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The Third Sunday of Advent

Please take this booklet with you when you leave

SERVICES TODAY

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist.
12.30 Baptism Alexis Margaret Prosser

Services and events for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00

15 Mon	09.30	Said Eucharist
	19.30	Bell-ringing Practice
16 Tues	10.00	Healing Eucharist
	14.30	'Be Still' Meditation Group in Church
17 Wed	19.30	Advent Prayer Group in Church
18 Thurs	09.30	Said Eucharist
	14.00	St Ivo Year 7 Carol Service
	19.30	Choir Practice
19 Fri	09.30	Eucharist (Mothers' Union)

NEXT SUNDAY 21 December is The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.15 Parish Eucharist The Vicar
16.00 Candlelit Traditional Lessons and Carols

Welcome to All Saints today

If you are new or just visiting, please do stay in Church after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Throughout this booklet, where indications for posture are given, please treat them as being for guidance only. Should it suit you better to adopt an alternative posture, please feel free to do so.

Large Print Copies are available, as are Gluten Free Wafers. Please speak to a steward.

Introduction to the Season

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church waits for the coming (adventus) of Christ, both in his incarnation and as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies therefore look forward not only to Christ's birth, but also to his final Coming, and challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement: 'Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty.' (Charles Wesley)

The characteristic note of Advent is expectation rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under relentless commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness. Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas.

The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century and is now a common practice. The Advent Wreath has four candles (three purple and one rose pink) in a ring around a white candle. The first purple candle is lit on Advent Sunday, with the others being lit on successive weeks; the pink candle is lit on the Third Sunday ('Gaudete') which signifies the rejoicing that we are at the midpoint of the season and the focus shifts from the ancient message of the prophets to the forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist. The white candle is lit on Christmas Day Itself. The new candle each week is lit during the Prayers of Penitence.

There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle. The scheme that accords best with the Common Worship Lectionary as used in the Church of England is:

Advent 1 The Patriarchs
Advent 2 The Prophets
Advent 3 John the Baptist
Advent 4 The Virgin Mary

Each of the four Sundays thus reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. 'The Patriarchs' can naturally focus on Abraham, our father in faith, and David, Jesus's ancestor, in whose city he was born. 'The Prophets' gives an opportunity to reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was 'foretold'. John, who proclaimed the Saviour, and Mary, who bore him in her womb, complete the picture.

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WAIT
WISE

by Tallis, Kodály and Stanford, as well as a selection of favourite hymns and carols. Light refreshments will be available at the interval.

The concert promises to be the perfect way to end the Christmas season, and we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Advance Notice The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 22 December until Monday 5 January.

CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES

Sunday 21st 16.00

Candlelit Traditional Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE

16.00 Crib Service

23.30 MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY

**10.00 FAMILY COMMUNION with
blessing of toys.**

26th FEAST OF ST STEPHEN

**10.00 Service followed by walk to
Houghton Mill then Mulled
Wine and Minced Pies
in the Merchant House**

¶ *The Gathering*

¶ *Please stand when the bell is rung to sing* **The Processional Hymn**

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, forevermore. Amen.

Words: Latin original by Charles Coffin (1676—1749),
Translated by John Chandler (1909—1876)

Tune Winchester New: Anon, (adapted from a chorale in *Musicalisches Handbuch der geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Invocation and Greeting**

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us worship God together.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Prayers of Penitence
at the Advent Wreath**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The third Advent Candle is lit

Heavenly Father,
forgive us our unreadiness to receive your Son.



Cantor: Lord___ have mer - cy,
All: Lord___ have mer - cy.

Lord Jesus, proclaimed by John the Baptist:
help us also to prepare your way



Cantor: Christ___ have mer - cy,
All: Christ___ have mer - cy.

Holy Spirit, who speaks through the prophets:
make us attentive to hear your word.



Cantor: Lord___ have mer - cy,
All: Lord___ have mer - cy.

THE DEPARTED: Margaret Townsend, Iris Sewell

YEAR'S MIND: Vera Pettit.(15th), Margaret Hall(15th),Sylvia Priest
(20th), Jackie Fish, Eric Hebden

NOTICES

Meat Raffle This is the last opportunity for you to buy 'Meat raffle'
tickets which will be available from Jackie during coffee today. Prizes
are vouchers for 'Stephen's Butchers' and winning tickets will be drawn
next Sunday 21st December.

Advent Group The Advent Prayer Group will meet again on
Wednesday evening at 19.30. There will also be time for reflection
and refreshments, This will be followed by a short service of
Compline. All Welcome.

Serving We are looking to expand our current serving team and could
God be calling you to serve at his altar? If serving is something you
would like to be involved with or feel called to do then please speak to
Gary for further information.

Furniture Needed Do you have any unwanted furniture or carpets/
rugs to give to a young person who has just moved to St Ives and is
living in an empty flat. This person has been in care from the age of 18
months and has no family support. Please speak to Carol Dennis, tel no
467465, if you can help

Feast of St Stephen (Boxing Day) There will be a 10.00 Service
with Carols followed by a walk to Houghton Mill and back and ending
with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the Merchant House. If you are
interested please speak to Fr Mark after this service.

Choral Concert - Saturday 10 January, 19.30

On Saturday 10 January, Lydian Voices will perform a choral concert in
church. Entrance will be free of charge, with all donations going
towards the work of the church. The concert is entitled *O Nata Lux –
Reflections for the End of the Christmas Season* and will include works

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
the brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God, with the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world;
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,
That earth may filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

Words: Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841—1919)
Tune Benson: Millicent Kingham (1866—1924)

¶ *Remain standing for The Dismissal*

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV659
J. S. Bach (1685—1750)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those with Birthdays at this time of year,
The homeless and unloved, THE SICK: David Yeandle, Jean Read, Mick
Bacon, William Carlson, Cheryl Cook, Ethel Cooper, Leonard Evans, Michael
Dunlop, Sophie Phillips, Cyril Whitfield, Chris Stephens, Janice Fernandez,
Bryan Cooksey, Simon Allard, Audrey, Philip, Jane, Goretti, Muriel,
Christopher, Fr Jeff Vaughan; all who care for those in need.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ *Remain standing for The Collect*

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

¶ *Please sit for The First Reading* (Isaiah 61: 1—4, 8—11)

At the end the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

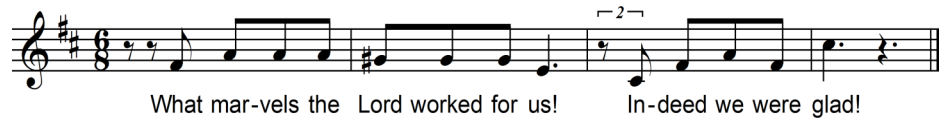
¶ *Remain seated for The Responsorial Psalm* (Ps. 126)
and join in with the singing of the Response

Response and chant: Joseph Gelineau

What mar-vels the Lord worked for us! In-deed we were glad!

When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (*Response*)

The heathens themselves said:
 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
 What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed, we were glad. *(Response)*



Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage,
 as streams in dry land.
 Those who are sowing in tears
 will sing when they reap. *(Response)*

They go out, they go out full of tears,
 carrying seed for the sowing;
 they come back, they come back full of song,
 carrying their sheaves. *(Response)*

¶ *Remain seated for* **The Second Reading** (1 Thessalonians 5: 16—24)

At the end the reader says
 This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

¶ *Please stand and turn towards the Gospel reader*



Cantor: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
 He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
All: Alleluia (as above)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Acclamation**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
 John told the people to prepare,
 for you were very near.
 As Christmas grows closer day by day,
 help us to be ready to welcome you now.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God himself, the God of peace,
 make you perfect and holy,
 and keep you safe and blameless,
 in spirit, soul and body,
 for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 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 for* **The Final Hymn**

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
 God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;
 Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
 When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
 As the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,
 By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,
 Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
 That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
 As the waters cover the sea.

Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory,
Wrapping all the earth in fear,
May he then as our defender
Of the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Words: Anon. Latin, 6th century, translated by Edward Caswall (1814—1878)
Tune *Merton*: William Henry Monk (1823—1889)

¶ Please stand for **The Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
Amen.

¶ The Dismissal

The Notices

¶ Remain standing for **The Gospel Reading** (John 1: 6—8, 19—28)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel the reader says
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ Please sit for **The Sermon**

The Revd Mark Amey, Vicar

¶ Please stand for **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

¶ Please sit or kneel for The Intercessory Prayers

The priest introduces the Prayers .

The intercessor leads the people in prayer and at the end of each petition says

Let us pray to the Lord

The people respond by singing



Through our lives and_ by our prayers, your king-dom come.

At the end of the prayers silence is kept after which the priest leads the concluding prayer

...ever and ever.

Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

¶ Please stand for The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Choir: Jesus, coming near to bring us joy,
Jesus, Son of God, Emmanuel:



Hear our prayer, have mer-cy, hear our prayer, have mer-cy, give us your peace.

Choir: Jesus, bringing hope to all who fear,
Jesus, bringing strength to all who mourn:



Hear our prayer, have mer-cy, hear our prayer, have mer-cy, give us your peace.

Choir: Jesus, Saviour heralded by John,
Jesus, son of David's house and line:



Hear our prayer, have mer-cy, hear our prayer, have mer-cy, give us your peace.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

After the bell is rung please come forward in turn as directed by the steward. Anyone who has been baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and wishes to receive the love of the Lord Jesus in their life, is welcome to come forward to receive communion at this service.

Alternatively you may wish to come for a blessing: please keep your hands down and your head bowed as an indication that this is your preference.

¶ Please join in singing The Communion Hymn

Hark! a herald voice is calling:

'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;

'Cast away the dreams of darkness,

O ye children of the day!'

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Lord's Prayer**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
and so we have the courage to say:

**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.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Breaking of the Bread**

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Invitation to Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

¶ *Please sit or kneel for the* **Lamb of God**

*While the Altar Party receives the Sacrament, the choir leads the
singing of the 'Agnus Dei' (Lamb of God). Please sing the response:*

¶ *Remain standing to sing* **The Offertory Hymn**

Hills of the north, rejoice;
River and mountain spring,
Hark to the advent voice;
Valley and lowland, sing;
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
He judgment brings and victory.

Isles of the southern seas,
Deep in your coral caves
Pent be each warring breeze,
Lulled be your restless waves:
He comes to reign with boundless sway,
And makes your wastes his great highway.

Lands of the East, awake,
Soon shall your sons be free;
The sleep of ages break,
And rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and gray,
Has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the utmost West,
Ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblessed,
Break forth to swelling song;
High raise the note, that Jesus died,
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

Shout, while ye journey home;
Songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North we come,
From East, and West, and South.
City of God, the bond are free,
We come to live and reign in thee!

Words: Charles Edward Oakley (1832—1865)
Tune *Little Cornard*: Martin Shaw (1875—1958)

¶ *Remain standing throughout* **The Eucharistic Prayer (F)**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels
in heaven, evermore praising you and singing:

(Please repeat each phrase after the Cantor)



Cantor: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might;__ heavenand earth are
All: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might;__ heavenand earth are



full of your glo-ry; Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in__ the high-est.
full of your glo-ry; Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in__ the high-est.

Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
All: Hosanna (as above)

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Amen.
Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of
sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory..

Amen.
Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you; do this in remembrance of me..

Amen.
Lord, we believe.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to
them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink
it, in remembrance of me..

Amen.
Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his
resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right
hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit
let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with
power from on high.

Amen.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with The Blessed Virgin Mary,
the apostles, the martyrs and all your saints at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.