



THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST MATTHEW • NORTHAMPTON

# SERVICES AND MUSIC

## DECEMBER 2025

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### SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

#### 10:15 All Age Mass

Mass of the altar of life *Halls*

A tender shoot *Goldschmidt*

Organ Voluntary: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645 *J.S. Bach*

#### 17:30 Choral Evensong

REH 8, 10(498ii)

Responses *Plainsong*

Psalm 11

Canticles *Plainsong*

Rejoice in the Lord alway *Purcell*

Organ Voluntary: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BuxWV 211 *Buxtehude*

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### SATURDAY 13 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 14 DECEMBER

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

#### 10:15 The Parish Mass

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

Psalm 146 vv4-10

Missa de Angelis [S,B,A] *Plainsong*

E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come *Manz*

Organ Voluntary: Toccata on Veni Emmanuel *Carter*

#### 17:30 Congregational Evensong

REH 575, 344

Responses *Ferial* • Canticles *Chant*

Psalm 12

Organ Voluntary: Ut queant laxis [Le Tombeau de Titelouze, Opus 38] *Dupré*

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### SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

#### 10:15 The Parish Mass

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

Psalm 80 vv1-8

Mass of the quiet hour [S,B,A] *Oldroyd*

Gabriel's message *Basque arr. Pettman*

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

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

In dulci jubilo *arr. Chilcott* •

This is the truth sent from above *arr. Vaughan Williams* • Balulalow *Warlock* •

How beautiful upon the mountains *Stainer* •

A spotless rose *Howells* • Ding, dong! Merrily on high *arr. Wilberg* •

Candlelight carol *Rutter* • We Three Kings *Hopkins arr. Stopford*

Organ Voluntaries: In dulci jubilo BWV 729 *J.S. Bach*

Fantasia in G BWV 572 *J.S. Bach*



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<b>WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<b>16:00</b>	<b>Crib and Christingle Service</b>	
	<b>23:30</b>	<b>Midnight Mass of the Nativity and Blessing of the Crib</b> Mass in C [K220] "Spatzenmesse" Mozart O magnum mysterium Lauridsen Organ Voluntary: Carillon de Westminster [Opus 54] Vierende	
<b>THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER</b> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> <i>Christmas Day</i>	<b>10:15</b>	<b>The Parish Mass</b> Mass of the Altar of Life [G] Halls Missa Sancti Johannis de Deo Haydn In the bleak midwinter Darke Organ Voluntary: Fantaisie sur deux Noël's [Opus 5 No.8] Bonnet	Angelus domini
	<b>10:15</b>	<b>The Parish Mass</b> The Mass of St Thomas Thorne Organ Voluntary: Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her BWV700 J.S. Bach	Angelus domini
<b>SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER</b> <i>The First Sunday of Christmas</i>	<b>17:30</b>	<b>BCP Evening Prayer</b> Psalm 132	
	<b>10:15</b>	<b>The Parish Mass</b> The Mass of St Thomas Thorne Organ Voluntary: In dir ist Freude BWV 615 J.S. Bach	Angelus domini Psalm 8
<b>THURSDAY 1 JANUARY</b> <i>The Holy Name of Jesus</i>	<b>10:15</b>	<b>The Parish Mass</b> The Mass of St Thomas Thorne Organ Voluntary: Interlude on "God rest ye merry, gentlemen" [6 Interludes on Christmas Carols, No.6] Lloyd Webber	Angelus domini Psalm 147 vv13-21
	<b>17:30</b>	<b>Congregational Evensong</b> Responses Ferial • Canticles Chant Organ Voluntary: Pastorale "Gesù, bambino" Yon	REH 503, 29 Psalm 135