

SAINT JOHN'S, HIGHAM

Parish of Higham (S.John & S.Mary) with Merston
Diocese of Rochester, Church of England.

Under the episcopal care of the Bishop of Fulham

Parish Bulletin - Week Beginning:
Sunday 17th December 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

O Sapientia



8.45am Morning Prayer *said*
9.30am THE PARISH MASS *sung*
with Holy Baptism of Koa Weekly
5.30pm Holy Hour within *said*
the Evening Offices

BEFORE SOLEMN MASS

A blessing prayer is said over the Advent wreath
with this response: **Blessed be God for ever.**
The 3rd Advent candle is lit: A short prayer follows.
Please keep the **SILENCE** until the first hymn

TODAY'S HYMNS & READINGS are in a pamphlet
The **SERVICE** words are in the blue booklet

KOA ASTER WEEKLY

We welcome Koa today; and his family and friends -
especially his parents Alicia and Sean;
and his Godparents: Emily, Lee, Rachel and Scott -
who join with us in celebrating his
baptism into the death and resurrection of our
Saviour, Jesus Christ, and also into membership of his
community of faith, the Church.

LARGE PRINT VERSIONS OF THIS
AND THE SERVICE AVAILABLE
A Hearing Aid Loop System is in use ('T' setting)

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Weekday Masses

18th-23rd Dec. 2017

Advent Week 3

Mon-6.30pm; Tue-7.30pm;

Wed-9.30am; Thu-7.30pm;

Fri--9.30am; Sat-9.30am.

CELEBRATION

M Advent FERIA ~ O Adonai
T Advent FERIA ~ O Radix
W Advent FERIA ~ O Clavis
Th Advent FERIA ~ O Oriens
F Advent FERIA ~ O Rex
S Advent FERIA ~ O Emmanuel

INTENTION

Step-family relationships
Childless couples
Expectant mothers
The widowed & bereaved
The lonely & unloved
Our servers and Singers

The Daily Morning Prayer: 9am (Sunday 8.45am)
Offices Evening Prayer: 6pm (Tu. & Th.7pm)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THIS WEEK

Persecuted & Refugee peoples esp. fellow Christians

Baptism: Koa baptised on Sunday; those preparing for it.
The Sick: Arthur Blacknell, Sylvie Coffin, Vera Croker,
Pamela Ford, Edward Hance, Sharon Newman, Ian
Paternoster, Winnie Penney, Dorne, Jackie, Michael &
Ann, *the housebound chronically ill and the dying.*

+RIP: Reginald Merrison, Janet Wright, Karen Sheppard.
+RIP **Anniversaries:** 17th-Reecey Bridgeman, Clive
Wilber, David Bate, 18th-Rosina George, Peter Horne, 19th-
Michael Houghton *Bishop*, 20th-John Harris, Doris
Parkinson, Stephen Aspinall, Joan Kent, 21st-Ivy Wotton,
Lily Pearce, 23rd Joseph Hindle *Priest* Matthias Barker *Child*

Please NOTE: The Sick / RIP lists are completely
revised on the first Sunday of each month

Requests/renewals to be made via the intercession box

The shrine lamps this week are sponsored this week as
A memorial of WILLIAM SOUTHWARD +RIP
29th Dec. 1921 - 12th Dec. 1979

2018 LAMP SPONSORSHIP LIST now available

Annual XMAS Leaflets: A few roads left - YOUR church
needs YOUR help to get these through every door PLEASE.

BIG CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD - as in previous years this
will be to each other (Church-members) and your
donations will go to House of Mercy Hostel, Gravesend

OUR FOODBANK DONATION brought forward to
this weekend 15th-18th Dec. No collection here end Dec.

Pre-Christmas Confessions: Fridays 6.30pm or by appointment

Next Sunday 4th Sunday of Advent 24th Dec '17

9.30^{am} Parish Mass *Mass Intention 'The Parish*
After Sunday Mass the Church will be prepared for
Christmas. All Hands on Deck please!!

Services in PREPARATION for CHRISTMAS

Carols by Candlelight at 5pm Friday 22nd December

Crib & Carols at 5pm Sunday 24th December

Services AT CHRISTMAS-TIDE

Monday 25th DEC. - CHRISTMAS DAY

Midnight Mass; starting at Midnight Day Mass - at 10am

Wednesday 27th at 7.30pm Sung Mass for S.JOHN'S DAY

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