

The prophet Zephaniah calls for rejoicing and singing at the removal of God's judgement on his people and the turning away of their enemies. God is in their midst, the outcast will be gathered in and their previous shame changed into praise. **On this third Sunday in Advent**, we also join John the Baptist in preparing for the joyful news to be brought by Jesus. But what kind of joy do we expect? And does it come with surprises and the need for action? **Confident in the promises of the one who prophesies that all flesh shall see the salvation of God, through the Son we bring our prayers to the Father.** We pray that the church will be blessed with the vision and courage to share Christ's Gospel message through language and activities that speak clearly to this generation. Among the leaders of the world, may compassion, wisdom and humility prevail in order that all can live in safety and peace. We pray for our neighbourhoods and local communities, giving thanks for those who serve as volunteers, caring for us and our environment. May all who are struggling with mental, physical or spiritual suffering of any kind find others to walk with them in their pain and bring them to a place of healing. Bringing before you those who have asked for our prayers we pray for: Jennifer, Nicky, Tessa, Claire, Nick, George, Rebecca, Sally, and Clare. We pray too for all those who are bereaved and find Christmas such a difficult time. May they know God's comfort and peace at this time.

Welcome to Scott Broadwood children and staff!

Who are joining us for our annual Parish 9 Lessons and Carols this year. **Today at the new time of 4pm.** Come and listen to our children's nativity songs and reading, join in with some carol singing and share some Christmas refreshments after the service!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! for all your generosity in providing the beautiful food for our Christmas Hampers - and to Jessie and Leigh in their beautiful organisation as ever. We will have made 12 hampers in all!

Church Club at Scott Broadwood School

We have just finished another very happy term with 32 children joining us for our weekly after school club. We hope that the children enjoyed their Christmas party last Friday and look forward to performing their Nativity play this next week? Happy Christmas children and staff!

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Parish of Capel and Ockley

Sunday
15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

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9.30 Parish Communion with blessing of the crib - Ockley
4pm Parish Nine Lessons and Carols with Scott Broadwood School - Capel *followed by seasonal refreshments*

Tuesday 17th December - Women of the Nativity

3pm Study group meets for 'Mary's Story' at 1 Old Barn Drive

Sunday 22nd December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30 Holy Communion BCP - Ockley
10.30 Morning Worship - Capel

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service - Capel
11pm Midnight Communion - Capel

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Celebration Communion - Ockley
10am Christmas Day Worship - Capel

Sunday 29th December

9.30 Parish Service of Matins - Ockley

Every Wednesday 9 - 12 Pavilion Café in Ockley, Cricket Pavilion with visit from Community Fridge

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.
Philippians 4.4-7

In case of changes to events in these notes, the latest information can be found on:

www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/events-calendar/

