15</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>The parish and people</b>
Mo16		The UK Parliament
Tu 17	Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356 Charles Gore, bishop, founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932	The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield

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## *January 2023 (cont.)*

We 18	Start of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity (18-25 January)	The visible unity of Christ's Church
Th 19	Wulfstan, bishop, 1095	The Roman Catholic Church
Fr 20	Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349	The Methodist Church
Sa 21	Agnes, child martyr, 304	The Orthodox Church
Sun 22	<b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>The parish and people</b>
Mo 23		The United Reformed Church
Tu 24	Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1622	Pentecostal Churches
We 25	<b>Conversion of St Paul</b>	St Paul's Cathedral
Th 26	Timothy & Titus, companions of St Paul	Adam, Archdeacon of Charing Cross
Fr 27		St Mary's Hospital, Paddington
Sa 28	Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1274	University faculties of Theology
Su 29	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas, transferred</b>	<b>The parish and people</b>
Mo 30	Charles, King and Martyr, 1649	The relationship between Church and State
Tu 31	John Bosco, priest, founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888	Westminster Cathedral



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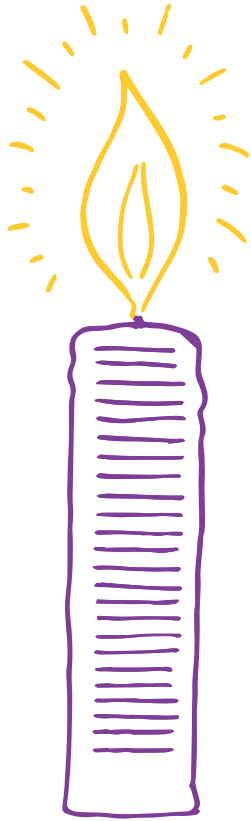
## *LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2022/23*

2022/ 2023	Festival/ Holy Day	Worship
<b>Sun 27 November</b>	First Sunday of Advent	Morning Eucharists at usual times
<b>Sun 4 December</b>	Second Sunday of Advent	Morning Eucharists at usual times 4 pm Christingle for children and families
Sun 11 December	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	Morning Eucharists at usual times <i>Nativity Play in 9.45 am Family Eucharist</i>
Sun 18 December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Morning Eucharists at usual times Parish Carol Service at 6 pm
Sat 24 December	Christmas Eve	Crib Service 4 pm Midnight Mass 11 pm
Sun 25 December	Christmas Day	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.15 am Family Eucharist 9.45 am Choral Eucharist 11.15 am
Sun 1 January	First Sunday of Christmas The Naming of Jesus	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.15 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
<b>Sun 8 January</b>	<b>The Epiphany of Our Lord</b>	Morning Eucharists at usual times
Mon 9 January	The Baptism of Christ	Holy Eucharist at 12.30 pm
Sun 29 January	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	Morning Eucharists at usual times
Wed 22 February	Ash Wednesday	Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 8 am, 9.30 am (School), 12.30 pm, 7 pm
Sun 19 March	Mothering Sunday	Morning Eucharists at usual times
Sun 2 April	Palm Sunday	Holy Communion 8.15 am Family Eucharist 9.45 am <i>Procession of Palms</i> Choral Eucharist 11.15 am

Thurs 6 April	Maundy Thursday	The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday 7 pm
Friday 7 April	Good Friday	The Story of Good Friday 10 am The Liturgy of Good Friday 12 noon
Sat 8 April	Holy Saturday/ Easter Eve	The Easter Vigil 8 pm
Sun 12 April	Easter Day	Holy Communion 8.15 am Family Eucharist 9.45 am Choral Eucharist 11.15 am
Sat 6 May	Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III	
Sun 7 May	The Dedication of S Peter's, Eaton Square	Morning Eucharists at usual times
Thurs 18 May	Ascension Day	Holy Eucharist 12.30 pm Holy Eucharist 7 pm APCM following the Eucharist
Sun 29 May	Pentecost Parish Confirmation	Morning Eucharists at usual times
Sun 4 June	Trinity Sunday	Morning Eucharists at usual times
Thurs 8 June	Corpus Christi	Holy Eucharist at 12.30 pm
Sun 2 June	Peter the Apostle Patronal Festival	Holy Communion 8.15 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
Sun 1 October	Harvest Festival	Holy Communion 8.15 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
Th 2 November	All Souls' Day	Holy Communion 10.30 am Choral Requiem Eucharist 7 pm
Sun 5 November	All Saints' Sunday	Morning Eucharists at usual times
Sun 26 November	Christ the King	Morning Eucharists at usual times

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<b>Hospitality Co-Ordinator</b> Raana Khatabakhsh	<b>Safeguarding Officer</b> Vivien Reed
<b>Parish Magazine Editor</b> Phoebe Hilary	<b>Children's Advocate</b> Sammie Singlehurst
<b>Library</b> Sam Atkins	<b>Bible Reading Fellowship</b> Please contact Parish Office for more information
<b>P.C.C. Members</b> Sarah Armstrong Samantha Atkins Richard Carter Deborah Chapman Annabel Clark Mark Dowsett Mary Drummond Jane Frances Jim Glen John Hilary Michael Johnson Julia Jordon Lee Marshall David Payne Ekenem Peers Alex Porter Judith Richardson Kay Simon Valerie Smith Nancy Wood	<b>Deanery Synod</b> Richard Carter 020 76414230 Jim Glen 020 78211809 Judith Richardson* 020 3268 0055 Valerie Smith 020 78349251 Nancy Wood 07900 493491 *Also Diocesan Synod
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	<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</b> <i><b>Note that all our LEM licenses expired in February, New licenses are being arranged; the following license only has been renewed to tide us over until then.</b></i> Callum Shaw 07365 002204
<b>School Governors</b> Foundation PCC Rev'd Jonathan Kester (Ex Officio) Jim Glen Judith Richardson Rev'd Julie Khovacs	



### LET US PRAY

GOD OUR FATHER,  
AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS  
THE EXCITEMENT IS GROWING,  
JUST AS THE LIGHT FROM THE ADVENT  
WREATH GROWS BRIGHTER,  
WE PRAY THAT THE LIGHT OF JESUS WILL  
GROW BRIGHTER IN OUR LIVES TOO.

TRY WRITING YOUR PRAYER FOR ADVENT BELOW:

DEAR GOD

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AMEN.

### WORD WHEEL

USING THE LETTERS ON THE RIGHT LIST  
WORDS WITH FOUR OR MORE LETTERS  
CONTAINING THE LETTER C. NO PLURALS  
OR NOUNS! TIP: CAN YOU GET TEN?

NOW TRY TO MAKE ONE SPECIAL WORD USING ALL NINE LETTERS.







## ADVENT CALENDAR

FOLLOW THE SEASON OF ADVENT BY  
COLOURING EACH DAY AS IT COMES

O STAR OF WONDER, STAR OF NIGHT,  
 STAR WITH ROYAL BEAUTY BRIGHT,  
 WESTWARD LEADING, STILL PROCEEDING,  
 GUIDE US TO THY PERFECT LIGHT.  
 JOHN HENRY HOPKINS (1820-1891)

EPIPHANY

THREE WISE MEN

CAN YOU UNSCAMBLE THE NAMES OF THE KINGS  
 AND THEIR PRECIOUS GIFTS?

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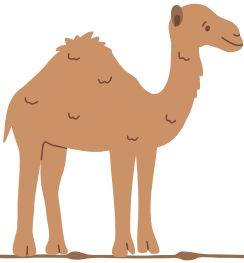
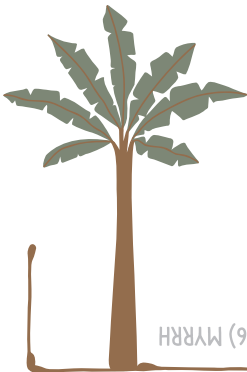
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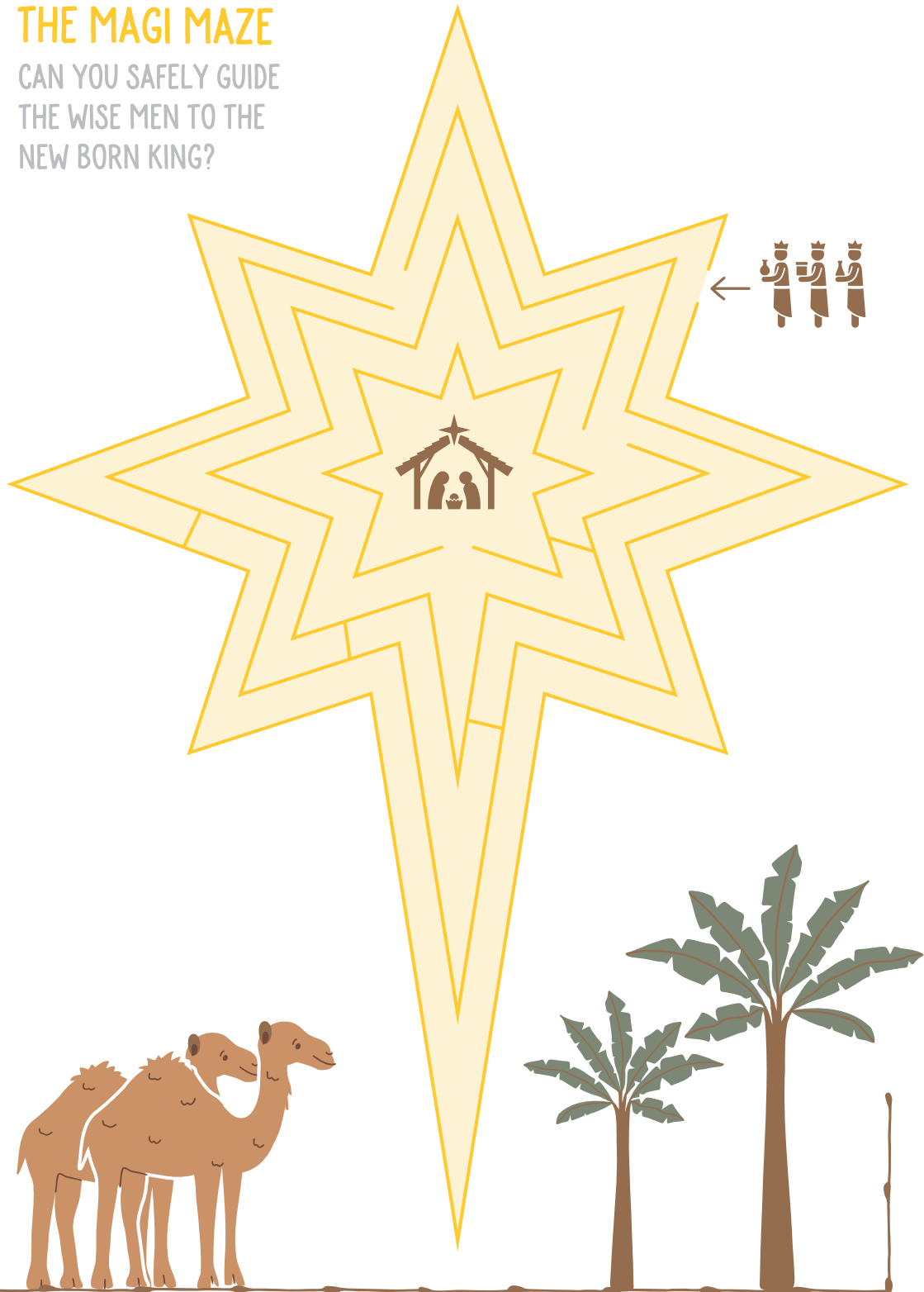
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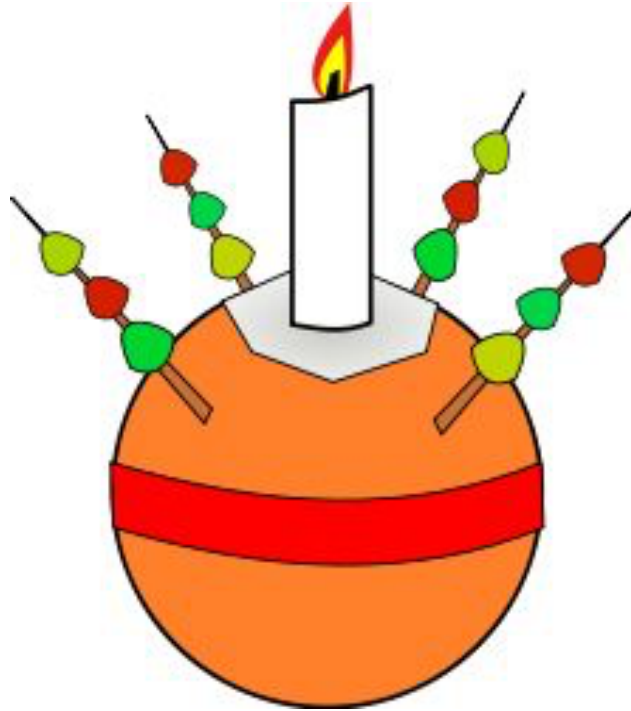
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## THE MAGI MAZE

CAN YOU SAFELY GUIDE  
THE WISE MEN TO THE  
NEW BORN KING?



# ST PETER'S EATON SQUARE



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2022 4 PM

FOLLOWED BY A PARTY IN THE  
PARISH HALL!

A collection will be taken in aid of The Children's Society



**ST PETER'S  
EATON SQUARE**

# *Christmas*

## **CAROL SINGING**

**Seasonal Music with  
the Children of  
St Peter Eaton Square School,  
Choir and Audience Carols  
for the Whole Family**

**Monday 5th of December**

**12 - 1.30 pm**

**Victoria Station in front of WH Smith**



# ST PETER'S EATON SQUARE

## Services for Advent and Christmas

### SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, ADVENT 1

**8:15am BCP; 9:45am Family Eucharist; 11:15am Choral**

**Eucharist** *Music: Missa Canonica, Brahms,  
Warum ist das Licht gegeben dem Mühseligen, Brahms*

### SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER, ADVENT 2

**8:15am BCP; 9:45am Family Eucharist; 11:15am Choral**  
**Eucharist** *Music: Missa Salve intemerata Virgo, Tallis, Alma redemptoris  
mater, Fernandes*

#### **4pm Christingle Service**

### SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER, ADVENT 3

**8:15am BCP; 9:45am Family Eucharist with Nativity Play;  
11:15am Choral Eucharist**

*Music: Missa Domine da nobis auxilium, Crecquillon  
Pater peccavi, Crecquillon*

### SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER, ADVENT 4

**8:15am BCP; 9:45am Family Eucharist; 11:15am Choral**  
**Eucharist**

*Music: Missa Ave Virgo sanctissima, de Ghersem, Ave Virgo sanctissima,  
Guerrero*

#### **6pm Parish Carol Service**

With Christmas carols and music, followed by mulled wine and mince  
pies

### SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS EVE

**4pm Crib Service for children and families**

#### **11pm Midnight Mass**

*Music: Messe de minuit pour Noel, Charpentier,  
In nativitatem Domini canticum, Charpentier,  
Hodie Christus natus est, Clérambault*

### SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS DAY

**8:15am BCP; 9:45am Family Eucharist; 11:15am Choral**  
**Eucharist**

*Music: Missa Puer natus est nobis, Tallis; Verbum caro factum est, Sheppard*

### SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 2023, THE NAMING OF JESUS

**8:15am BCP; 10:30 Parish Eucharist with carols**

### SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 2023, THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY

**8:15am BCP; 9:45am Family Eucharist; 11:15am Choral**  
**Eucharist**

# ST PETER'S EATON SQUARE

## SERVICE TIMES:

### **Sunday Morning Services**

BCP Holy Communion	08:15
Family Eucharist at	09:45
Sung Eucharist with our world-class choir	11:15

### **Weekday Eucharist**

Monday to Friday	12.30
Also Wednesday	08.00

**Morning prayer:** Monday - Friday at 08:00am (Excluding Wednesday)

**Evening prayer:** Monday - Friday at 5.00pm

We are open for private prayer Monday – Friday 8.00am – 5.00pm



## The Westminster Food Bank needs donations more than ever!

There are ways we can continue to help the most vulnerable in our society... Please bring in your non-perishable food for the Foodbank. Contact Rev'd Julie for information on where to leave donations. Our volunteers will deliver them to the Food Bank promptly. Financial support is also appreciated.

I was hungry, and you fed me...  
(Matt 25.35)

The Westminster Foodbank is based at Westminster Chapel and provides three days' - worth of nutritionally balanced (non-perishable) food to residents in the Borough of Westminster experiencing financial crisis, through a voucher scheme. It is part of a nationwide network of Foodbanks.