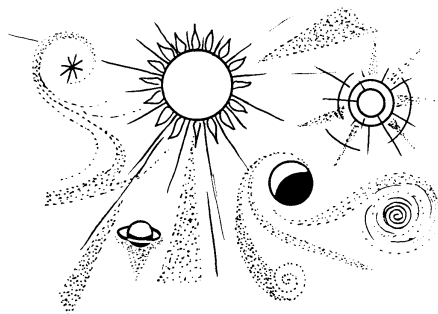


All Saints, the Parish Church of St Ives



The Second Sunday of Advent

8 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

9 Mon	09.30	Holy Communion
	19.00	Bell-ringing Practice
10 Tues	10—12	Community Café
12 Thurs	19.30	Choir Practice
13 Fri	10-12	Community Café
	12.15	Rosary Devotions
	21.00	Compline
		(Zoom 818 036 5483—Ma55)

NEXT SUNDAY, 15 December:

the Third Sunday of Advent

10.15 Parish Eucharist

15.30 Festival of Lessons and Carols

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:

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.

¶ *Stand when the bell is rung for the* **Processional Hymn**

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For thy holy nativity:
***O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.***

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming thy royal degree;
But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
And in great humility:

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
That should set thy people free;
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
They bore thee to Calvary:

When all heaven shall ring, and her choirs shall sing,
At thy coming to victory,
Let thy voice call me home, saying, 'Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee':

Words: Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliott (1836–1897)

Tune *Margaret*: Timothy Richard Matthews (1826–1910)

¶ *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.



Musical notation for the first prayer. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple, with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics are: Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy. The word "All" is written above the second staff.

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



Musical notation for the second prayer. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple, with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics are: Christ _____ have mer - cy. Christ _____ have mer - cy. The word "All" is written above the second staff.

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



Musical notation for the third prayer. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple, with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics are: Lord, _____ have mer - - - - - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - - - - - cy. The word "All" is written above the second staff.

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.

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*

¶ *Sit for the* **First Reading** (Baruch 5: 1–9)

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 singing the response



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

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (*Response*)



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

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** (Philippians 1: 3–11)

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: 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)

¶ *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.

¶ *Kneel or sit 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 a 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.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

¶ 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.

¶ 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.*

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
Come to make all things new,
Bear his people's burden,
Freely love and pardon:

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:

He will come as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Mary, hail! though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid:
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected.

Journey ends! where afar
Bethlem shines like a star,
Stable door stands ajar,
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
We will make him welcome?

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000).

Tune *Personent Hodie*: melody from *Piae Cantiones* (1582),
arranged by Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

¶ *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:



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.

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.

¶ *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**

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)

¶ *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**

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* **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**

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 Variations:

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

(Come now, Saviour of the heathen)

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow (1663–1712)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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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.

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 would 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 12.30 and 15.00, Monday to Thursday. 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
NEXT 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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