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All Saints, the Parish Church of St Ives



The Third Sunday of Advent

13 December 2015

SERVICES TODAY

10:15 Sung Parish Eucharist.

Services and events for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00

14 Mon	09.00	Church in the Market Place
	09.30	Said Eucharist
	14.30	Funeral Lilian Peatman Camb Crem
	19.30	Bell-ringing Practice
15 Tues	10.00	Stepping Stones in Church
16 Wed	10.00	Stepping Stones in Church
	14.30	Be Still Silent Prayer Group in Church
17 Thurs	14.00	St Ivo Yr 7 Carol Service
	19.30	Choir Practice
18 Fri	09.30	Reconciliation Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY 20 December is The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.15 Parish Eucharist The Vicar

16.00 Festival of Lessons and Carols

Please take this booklet with you when you leave

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 and Gluten Free wafers are available for those who need them. 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 in a ring around a white candle. The first candle is lit on Advent Sunday; additional ones are lit, one on each Sunday, and the white one on Christmas Day. 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 and Advent 4 The Virgin Mary.

Flowers for Christmas Saturday 19th 10am Come to decorate the church with greenery for carol service. Please bring your greenery.

Thursday 24th from 10am Come to decorate the church with flowers for Christmas. Flower arrangers needed

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 20 Dec	16.00	Festival of Lessons and Carols
CHRISTMAS EVE	16.00	Nativity from Scratch
	23.30	MIDNIGHT MASS
CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00	Sung Communion with blessing of toys

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

The trouble with John the Baptist', someone once remarked, 'was that he influenced people without making friends.' He certainly seems to have been unacquainted with Proverbs 15: 1!

He stands in marked contrast with the advice Paul gave the Christians at Philippi. 'Rejoice! ... Let your gentleness be evident to all ... do not be anxious ...' It is a pattern of life that becomes possible when it is lived against a pattern of thankful praise, and that rests on the security of the peace of God.

If our churches are full of anxious people, whose lives are under constant pressure, is this a comment on our approach? Are we like the church at Philippi, or like John the Baptist? Are we more ready to condemn, or to encourage; to live at peace, or to seek conflict; to celebrate generosity, or to be grasping? Our approach to Christian stewardship is often reflected in our approach to mission.

¶ *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*
(Come now, Saviour of the heathen)

Samuel Scheidt (1587—1654)

NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR SISTER CHURCHES IN ST IVES: Today we remember our Rev Catherine Ball and the people of The Free Church. We ask for God's blessing on their lives, and pray that we may grow closer to him, so that we may grow closer to each other, for the sake of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE SICK: Ella Nairn, Mick Bacon, Cheryl Cook, Ethel Cooper, Gary James, Sophie Phillips, Cyril Whitfield, Elaine Bunnett, Anne Spencer, Audrey, Philip, Muriel, Christopher, Paul, and Fr Jeff Vaughan

THE DEPARTED: Marion Finn, Gerald Hazell, John Long, Mervin Hutchcraft.

YEARS MIND: Nigel Kember(13th), Vera Pettit(15th), Margaret Hall (15th),

Decorating the Church for Christmas: On Saturday 19th December we will be tree decorating and church cleaning, come along and help decorate our tree and get All Saints looking wonderful in time to celebrate our Lords' Nativity. 10:00 - 12:00

¶ The Gathering

¶ *Please stand when the bell is rung as the Choir leads* **The Introit**

Choir: *Out of darkness God has called us, claimed by Christ as God's own people. Holy nation, royal priesthood, walking in God's marvellous light.*

*Let us take the Christ you give, broken Body Christ we live
Christ the risen from the tomb: Christ who calls us as your own.*

**All: Out of darkness God has called us,
Claimed by Christ as God's own people.
Holy nation, royal priesthood,
Walking in God's marvellous light.**

Words and Music: Christopher Walker (b.1947)

¶ *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;
Come then 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, for evermore. Amen.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676—749),
translated by
John Chandler (1808—1876)
Tune *Winchester New*: adapted
from a Chorale in *Muicalisches
Hand-Buch* (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.

¶ *Stand for* **The Prayers of Penitence at the Advent Wreath**

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 other being lit on successive weeks; the pink 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 one is lit on Christmas Day itself. The new candle each week is lit during the Prayers of Penitence.

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*Each of the four Sundays then 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.*

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.

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**

The Lord will come and not be slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by right
The nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done;
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

Words: John Milton (1608 – 1674)

Tune *St Stephen*: William Jones (1726 – 1800)

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Notices**

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*

¶ *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 Dismissal Gospel*

read by a younger member of the congregation standing by the Advent Wreath

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one
who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the
thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

At the end the reader says:
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ *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;

Heavenly Father,
you call us to prepare for the coming of your Son:
forgive us our unreadiness to receive him.



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

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



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

Holy Spirit,
you speak through the prophets:
make us attentive to hear your word.



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

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**

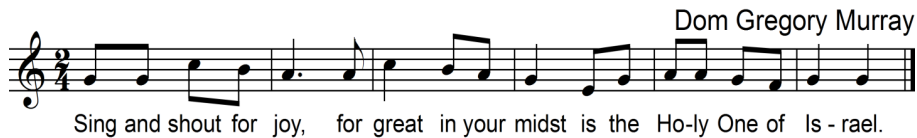
God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

¶ **The Liturgy of the Word**

¶ *Please sit for* **The First Reading** (Zephaniah 3: 14—20)

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

¶ *Remain seated for* **The Canticle** (Isaiah 12: 2—6)
and join in with the singing of this response



Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my Saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. (*Response*)

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples,
declare the greatness of his name. (*Response*)

Sing a psalm to the Lord, for he has done glorious deeds.
Make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (*Response*)

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Please come forward when directed by a 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 receive the sacrament at this service.

¶ *Remain seated or kneeling to sing* **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!'

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 in glory,
And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On 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: *Vox clara ecce intonat* (6th century),
translated by Edward Caswall (1814—1878)
Tune *Merton*: William Henry Monk (1823—1889)

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

The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
Let us pray.

¶ *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 join in singing the responses as indicated:

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,



¶ 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.**

It is customary to bow the head for the next three lines:

**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.**

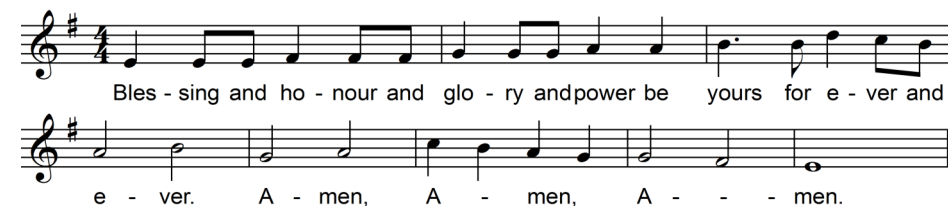
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom 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.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:



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

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**



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

All: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might;__ heaven and 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)

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
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.

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ri - sing you re - stored our life:



Lord____ Je - sus,____ come in glo - ry.

¶ Please sit or kneel for **The Intercessory Prayers**

The priest introduces the Prayers by saying:

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

*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 the intercessor says:

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

Silence is kept, after which the priest leads the concluding prayer.

Almighty God,
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ
first came to seek and to save the lost;
so may he come again to find in us
the completion of his redeeming work;
for he is now alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen.

¶ 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.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

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

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshipers:
With what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707—1788)

Tune *Helmsley*: melody attributed to Thomas Olivers (1725—1799) in Wesley's
Select Hymns (1765)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Prayer over the Gifts**

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

Amen.

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

The Lord be with you **And al - so 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.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing: