

All Saints, the Parish Church of St Ives



Advent Sunday 1 December 2024

SERVICES TODAY

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.05

2 Mon	09.30	Holy Communion
	19.00	Bell-ringing Practice
3 Tues	10—12	Community Café
5 Thurs	11.00	M U Branch Meeting at 17 Westwood Road, followed by a light lunch.
	19.30	Choir Practice
6 Fri	10-12	Community Café
	12.15	Rosary Devotions
	21.00	Compline
		(Zoom 818 036 5483—Ma55)

NEXT SUNDAY, 8 December:
the Second Sunday of Advent

10.15 Parish Eucharist

Please take this booklet with you when you leave

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:

<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>

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.

¶ *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! 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,
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 worshippers:
With what rapture, 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!
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**

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

Amen.

The first advent candle is lit.

Heavenly Father, who created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.



Lord Jesus, the Light of the world: cleanse and heal our blinded sight.



Holy Spirit, give light in our hearts and renew us in faith and love.



Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, † forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you 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.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

¶ *Sit for the* **First Reading** (Jeremiah 33: 14–16)

At the end the reader says: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¶ *Remain seated for the* **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 25)

and join in singing the response

Response and Chant: MHE



Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me
for you are God my Saviour. (*Response*)

The Lord is good and upright,
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. (*Response*)

His ways are faithfulness and truth
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (*Response*)

¶ *Remain seated for the* **Second Reading**

(1 Thessalonians 3: 9–13)

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¶ *Stand for the* **Gospel Acclamation**

and turn towards the Gospel reader

Al - - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
 lu - - - ia, Al - - - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
 and give us your saving help.

All: **Alleluia** (as above)

† Remain standing for the **Gospel** (Luke 21: 25–36)

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**

The Vicar

† Please stand for the **Profession of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts
 through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; † Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

¶ *Kneel or sit for the* **Prayers of Intercession**

The priest introduces the Prayers:

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 Intercessions a period of silence is kept. And the priest
concludes with a prayer*

Amen.

¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

¶ *Stand for the* **Peace**

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall
break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the
shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Offertory Hymn**

*A collection is taken for the work and upkeep of the church.
The altar is prepared and gifts of bread and wine are placed on it.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Dispel the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Words *Veni, veni Emmanuel*: Anon. 13th Century, based on the Great Advent
Antiphons, translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

Tune *Veni Emmanuel*: from a 15th-century French Franciscan Processional

¶ *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.**

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.
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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might
 hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na, ho-
 san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

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.

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:



Bles - sing and ho - nour and glo - ry and power be yours for e - ver and
e - ver. A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

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

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we 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**

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.**

¶ *Kneel or sit for the* **Lamb of God**

Lamb of__ God, you take a-way the sin__ of the
world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of__
God, you take a-way the sin__ of the world, have mer - cy on
us._____ Lamb of__ God, you take a-way the
sin__ of the world, grant us__ peace,___ 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.

Intinction is the practice of dipping the bread wafers into the wine. This has implications for those who are gluten intolerant because traces of gluten are more likely to enter the wine. We therefore ask you **not to dip the wafer into the chalice**. Please remember that making your Communion in one kind is entirely acceptable.

If you do not wish to receive, you, as well as any children with you, are invited to come up with everyone else for a blessing. Please indicate that you would like a blessing by bowing your head and keeping your hands down.

¶ *Remain kneeling or seated for the* **Communion Hymn**

The advent of our God
With eager prayers we greet,
And singing haste upon his road
His glorious gift to meet.

The everlasting Son
Scorns not a Virgin's womb;
That we from bondage may be won
He bears a bondsman's doom.

Daughter of Sion, rise
To meet thy lowly King,
Let not thy stubborn heart despise
The peace he deigns to bring.

In clouds of awful light,
As Judge he comes again,
His scattered people to unite
With them in heaven to reign.

Let evil flee away
Ere that dread hour shall dawn,
Let this old Adam day by day
God's image still put on.

Praise to the Incarnate Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father and with Spirit One,
To all eternity. Amen.

Words *Instantis adventum Dei*: Charles Coffin (1676–1749)

Tune *St. Thomas*: Aaron Williams (1731–1776)

¶ Stand for the **Prayer after Communion**

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

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

¶ **The Dismissal**

¶ Remain standing for the **Notices**

¶ 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.

Watch at all times, praying for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. *(Luke 21: 36)*

At the end the reader says:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ Remain standing for the **Solemn Blessing**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Please bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

Amen.

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love.

Amen.

And may 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**

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning
Of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

***Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.***

I have seen him in the watch fires
Of a hundred circling camps
They have builded him an altar
In the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence
By the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men
Before his judgment seat;

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him!
Be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom
That transfigures you and me:
As he died to make men holy,
Let us live to make men free;
While God is marching on.

Words: Julia Ward Howe (1819–1910)

Tune *Battle Hymn*: attributed to William Steffe (1830–1890)

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

With love and compassion **Come, Lord Jesus!**

With judgement and mercy **Come, Lord Jesus!**

In power and glory **Come, Lord Jesus!**

In wisdom and truth **Come, Lord Jesus!**

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

As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*
(Come now, Saviour of the heathen)

Samuel Scheidt (1587–1654)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK:

Sylvia Boyce, Peter Lavender, Graham Noyce,

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Peter Derek White

YEARS' MIND:

Jackie Fish, Eric Hebden (7th)

BIRTHDAYS:

Roger Smith (27 November), Ed Kelly and Isobel Rose (5 December)

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NOTICES

The Mothers' Union

The 16 Days of Activism campaign against gender-based violence, to highlight the fact that 1 in 3 women worldwide will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime, runs from 25 November until 10 December. There is a branch in the Lady Chapel on which we will be hanging prayers for the victims and you are very welcome to write and add a prayer on the leaves provided.

This month's Mothers' Union meeting will be at Janet Cockcroft's (17 Westwood Road, St Ives) on Thursday 5 December. The meeting starts at 11.00 a.m. and is our Advent gathering, which will be followed by a light lunch and fellowship.

Christmas Day Lunch

St Ives Office of Huntingdon Volunteer Centre with The Free Church are holding Christmas Day Lunch for anyone in St Ives who otherwise be on their own. Booking is essential. To book your place or make a donation please contact St Ives Volunteer Office on 01480 301462 between Monday and Thursday 12:30—15:00. Numbers are limited for this so please book early. No Booking—No Lunch!

Advent and Christmas Services

Please advertise all these services to family and friends!

Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday 15 Dec. 15.30

Nativity from Scratch

Christmas Eve 15.30

MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Eve 23.30

CHRISTMAS DAY

**10.00 Sung Communion
with carols and blessing of toys**

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