

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## Fourth Sunday in Advent

*Rorate cæli*

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Today's Hymns: *Hymnal Supplement* 9, 357, 627: 1–4, 352

### Catechism

**P** The First Commandment

**C** You shall have no other gods.

**P** What is this?

**C** We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

*Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.*

### Volunteer Rota

	Music:	Sunday School 1:	Sunday School 2:	Teas:
Today:	Hanna	Sarah	Carol	Carol
Christmas Eve	TBC	—	—	—
Christmas Day	Hanna	—	—	??
Next week:				

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## In Our Prayers

### Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina

### Family of members

Alex, Sarah & family; Marie (medical testing); Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Anniss (health); Doug & Myra (health); Jack Fast (dementia); Barry (old age); Jacqui (broken ankle); Howard (medical tests); Žanna (health)

### Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Jim Ferguson (stroke); Dell (spinal injury); Becky Varsogea (brain tumour); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John (cancer); Brian (cancer); Gina & family; Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Jenny (health); David, Michael,

Fiona & family (health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne & Richard (health); Brandon (recovery from surgery); Joan (death of brother)

### Local Community

Tina (depression); Treacher family; Leanne (chronic pain); Alison (cancer); family of †Phil Jones

### ELCE

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Pr. Edge; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Brian & family (bereavement)

### The Church of God

European Lutheran Conference; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; St. John's CoffE; Amir [Ilahi] family, Jawid (persecution)

## Christmas

*John Betjeman*

The bells of waiting Advent ring,  
The Tortoise stove is lit again  
And lamp-oil light across the night  
Has caught the streaks of winter rain  
In many a stained-glass window sheen  
From Crimson Lake to Hookers Green.

The holly in the windy hedge  
And round the Manor House the yew  
Will soon be stripped to deck the ledge,  
The altar, font and arch and pew,  
So that the villagers can say  
'The church looks nice' on Christmas Day.

Provincial Public Houses blaze,  
Corporation tramcars clang,  
On lighted tenements I gaze,  
Where paper decorations hang,  
And bunting in the red Town Hall  
Says 'Merry Christmas to you all'.

And London shops on Christmas Eve  
Are strung with silver bells and flowers  
As hurrying clerks the City leave  
To pigeon-haunted classic towers,  
And marbled clouds go scudding by  
The many-steepled London sky.

And girls in slacks remember Dad,  
And oafish louts remember Mum,  
And sleepless children's hearts are glad.  
And Christmas-morning bells say 'Come!'  
Even to shining ones who dwell  
Safe in the Dorchester Hotel.

And is it true,  
This most tremendous tale of all,  
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,  
A Baby in an ox's stall?  
The Maker of the stars and sea  
Become a Child on earth for me?

And is it true? For if it is,  
No loving fingers tying strings  
Around those tissue fripperies,  
The sweet and silly Christmas things,  
Bath salts and inexpensive scent  
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,  
No carolling in frosty air,  
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells  
Can with this single Truth compare—  
That God was man in Palestine  
And lives today in Bread and Wine.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This Week

Today	3 pm	Bible Study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission
Mon	11 pm	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Midnight Mass
Tue	10 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Christmas Day
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

### Further Ahead

2 Jan	10.45 am	Pastor's drop-in (Highlands Hub)
5 Jan	4 pm	<b>Epiphany Feast:</b> Service of Readings and Carols for Epiphany, followed by a dinner (Scout Hall)
6 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club (tbc)
9 Jan	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
10 Jan	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
13 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Voters' Assembly report deadline</i>
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
16 Jan	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
17 Jan	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
20 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.15 pm	Voters' Assembly
	6 pm	Youth Club

### **Daily Readings:**

Sun: Isaiah 43:25–44:20 Revelation 11:1–19 *Large Catechism I:199–210*

Mon: Is 44:21–45:13, 20–25 *Daniel 10:1–12:13 and Isaiah 48:1–22* Rev 12:1–17 *LC I:211–221*

Tue: Is 49:1–18 Matthew 1:1–17 *LC I:222–233*

Wed: Is 49:22–26; 50:4–51:8, 12–16 Matt 1:18–25 *LC I:234–244*

Thu: Is 51:17–52:12 Matt 2:1–12 *LC I:245–253*

Fri: Is 52:13–54:10 Matt 2:13–23 *LC I:254–262*

Sat: Is 55:1–13 Luke 1:1–25 *LC I:263–275*

Sun: Is 58:1–59:3, 14–21 Luke 1:26–38 *LC I:276–291*