

## Advent and Christmas Services and Events

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

- 6 pm **The Advent Procession** sung by the Cathedral Choir  
One of the year's most dramatic services as the procession  
moves from darkness to light.  
Words and music focus on the Advent themes of light in darkness,  
hope in despair, and a new relationship with God in Christ.

**Saturday 12<sup>st</sup> December**

- 5 pm **A Ceremony of Carols\***  
Benjamin Britten's sequence for Christmas  
The Choristers and Vicars Choral of St Paul's Cathedral  
with Sioned Williams *harp*  
Entry free, no tickets required

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

- 6.30 pm **A Celebration of Christmas\***  
Music, carols and readings with celebrity readers  
The Choir of St Paul's Cathedral, City of London Sinfonia  
Simon Johnson *organ*, Andrew Carwood *conductor*  
Entry free, no tickets required,  
but please note there is limited capacity

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

- 11 am **Family Carols\***  
Enjoy Christmas favourites in a service lasting 45 minutes  
Sung by the Chamber Choir, Cantate.  
Children especially welcome.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

- 4 pm **Christmas Carol Service\***

\* These services are usually very popular, so you are advised to arrive early.

# Thanksgiving Day Service for the American Community in London

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
11 am

## WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition (Church of England) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 1400 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition. Our regular worshippers, supported by nearly 150 members of staff and a large number of volunteers, make up the cathedral community.

We are committed to the diversity, equal opportunities and personal and spiritual development of all who work and worship here because we are followers of Jesus Christ. We are a Fairtrade Cathedral and use fairly traded communion wine at all celebrations of the Eucharist. Thank you for being with us today. If you need any help, please ask a member of staff. Please be assured of our continuing prayers for you when you go back to your homes and places of worship.



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.

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## This Year's Designated Charity

The London Churches Refugee Fund  
Charity Number: 1121108

The London Churches Refugee Fund is a charity that raises money to give small grants to organisations assisting refugees and asylum-seekers in the Greater London Area. Our funds are restricted to those who are destitute.

Asylum-seekers are often demonised in public imagination. The reality for many is a life of fear, despair and destitution. We support agencies that work to relieve and assist those who reach our shores and often find the door shut to them.

[www.help4refugees.co.uk](http://www.help4refugees.co.uk)

## The American International Church

The American International Church is an interdenominational, multi-cultural Christian congregation that seeks to address the diverse spiritual needs of people entrusted to our care.

We worship each Sunday at 11 am  
within the Whitefield Memorial Church  
79a Tottenham Court Road W1.

Come be a part of our vibrant community of faith.

[www.amchurch.co.uk](http://www.amchurch.co.uk)

## The International Community Church of Surrey

The International Community Church of Surrey is an interdenominational, multi-cultural Christian congregation on a journey of faith, following Jesus together.

We worship each Sunday at 10:30am  
at Chertsey Hall, Heriot Road, KT16 9DR.

If you live in Surrey, we invite you to join us on the journey.

[www.icc-uk.org](http://www.icc-uk.org)

Thanksgiving Day next year is on  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## The Blessing

given by

The Dean

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you his children,  
that you may use his gifts to his glory  
and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*Remain standing as the Chapter escorts the Ambassador of the United States of America and Mrs Brooke Brown Barzun to the Great West Door of the Cathedral, accompanied by the visiting clergy.*

*The College of Minor Canons and the College of Canons return to the Dean's Aisle.*

## Organ Voluntary

*The Liberty Bell*

John Sousa (1854-1932)  
arr. Martin Setchell (b.1949)

*Members of the congregation are asked to remain in their places until invited to leave by a Wandsman or Usher.*

Please take this order of service away with you  
to reflect on the readings and prayers and as a reminder of your visit.

*After the service the American Memorial Chapel at the East End of the Cathedral will be open for those who wish to visit it. Please enter by the North Quire Aisle.*

The Combined Choirs of the American Congregations in London are directed by Scott Stroman, MM, FGSMD, Director of Music and Worship, the American International Church.

The organ is played during the service by Peter Holder, Acting Organist.

Participating in this service are staff and members of the American Embassy, members of the US Armed Forces, the American International Church, the International Community Church and the American Protestant Church in the Hague.

The American International Church is an interdenominational Christian congregation worshipping at Whitefield Memorial Chapel, Tottenham Court Road, London, W1.

The International Community Church of Surrey is an interdenominational Christian congregation worshipping at Chertsey Hall in Chertsey, Surrey.

## Music before the service

*The Combined Choirs of the American Congregations sing*

*Precious Lord*

Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)  
arr. Scott Stroman (b. 1958)

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Traditional USA  
arr. Scott Stroman

*Steal Away*

Traditional USA  
arr. Scott Stroman

*The Storm is Passing Over*

Charles Tindley (1851-1933)  
arr. Scott Stroman

*The Organist plays*

*Nun danket alle Gott*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

*At 10.50 am, remain seated as the College of Minor Canons, the visiting clergy, the College of Canons and the Chapter leave the Dean's Aisle and proceed to the Great West Door of the Cathedral.*

*At 10.55 am, the Ambassador of the United States of America and Mrs Brooke Brown Barzun are received by the Chapter.*

## Processional Order

A Virger

The College of Minor Canons

The Reverend Doug Fondell  
Interim Minister,  
The American International Church in London

The Reverend Jodi Mullen Fondell,  
Interim Minister,  
The American International Church in London

The Reverend Rick Andrew  
Senior Pastor,  
The International Community Church, Surrey

The Reverend Stephanie Kremmel  
Acting Senior Pastor,  
The American International Church

A Virger

The College of Canons

A Virger

The Chapter

## The Sermon

given by

The Reverend Rick Andrew  
Senior Pastor, The International Community Church, Surrey

Stand

## Hymn

*during which the Color Guard retrieves the Colors.*

**Now thank we all our God,  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The One eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.**

Words: German, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)  
trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)

Tune: *Nun Danket*  
attrib. Johann Crüger (1598-1662)  
harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

## Hymn

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
 For amber waves of grain,  
 For purple mountain majesties  
 Above the fruited plain!  
 America! America!  
 God shed his grace on thee,  
 And crown thy good with brotherhood  
 From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
 Whose stern, impassioned stress  
 A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
 Across the wilderness!  
 America! America!  
 God mend thine every flaw,  
 Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
 Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved  
 In liberating strife,  
 Who more than self their country loved,  
 And mercy more than life!  
 America! America!  
 May God thy gold refine,  
 Till all success be nobleness,  
 And every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream  
 That sees beyond the years  
 Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
 Undimmed by human tears!  
 America! America!  
 God shed his grace on thee,  
 And crown thy good with brotherhood  
 From sea to shining sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1869-1929)

Music: *Materna*  
 Samuel Ward (1848-1903)

The congregation is asked to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

Stand

## Hymn

during which the Chapter escorts the Ambassador of the United States of America and Mrs Brooke Brown Barzun to their places under the Dome, and the Color Guard follows in procession.

**Come, ye thankful people, come,  
 Raise the song of harvest-home!  
 All be safely gathered in,  
 Ere the winter storms begin;  
 God, our Maker, doth provide  
 For our wants to be supplied;  
 Come to God's own temple, come;  
 Raise the song of harvest-home!**

**All the world is God's own field,  
 Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
 Wheat and tares together sown,  
 Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
 First the blade and then the ear,  
 Then the full corn shall appear:  
 Grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
 Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come,  
 And shall take his harvest home;  
 From his field shall in that day  
 All offences purge away.  
 Give his angels charge at last  
 In the fire the tares to cast,  
 But the fruitful ears to store  
 In his garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To thy final harvest home;  
Gather thou thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin.  
There forever purified  
In thy presence to abide;  
Come, with all thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.**

Words: Henry Alford (1810-71)

Tune: *St George's Windsor*  
George Elvey (1816-93)

## The Bidding

*given by*

The Very Reverend Dr David Ison,  
Dean

Dear friends, welcome to this Cathedral Church, as we come together in the name of Jesus Christ, to offer worship and praise on this Thanksgiving Day and to remember before God all the peoples of the United States of America. We give thanks for that nation's history, for its inheritance of faith, for its tradition of liberty, for its defence of freedom, for all that we have received at God's hand. We pray for all nations, that men and women may live together under God in peace, as we ask for renewed vision and courage to live according to God's law and love. We pray as people of faith united by our common story, and we pray in the words that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

For minds to think,  
and hearts to love,  
and hands to serve.  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts,  
and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For disappointments and failures  
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous,  
who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity.  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty and justice.  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places.  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For this good world with all its resources, opportunities and challenges.  
**We thank you, Lord.**

As we give thanks for all the blessings which come from your hand, O God, we remember your people who daily struggle to attain basic needs. We pray for those who live as people without land, shelter, food, or companionship and for those who live and serve in areas torn by war and conflict. Give us the will and the courage to seek your justice and mercy, that all people may share in your abundance.

Above all, we give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ, for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Give us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know you and make your presence known; and through you, at all times and in all places, may give thanks in all things.

O loving and generous God, you open your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature: multiply the harvests of the world and let your Spirit renew the face of the earth, so that our land may give her increase, and your people everywhere may give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The President's Proclamation

*given by*

The Honorable Matthew W. Barzun,  
Ambassador of the United States of America

### A Litany of Thanksgiving

*led by*

The Reverend Canon Michael Hampel,  
Precentor

Graham Brantley,  
American School in London

Hannah Wagner,  
ACS Cobham International School

Erik Hirschman,  
TASIS, The American School in England

The Reverend Stephanie Kremmel,  
Acting Senior Pastor, The American International Church

Let us give thanks to our gracious and loving God  
for all the gifts which God's bountiful provision so freely bestows upon us.

For the splendour of the whole creation,  
for the beauty of this world,  
for the wonder of life,  
for the mystery of love.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of women and men,  
revealing the image of Christ.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends.

**We thank you, Lord.**

*Sit*

## Anthem

*The Combined Choirs of the American Congregations sing*

My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit will rejoice in God my Saviour.

For he has had regard for his humble slave,  
and I will be blessed forever.  
For the Righteous One has done wonders for me;  
and holy is his name,  
and his mercy is unto generations of those who fear him.

He has done righteous deeds with his arm;  
and he has scattered those who are proud.  
He has removed the kings from their thrones;  
and has exalted those who are weak.  
He has filled the hungry with good things;  
and sent away the rich empty-handed.

He has given hope to Israel his servant, in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers; to Abraham and his children forever.

My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit will rejoice in God my Saviour.

Words: based on the Magnificat

Music: Scott Stroman (b. 1958)

## The First Lesson

*read by*

The Reverend Canon Mark Oakley,  
Chancellor, Canon in Residence

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100. 1-5

*Stand*

## Hymn

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be thine!**

**We all do extol thee, thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that thou still our Defender will be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

Words: Nederlandsche Gedenckclank, 1626

Tune: *Kremser*  
Edward Kremser (1838-1914)

*Sit*

## The Second Lesson

*read by*

The Reverend Jodi Mullen Fondell,  
Interim Minister,  
The American International Church in London

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3. 15-17

## The Explanation of Need

*given by*

The Reverend Douglas Fondell  
Interim Minister,  
The American International Church in London

## The Offering

*After the needs of this service have been met, today's offering will be given to the London Churches Refugee Fund.*

*During the offering, the Combined Choirs of the American Congregations sing*

Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.

Words: from the Eucharist

Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)