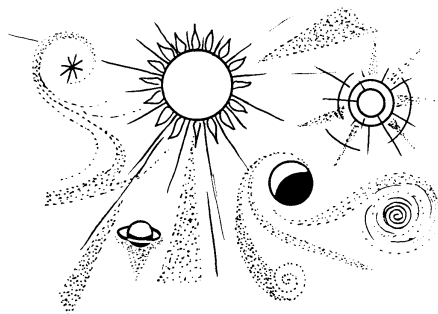


**All Saints, the Parish Church of St Ives**



# **The Third Sunday of Advent**

## **15 December 2024**

### **SERVICES TODAY**

**10.15** Parish Eucharist  
**15.30** Festival of Lessons and Carols

### **SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.05

16 Mon	09.30	Holy Communion
	19.00	Bell-ringing Practice
17 Tues	10–12	Community Café
19 Thurs	15:00	Dementia Friendly Service
	19.30	Choir Practice
20 Fri	10–12	Community Café
	21.00	Compline

(Zoom 818 0346 5483—Ma55)

**NEXT SUNDAY, 22 December:**  
**the Fourth 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**

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*: 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.**

† 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 candle is lit*

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



Musical notation for the first prayer. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter). The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter). Above the second staff, the word "All" is written. Below the first staff, the lyrics "Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy." are written. Below the second staff, the lyrics "Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy." are written.

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



Musical notation for the second prayer. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter). The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter). Above the second staff, the word "All" is written. Below the first staff, the lyrics "Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy." are written. Below the second staff, the lyrics "Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy." are written.

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



Musical notation for the third prayer. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter). The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter). Above the second staff, the word "All" is written. Below the first staff, the lyrics "Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - - - cy." are written. Below the second staff, the lyrics "Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - - - cy." are written.

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 Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ¶ **The Liturgy of the Word**

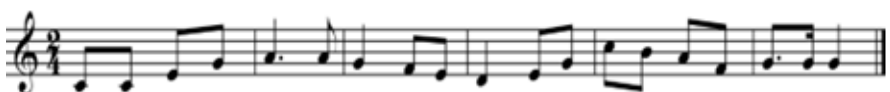
¶ *Sit for the* **First Reading** (Zephaniah 3: 14–20)

*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 singing the response*

Response and Chant: MHE



Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el.

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*)

¶ *Remain seated for the* **Second Reading** (Philippians 4: 4–7)

*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*



**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* **Gospel** (Luke 3: 7–18)

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.**

¶ *Sit for the* **Sermon**

*Mr Richard Hough (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.**





¶ *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.*

When John baptised by Jordan's river,  
In faith and hope the people came,  
That John and Jordan might deliver  
Their troubled souls from sin and shame.

They came to seek a new beginning,  
The human spirit's ageless quest:  
Repentance and an end to sinning,  
Renouncing every wrong confessed.

There as the Lord, baptised and praying,  
Rose from the stream the sinless One,  
A voice was heard from heaven saying,  
'This is my own beloved Son.'

There as the Father's word was spoken,  
Not in the power of wind and flame,  
But of his love and peace the token,  
Seen as a dove, the Spirit came.

O Son of Man, our nature sharing,  
In whose obedience all are blest,  
Saviour our sins and sorrows bearing,  
Hear us and grant us this request:

Daily to grow by grace defended,  
Filled with the Spirit from above,  
In Christ baptised, beloved, befriended,  
Children of God in peace and love.

Words: Timothy Dudley Smith (b.1926)

Tune *St Clement*: Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839–1904)

¶ *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)**



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**. 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**

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)

## ¶ *Stand for the* **Prayer after Communion**

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*

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**

¶ *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.**

John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming.'

*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.**

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

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**

***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 words you give,  
Strong and faithful words to live.  
Words that in our hearts are sown:  
Words that bind us as your own.

***Out of darkness...***

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.

***Out of darkness...***

Let us take the love you give,  
That the way of love we live.  
Love to bring your people home;  
Love to make us all your own.

***Out of darkness...***

Words and Music: Christopher Walker (b.1947)

† *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 Heiland*  
(Come now, Saviour of the heathen), BuxWV 211

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637–1707)

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

### **THE SICK**

Sylvia Boyce, Peter Lavender, Graham Noyce, Angela Young

### **THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Peter Carpenter (12th)

### **YEAR'S MIND**

Mary Firth (21st)

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# NOTICES

## **PARISH SUNDAY LUNCH for JANUARY (REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY!!)**

An opportunity for members of our congregation to socialise and enjoy each other's company.

To facilitate conversation we will be limiting this to ten places only. A sign-up sheet is now available in the Cross Aisle for you to register your interest. It is not a requirement that all who attend need to be members of the congregation, so please do invite loved ones or friends, or indeed husbands or wives: all are equally welcome, even if they are not churchgoers. We will also keep a reserve list so that place(s) can be offered to others in the case of someone cancelling due to family or personal circumstances.

The first of these meals will be on **5 January** and the venue will be Floods Tavern. We remain grateful to Phil Pope and the team at Floods for their continued support of Booze In The Pews.

# **Advent and Christmas Services**

Please advertise all these services  
To neighbours, family and friends!

**Festival of Lessons & Carols  
TODAY. 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**

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

If you would like to know more of what is happening in your parish,  
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St Ives Parochial Church Council - 20-43-63 - 60775193

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Requests for Baptisms and Marriages, including Banns please look  
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