



6th December 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent

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No visitors at present

Charity register number: 1128877

Avoid the Chill!

Please remember to dress warmly for church, as the risk of virus transmission means that the heating cannot be used.



Greetings cards, 'thank you' notelets or simple Christmas gifts: these high-quality cards with envelopes feature the 'Compassion' sculpture inside St James' Church and are available at only £2.00 for a pack of 5.

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Collect

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.

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am Mon – Fri

Mon 7th December Luke 5 vv. 17 – 26
Ambrose, bishop, teacher of the faith, 397
Fr Henry: Sherborne
3.00 pm Fr Steve: Meeting with
Bishop Jackie

Tue 8th December Matthew 18 vv. 12 – 14
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4.30 pm Archdeacon's webinar

Wed 9th December Matthew 11 vv. 28 – 30
Ember Day
5.30 pm Standing committee meets

Thu 10th December Matthew 11 vv. 11 – 15

Fri 11th December Matthew 11 vv. 16 – 19
Ember Day

Sat 12th December Matthew 17 vv. 10 – 13
Ember Day

Next Sunday: 13th December
3rd Sunday of Advent

John I vv. 6 – 8 & 19 – 28
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
11.00 am JAM & 11-Ups: Online Nativity

Scout Post

Unavailable this year. Sorry.



Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Advent Wreath Prayer

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 Christmastide and show all the world God's love.

First Reading: Isaiah 40 vv. 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3 vv. 8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1 vv. 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'