



THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST MATTHEW • NORTHAMPTON

# SERVICES AND MUSIC

## DECEMBER 2024

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### SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER *The First Sunday of Advent*

#### 10:15 **All Age Mass**

The Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*  
Thou shalt know him when he comes *Sirett*  
Organ Voluntary: A Trumpet Gavotte *Tambling*

#### 16:00 **The Advent Procession**

Organ Voluntary: Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen *Brahms*  
Matin Responsory *Palestrina* • O gracious light *Helvey* •  
This is the truth sent from above *Traditional* • A tender shoot *Goldschmidt* •  
Adam lay ybounden *Ord* • Never weather-beaten sail *Shephard* •  
Mary's Magnificat *Carter* • And I saw a new heaven *Bainton* •  
And the glory of The Lord [Messiah] *Handel*  
Organ Voluntary: Hymn Fantasy on "Helmsley" [Opus 72 No.1] *Leighton*

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### SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER *The Second Sunday of Advent*

#### 10:15 **The Parish Mass**

Mass of the Altar of Life *Halls* Benedictus  
The truth from above *Traditional*  
Organ Voluntary: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645 *J.S. Bach*

#### 17:30 **Congregational Evensong**

Responses *Ferial* • Canticles *Chant* REH 19, 6  
Psalm 75  
Organ Voluntary: Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn BWV 601 *J.S. Bach*

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### SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER *The Third Sunday of Advent*

#### 10:15 **The Parish Mass**

Mass of the Altar of Life *Halls* [K] Psalm 146 vv4-10  
Mass in D *Leighton*  
Zion, at thy shining gates *Guest*  
Organ Voluntary: Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter BWV 650 *J.S. Bach*

#### 17:30 **Choral Evensong with Benediction**

Responses *Plainsong* REH 7, 24  
Psalm 50 vv1-6  
Canticles *Plainsong*  
This is the record of John *Gibbons*  
Organ Voluntary: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661 *J.S. Bach*

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### SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER

#### 19:00 **Carols by Candlelight**

The Choir of St Matthew's Church  
Thomas Moore, Paul Weston *conductors*  
*Tickets: £10 under 18s Free*  
*Available on the door or via the Eventbrite website*



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**SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER**  
*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**10:15 The Parish Mass** Psalm 80 vv1-8  
Mass of the Altar of Life [K] *Halls*

Missa de Angelis *Plainsong*

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came *Basque Traditional*

Organ Voluntary: Fuga sopra il Magnificat BWV 733 *J.S. Bach*

**16:00 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree *Poston* • Sussex Carol *Traditional arr. Ledger* •

The holly and the ivy *Nixon* • How beautiful upon the mountains *Stainer* •

There is no rose *Joubert* • I saw three ships *Lloyd* •

Shepherd's pipe carol *Rutter* • The Three Kings *Cornelius*

Organ Voluntaries: In dulci jubilo BWV 729 *J.S. Bach* • Grand Choeur in D *Guilmant*

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**TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER**  
*Christmas Eve*

**16:00 Crib and Christingle Service**

**23:30 Midnight Mass of the Nativity and Blessing of the Crib**

Mass in G *Schubert*

Candlelight Carol *Rutter*

Organ Voluntary: Carillon-Sortie *Mulet*

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**WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER**  
*The Nativity of the Lord*  
*Christmas Day*

**10:15 The Parish Mass** Angelus domini

Mass of the Altar of Life [G] *Halls*

Communion Service in G *Jackson*

Away in a manger *Arr. T Moore*

Organ Voluntary: Toccata on "Vom Himmel hoch" *Edmundson*

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**SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER**  
*The First Sunday of Christmas*

**10:15 The Parish Mass** Angelus domini

The Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

Organ Voluntary: Menuet Gothique [Suite Gothique, Opus 25, ii] *Boëllmann*

**17:30 BCP Evening Prayer** Angelus domini

Psalm 132

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**WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY**  
*The Holy Name of Jesus*

**10:15 The Parish Mass** Angelus domini

The Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

Organ Voluntary: In dir ist Freude BWV 615 *J.S. Bach*