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**ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY RECEPTION  
 PLACES SEPTEMBER 2026**

[www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions)  
 (Bexley residents)

[www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places)

The School is holding an  
 Open Event on the following date:

**Thurs. 8th Jan. 2026: 9.15am**

A presentation by the Head of School  
 will be followed by a guided tour of the  
 school. The closing date for  
 applications is **15th January 2026.**

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**CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT  
 CONSULTATION  
 RESPONSE PUBLISHED.**

Thank you to the thousands of people  
 who took part in the Called to Bear Fruit  
 consultation. We are grateful to you all  
 for sharing so openly your hopes for the  
 life of the Church in our Archdiocese.  
 The consultation response, which in-  
 cludes 15 actions points for renewal, is  
 available at

[rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit](http://rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit)

and hardcopies will be sent to every  
 parish. The consultation revealed a  
 burning desire within our parishes to be  
 missionary and evangelising disciples of  
 the Lord Jesus Christ, who work togeth-  
 er to help people encounter His love. So,  
 as we move forward on the next steps  
 together, let's build up the Body of  
 Christ in Southwark with faith and con-  
 fidence, becoming ever more a commu-  
 nity of missionary disciples filled with  
 joy and hope for the future. As an Arch-  
 diocese, we will continue to discern the  
 process of renewal, and further updates  
 will be provided in due course.

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Thank you for all your  
 condolences and your charity,  
 in praying for the Repose of  
 the Soul of my elder Sister:

**CLARE ELUNED FRANCES  
 GUMMETT BEM,**

*(Yes, I misspelled the  
 British Empire Medal  
 last weekend! Mea culpa,  
 mea culpa, me maxima culpa.)*

**Eternal rest grant unto her,  
 O Lord, and let perpetual light  
 shine upon her.**

**May she rest in Peace.**

*Fr David.*

**JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH,  
 I GIVE YOU MY HEART AND MY SOUL.**

**JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH,  
 ASSIST ME IN MY LAST AGONY.**

**JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH,  
 MAY I SLEEP AND TAKE MY REST IN  
 PEACE WITH YOU.**

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**+ J. M. J. + JESUS, + MARY, and + JOSEPH +**  
**Newsletter Supplement: 21st December Anno Domini 2025**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**

*Year A is the Year when we read mainly from the Gospel according to St Mathew.*

4. **THE ANGELUS:**

A daily, Advent and Christmas Prayer:

V. The Angel of the Lord  
 declared unto Mary.

**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

HAIL MARY, full of grace,  
 The Lord is with Thee;  
 Blessed art thou among women,  
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
**JESUS.**

**HOLY MARY, Mother of God,  
 pray for us sinners,  
 now and at the hour of our death.  
 Amen.**

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**R. Be it done unto me  
 according to thy word.**

HAIL MARY. . .

*(please kneel or bow for the next verse)*

V. And THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH.

**R. AND DWELT AMONG US.**

HAIL MARY. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**R. That we may be made worthy  
 of the promises of Christ.**

*Let us pray:*

Pour forth, we beseech Thee,  
 O Lord, Thy grace into our  
 hearts, that we to whom  
 the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son  
 was made known by the message  
 of an angel, may by His Passion  
 and *(make the Sign of the Cross)*  
 Cross be brought to the glory of  
 His Resurrection. Through the  
 same Christ Our Lord. AMEN.



**This week,  
 may we continue in our  
 Advent preparations for  
 the Birthday of  
 Our Lord Jesus?**

**Please join the**

**PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

**With Individual Confessions:**

**both on Monday 22nd**

**December at 7:00pm**

**1) at St John Fisher Church,  
 Thanet Road, Bexley,  
 and:**

**2) at Our Lady of the Angels,  
 Northumberland Heath,  
 Erith.**

4. **MORE ABOUT ADVENT:**

**"ADVENT HAS A TWOFOLD CHARACTER, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time of remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight."**

**"Advent is the season apt for reflecting on the role in our redemption of Mary, the Mother of God."**

**"In THE SECOND PHASE of the Season of Advent, from 17th December, the Liturgy is more directly addressed to preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord."**

**In these last days of the Season of Advent, please read, at home, the Infancy Narratives from the Gospels according to Matthew, Luke and John: Matthew: chapters 1 - 2 , Luke: chapters 1 - 2, and John: chapter 1: 1 - 18 (the "Prologue").**

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**THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE OF 2025**  
formally closes in our Archdiocese at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 28th December, and in Rome on Tuesday 6th January 2026.  
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In his annual Christmas message, Archbishop John Wilson said: "The beautiful truth of Christmas is that because of God in Christ we are never lost. God chose to be near us, to stay close to us always, to draw us to himself, always. In his endless mercy, the Lord Jesus chose to love us, so we could know and believe that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). In turn, all the Lord Jesus asks of us is to not be afraid and to say yes to him, to draw close to him, to love him". You can watch and read the full message at [rcaos.org.uk/christmasmessage2025](http://rcaos.org.uk/christmasmessage2025).

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