



ST ANDREWS MOSCOW

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Voznesensky Pereulok 8/5



WELCOME TO ST ANDREWS

If you are a visitor, please do introduce yourself to the chaplain or to one of our welcomers. Everybody is welcome to stay for refreshments after the service. Toilets are downstairs.

CHRISTMAS EVE (4th Sunday of Advent)

8.30am Holy Communion (traditional language)

11am Holy Communion

10.30pm Christmas Night Communion

11am Holy Communion

Celebrant and preacher: The Chaplain

Chalice: Louise Nanchen, Eskadar Ushanov

Hymns

612 - Tell out, my soul

429 - Love is his word

620 - The angel Gabriel from heaven

729 - When our God came to earth

During communion

269 - He's the Saviour of my soul

59 - Be still and know that I am God

790 - Wait for the Lord

Collect:

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Magnificat: Luke 1.46-55

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 **From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.**
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

- 4 He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.**
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' 34 Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' 35 The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.' 38 Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Forthcoming Services

There will be no morning prayer in church until Monday 8th January

Sunday 31 December

8.30 am Holy Communion (without sermon)

11am Holy Communion (family service)

Sunday 7 January (Orthodox Christmas)

There will be no 8am service

11am Holy Communion

Please note that there will be no midweek communion on Wednesday 27 December or 3 January

Other notices

WELCOME: Please do introduce yourself if you are visiting us this Christmas period or if you have recently moved to Moscow. We'd love to get to know you.

READERS AND INTERCESSORS: We are always on the lookout for people who are willing to read or to lead our prayers on Sundays. We can offer training, and if you would like to help in this way, please speak to the chaplain.

RESTORATION PROGRAMME: We're getting close to our \$8000 target that we need to find by the end of 2017. So far \$4700 has been given and a further \$1500 loaned. If you can help us with the remaining \$2800, please speak to Pat or myself.

SPONSORED DIET: Giles is doing a sponsored diet in aid of St Andrews and Mary's Meals. He'd love you to sponsor him!

ST ANDREWS BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY: St Andrew's is currently home to the St Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute's library. It is one of the best English language theological libraries in Moscow. If you would like to access the library please visit www.standrews.ru or speak to Irina, the librarian, who is usually here on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Daily Bible reading and Prayer

Morning prayer and readings can be found using the 'Daily Prayer' app.

A shorter version of daily prayer can be found using the 'Time to Pray' app

Readings from the lectionary	Sunday 24 December Psalm 144 Isaiah 7.10-16 Romans 1.1-7	Monday 25 December Isaiah 62.1-5 Matthew 1.18-end Psalms 110,117
Tuesday 26 December Jeremiah 26.12-15 Acts 6 Pss 13, 31.1-8, 150	Wednesday 27 December Exodus 33.12-23 1 John 2.1-11 Psalms 21, 147.13-end	Thursday 28 December Genesis 37.13-20 Matthew 18.1-10 Psalms 36, 146
Friday 29 December Psalms 19, 20 Jonah 1 Colossians 1.1-14	Saturday 30 December Psalms 111, 112, 113 Jonah 2 Colossians 1.15-23	Sunday 31 December Psalm 105.1-11 Isaiah 63.7-9 Ephesians 3.5-12

Alternative bible readings, with notes, can be found at www.wordlive.org

This week we

- pray for Christmas services, that people will hear and respond to the message of God's love. Pray for our services and other events being held in the building.
- pray for growth at St Andrew's: growth in our numbers, our personal faith, our service of those in need and in our witness.
- pray for those who are travelling over the next few weeks
- pray for our staff: for Inna, Grigory, Elena, our cleaners and our guards
- pray for those known to us who are in need, and particularly for those who find the winter months difficult. Give thanks for our partnership with MPC and pray for their outreach to refugees, and with the Salvation Army and pray for their work with the homeless.

For enquiries about the church, contact chaplain@standrewsmoscow.org

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For enquiries about concerts, please contact 8 (495) 664 2169,

or visit www.grigorianconcert.ru

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