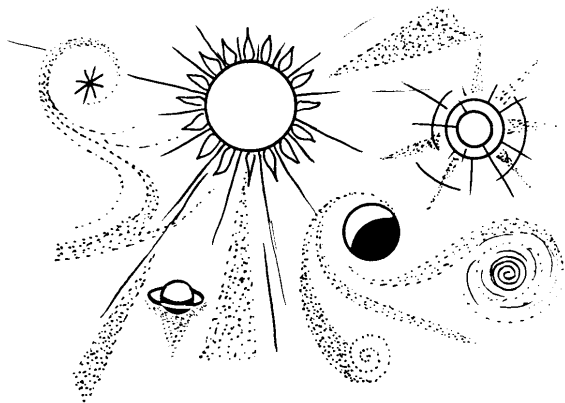


All Saints, the Parish Church of St Ives



**‘Life is short, death is certain,
the world to come is everlasting!’**

The Second Sunday of Advent

5 December 2021

SERVICES TODAY

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist The Vicar

Services and events for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00

6 Mon	19.30	Bell-ringing Practice
7 Tues	13.30	Parables Study Group at The Vicarage
9 Thurs	19.30	Choir Practice
10 Fri	21.00	Compline on Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY, 12 December, is the 3rd Sunday of Advent

10.15 Parish Eucharist

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. Large print copies and Gluten Free wafers are available for those who need them. Please speak to a steward.

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.

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:

<i>Advent 1</i>	<i>The Patriarchs</i>
<i>Advent 2</i>	<i>The Prophets</i>
<i>Advent 3</i>	<i>John the Baptist</i>
<i>Advent 4</i>	<i>The Virgin Mary.</i>

¶ Please stand when the bell is rung for the **ProceSSIONAL 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 **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.

¶ *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. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The second Advent candle is lit.

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins:
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.



Cantor: Lord___ have mer - cy,

All: Lord___ have mer - cy.

Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God:
teach us to forgive one another.



Cantor: Christ___ have mer - cy,

All: Christ___ have mer - cy.

Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness.



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**

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray.

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

¶ ***The Liturgy of the Word***

¶ *Please sit for the* **First Reading** (Malachi 3: 1–4)

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¶ *Please stand to say the* **Canticle** (*Benedictus*)
this will be said antiphonally

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

***He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.***

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

***He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.***

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

***Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.***

And you, child shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

***To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.***

In the tender compassion of our Lord
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

***To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.***

***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.***

¶ *Remain seated for the* **Second Reading** (Philippians 1: 3–11)

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¶ *Please stand for the* **Gospel Acclamation**
and turn towards the Gospel reader



Cantor: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

All: Alleluia (as above)

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Gospel Reading** (Luke 3: 1–6)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

At the end of the Gospel the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ *Please sit for the* **Sermon**

Mrs Elaine Midgley (Reader)

¶ *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.**

Please bow 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.

¶ Please sit or kneel for the **Prayers of Intercession**

The priest introduces the Prayers by saying:

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, we pray to Jesus.

At the end of each petition the Intercessor 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 priest says the concluding prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

¶ Please stand for the **Peace**

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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 for the **Offertory Hymn**

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it.
Please note that no collection is taken during the service.
Please leave your offering in the plate by the door, or for
contactless donations you may use the QR code on the right.*



Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name,
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again;
That all may see and come with reverent fear
To the living God, whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord, in all the earth your fame,
And in our time revive
The church that bears your name.
And in your anger, Lord, remember mercy,
O living God, whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold,
In Your refiner's fire
Come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes and evil crouches near,
Still our living God is reigning, he is reigning here.

Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name,
 In works of sovereign power
 Come shake the earth again;
 That all may see and come with reverent fear
 To the living God, whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Words and tune: Graham Kendrick (b.1950) and Christopher Rolinson (b.1958)

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
 may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
 For the praise and glory of his name
 For our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Lord, we are nothing without you. As you sustain us with your
 mercy, Receive our prayers and offerings.

Amen.

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



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__

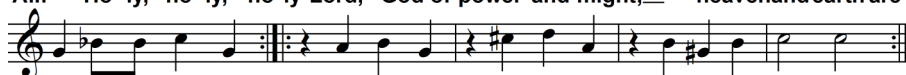
You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

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:



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*)

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.

Praise to you Lord Jesus



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.

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

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

**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**

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**

The cantor sings the 'Agnus Dei' (Lamb of God). Please join in the responses as indicated:

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



Cantor: Have__ mer - cy, have mer - cy on us:_____

All: Have__ mer - cy, have mer - cy on us._____

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



Cantor: Have__ mer - cy, have mer - cy on us:____

All: Have__ mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.____

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



Cantor: Grant us peace,

All: Grant us peace, grant__ us peace.____

Distribution of the Sacrament

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 communion at this service. Alternatively you may wish to come for a blessing: please keep your hands down and your head bowed to indicate that this is your preference.

¶ The Choir leads the **Advent Sequence**

Please join in singing the Response if you wish

Please sing the Response after the Cantor and again after the Verse



Drop down,___ O you hea - vens, dew from a -



bove,___ and clouds, rain down___ the Righ - teous One.

Cantor: We have sinned, and have become as one who is unclean,
and we fade away, as a leaf we have withered,
and our iniquities like the wind, have swept us away.
You have hidden your face from us
and have crushed us with your hand for our iniquities.

**All: Drop down, O you heavens, dew from above,
and clouds, rain down the Righteous One.**

¶ *Please join in singing the* **Communion Hymn**

In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding all mankind.

Join hands, then, you who own the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as his child
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
In him meet south and north.
All Christlike souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham (1852–1941)

Tune *Kilmarnock*: Neil Dougall (1776–1862)

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

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

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will
send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes
again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *The Dismissal*

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

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Acclamation**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.**

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Dismissal Gospel**

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

Stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21: 28)

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.

Lord, have mercy on your people. Grant us in this life the good things
that lead to the everlasting life you prepare for us. We ask this
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Come upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Final 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 for the* **Dismissal**

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heliand*, BuxWV 211

(Come now, Saviour of the heathen)

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637–1707)

NOTICES

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union have placed a small Bay tree in church. The prayers of members and parishioners will be attached to it and a small basket will be placed beneath it, to request donations of toiletries for our local Women's' Refuges. This is to mark their Annual International Campaign of 16 days of Activism against Domestic and Gender violence.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

On Saturday 18 December from 10.00 to 12.00 we will be tree decorating and church cleaning. Please come along and help decorate our tree and get All Saints looking wonderful in time to celebrate our Lords' Nativity.

Christmas Services

Please advertise all these services to family and friends!

Sunday 19 Dec.	15.00	Festival of Lessons & Carols
CHRISTMAS EVE	15.00	Nativity from Scratch
	23.30	MIDNIGHT MASS
CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00	Sung Communion with carols and blessing of toys
Sunday 26 Dec.	10.15	Parish Eucharist for the Feast of St Stephen

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick:

Yvonne Mapp, Pearl Cooksey, Margaret Barnett, Peter Baker,
Tom Ambrose (Priest), Sam Perez

Year's mind:

Raymond Stratton (3rd)

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