

*Dear friends,*

Sunday 5 December

- 9.30 am **Worship at North Hillingdon** led by Majek Kuyoro
- 11.00 am **Worship at Hayes End (Praise Service with members of the Boys Brigade)** led by the Revd Ken Kingston
- 11.00 am **Worship at Hayes** led by Cathy Smith
- 4.00 pm **Circuit Carols at the Lighthouse Centre** South Ruislip, HA4 ONL



Sunday 12 December

- 9.30 am **Worship at North Hillingdon** led by the member of the congregation
- 11.00 am **Worship at Hayes End** (Carol Service) led by members of the congregation
- 11.00 am **Worship at Hayes (with Communion)** led by the Revd Ken Kingston
- 6.00 pm **Christingle Service at North Hillingdon** led by the Revd Ken Kingston

With news of increasing cases of Covid and the Omicron variant, all churches are working hard to remain as safe as possible. We continue to encourage mask-wearing, social distancing, registering attendance and hand washing/sanitising. And when you are invited for another booster vaccination, please go along.

For those still unsure about returning to 'face-to-face' worship, you can join Ruislip Manor who stream their service ([www.youtube.com/channel/UCjLbCitLuwAJL2wYdzK57EQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjLbCitLuwAJL2wYdzK57EQ)) and Christ Church as they share their service on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/christchurchuxbridge](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchuxbridge)).

Please continue to take care and stay safe.

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## Second Sunday of Advent: Angel

This year we are focusing on four common Christmas tree decorations in Advent. Last week, it was tinsel; this week it's an angel.

So whenever you look at a tree and see one of the decorations, hopefully that will be a reminder to you.

*You can join the lighting of candles either in church, or in your own home.*

I have been at a number of school nativity plays this week. There always seems to be a pecking order of roles. Mary seems to be the most coveted, but the angel Gabriel comes a pretty close second. There you can see

someone (usually a girl) in a dress or flowing white robes, often with a tinsel halo. More often than not they look a little like a fairy.

But in both the Old and the New Testament you'll soon spot that angels are very different creatures. The thing they seem to have in common is that they all have a message to deliver, whether it be to Elijah (1 Kings 19) or in the Christmas story.

Sometimes the message is one of encouragement, such as Elijah being encouraged to eat. Sometimes, it is news to give, like Gabriel telling Mary (Luke 1) and Joseph (Matthew 1) that she will have a baby. And sometimes

it is an action to be performed – whether it is the shepherds invited to be the first visitors to meet the baby Jesus (Luke 2), or Joseph, Mary and Jesus having to flee for their lives (Matthew 2).

This advent, you may not be visited by an angel, but be alert to what God might be saying to you.

And consider how you might be an angel to someone else with an action or message of love, or hope or of peace. You may be the one who brings the message of Christmas alive to someone who needs to hear it.

### Advent Liturgy - Angel

May angels be a reminder to us of the messages and the foretelling of the Messiah who was to come. The angels remind us of the messages to Mary, to Joseph, and to the shepherds. May that message of good news be lived out in our lives each day.

(We light our second candle as a reminder of the messages of the angels and the promise held within. *Light candle.*)

#### Prayer

Advent God,  
as we journey in Advent,  
may we listen amid the frenetic voices  
for the message of the Angels  
and the promise of the kingdom.  
May the flickering of our candle  
focus our minds and still our thoughts  
and help us to know the angel's message.  
Amen.

### Midweek Communion

Before the restrictions caused By Covid in March 2020, we held a Communion Service at Aston House Care Home in Hayes End on the second Wednesday of the month.



We are not able (yet) to return to the care home, but will be resuming the service at **11.00 am on Wednesday 8 December**, and then on every second Wednesday of the month.

## Sundays on the BBC

### 5 December 2021

**8.10 am Sunday Worship** **BBC Radio 4**  
*The Dawn from on High* – recorded in the Chapel of Girton College, Cambridge.

**1.15 pm Songs of Praise** **BBC 1**  
*Young Chorister of the Year (Final)* – six of the best young choristers in the UK perform a Christmas carol before one is crowned the 2021 champion.

### 12 December 2021

**8.10 am Sunday Worship** **BBC Radio 4**  
*Jazz Carols* – a service of jazz carols from Highfields Church, Cardiff, led by the Revd Dave Gobbett.

**1.15 pm Songs of Praise** **BBC 1**  
*Festive Joy in Lincoln* – the home of a famous and popular Christmas market.

### Open House at the Manse

**Save the date: Monday 20 December**

Join us for manse pies and other refreshments at the manse on the afternoon and evening of Monday 20 December. From 4.00 pm onwards. Everyone and all ages are welcome.

## Christmas Services

### 12 December

9.30 am *Worship at North Hillingdon*  
11.00 am *Carol Service at Hayes End*  
11.00 am *Worship at Hayes (with Communion)*  
6.00 pm *Christingle Service at North Hillingdon*

### 15 December

3.30 pm *Community Carols at North Hillingdon*

### 19 December

9.30 am *Worship at North Hillingdon (Communion)*  
11.00 am *Worship at Hayes End*  
11.00 am *All Age Worship at Hayes*  
4.00 pm *Carols around the Tree at North Hillingdon*

### 24 December (Christmas Eve)

11.30 pm *Midnight Eve Communion at Hayes End*

### 25 December (Christmas Day)

9.30 am *Worship at North Hillingdon*  
11.00 am *Worship at Hayes*

### 26 December (Boxing Day)

9.30 am *Worship at North Hillingdon*

11.00 am ***Worship at Hayes End***