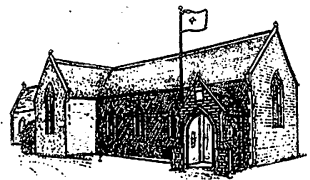
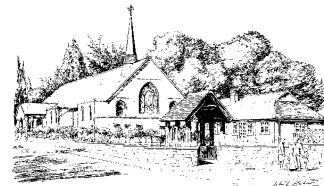


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 17 Dec	<i>O Sapientia</i>	Noon	Confessions	HA	
		5.00pm	Confession Available	HA	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	<i>Fr Louis Kenny (RIP)</i>
Sun 18 Dec	4th Sunday of Advent	9.15am	Sunday Mass (FHC Led)	HF	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	<i>Mario Grima (RIP)</i>
Mon 19 Dec	<i>O Radix Jesse</i>	No Mass	Fr Robin's Day off		
Tue 20 Dec	<i>O Clavis David</i>	9.30am	Mass	HF	
Wed 21 Dec	<i>O Oriens</i>	9.30am	Mass	HA	<i>Fr Jim Martin</i>
Thur 22 Dec	<i>O Rex Gentium</i>	10.45am	Requiem Mass	HF	Sheila McGinty
		6.30pm	Adoration (w/ Confession)	HF	
		7.30pm	Mass	HF	
Fri 23 Dec	<i>O Emmanuel</i>	9.30am	Mass	HA	
		4.00pm	Carols Service including carols in our native languages	HA	
Sat 24 Dec	Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Family Christmas Mass & Crib blessing	HF	
		10.30pm	Carols	HA	
		11.00pm	Midnight Mass	HA	
Sun 25 Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY	9.15am	Christmas Day Mass	HF	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
		11.00am	Christmas Day Mass	HA	

Fr Robin will be taking his Christmas break during the following week

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Ash Churches Together Advent Services

An opportunity to gather with our local brothers and sisters in Christ to prepare together for Christmas 7.00pm

Mon 19th Dec St Pauls Church, Tongham

Joy

Advent Songs & prayer

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IF YOU WILL BE AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS FR ROBIN AND DEACON JOHN WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS IN ADVANCE AND THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN GENEROUS WITH GRADS AND GIFTS

Christmas Offertory Collection

Although the tradition that the Christmas offertory collection is given to the parish priest as a thank you for his ministry does not apply directly at our churches it is of course open to parishioners to make an increased offering

at Christmas to support their parish church for the coming year which will see significant increases in our costs, for example from energy prices. At this time of year we are particularly aware of the generous love of God and one of the ways we can give a birthday present to Jesus is through our giving. (And while as a married priest Fr Robin is enumerated by the parish slightly differently it is still your offertory which provides for this.) The offertory basket will of course be available before and after Mass, but do not forget the Dona machine which includes a special button for Christmas offering which will be available until the end of the Christmas season.

Second Collection
Christmas Flowers - 18 December

Crib Collection
Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis fund



Step by Step offers accommodation and specialist support to 367 young people each night. By donating to our Open Doors appeal, you can help support vulnerable young people over the festive period and beyond. Just £33 could cover the cost of accommodating a young person for one night. To donate to this appeal, please visit www.stepbystep.org.uk. Together, we can open doors for young people with nowhere else to turn.

Advent Group - Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother. Make a visit to the Holy Land, and walk with the young virgin of Nazareth to the Birth of Jesus. As she makes a profound journey of faith she can inspire us in our own walk with God as disciples of her son.

After Wednesday morning mass, 10am at Holy Angels 21 Dec

Tuesday Evenings 7.30pm - Tue 20 Dec

The evening session will be on zoom, with the link sent to everyone on the church membership database, and available from the parish office.
holyofficesurrey@gmail.com

Christmas Service Times at Ash & Heath End

Sat 17 Dec HA Noon Reconciliation and Adoration at Holy Angels

Friday 23 December International Carol Service Holy Angels 4.00pm An opportunity to sing carols in English and in some of the different languages represented in our churches.

Christmas Eve

**Sat 24 Dec HF 5pm Family Mass & Crib blessing
HA 10.30pm Carols and Readings: at
 11.00pm Midnight Mass begins.
 Christmas Day**

**Sat 25 Dec HF 9.15am Mass of Christmas Day
HA 11.00am Mass of Christmas Day**

Bishop Richard has published a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese, *The Word Who Is Life, 2022*. You can read and download the new Plan on the diocesan website.
<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan>

As the weather turns colder don't forget that there is an opportunity for warmth, conversation and coffee in the week after our Tuesday and Wednesday morning masses.

Infant Baptism - our next preparation evening is on 11 Jan. Forms and information are available from the back of both churches.

**Who is Jesus and why should you be a catholic?
Come and See!**

In the new year we will begin another cycle of adult exploration of the faith using the sycamore course. This is the route for Adult Baptism, Adult Confirmation, and reception into the Catholic Church if you are already a baptised Christian.

However the first sessions are a simple invitation to come and see and find out a bit more. If you are curious about the faith, about why we believe in Jesus, or know someone who might like to explore these questions please express your interest!

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-gospel-according-to-st-matthew/>

In The birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ according to St Matthew. This four-part audio series features the voices of over 20 Catholics living and working in England and Wales. Our contributors hail from more than 10 countries – including Poland, Malta, Burma, Spain, USA and the home countries – showing the rich diversity of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

A New Year's Resolution. This year I discovered Fr Mike Scmitz's podcast *The Bible in a Year* where he reads and comments on the whole Bible, using Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline to help us make sense of the narrative of the Bible. I found this enormously helpful and would really like to encourage us as a parish to take up this challenge for the coming year.

It's so easy to find the Bible difficult to read, or confusing, or disjointed with the snippets we get of certain books at mass. Make this your New Year's resolution and grow closer to God letting him share his love and plan for your life with you.

It's easy to find on any podcast app or go to the ascension press website to find the reading plan and other links.
<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

The Catholic Union is encouraging all Catholics in the UK to make their voice heard on the issue of assisted suicide. As we kneel before the baby in the manger we need to renew our commitment to protect the most vulnerable members of our society at all stages of life.

The arguments against assisted suicide are as strong as ever, but we need to make sure they are heard loudly and clearly by decision makers. The role of the Catholic laity in this is vital.

<https://catholicunion.org.uk/2022/12/assisted-suicide-survey/>

The Parish Office is currently normally open on Wednesday and Friday Mornings. Please use the normal telephone number (01252 321 422) and parish email address: holyofficesurrey@gmail.com

