



27<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

St James' Church  
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**Notices**

**Flower Arranging Rota**

Would you like to join the team? All are welcome, and many hands make light work. Please speak to Pat Snell or Liz Holland.

**Christmas Bazaar: 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Boxes are available at the back of the church for your donations of items for sale. This annual event is also a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend.



10.00 am Music

<b>Entrance hymn</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>Awake, Awake: Fling off the Night!</b>
<b>Offertory hymn</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling</b>
<b>Recessional hymn</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending</b>

**This Week**

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> November** Matthew 8: 5 – 11

10.30 am Holy Communion at the  
Old Rectory and The Lilacs

7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 29<sup>th</sup> November** Luke 10: 21 – 24

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> November** Matthew 4: 18 – 22

12.00 noon Holy Communion

**Thu 1<sup>st</sup> December** Matthew 7: 21 & 24 – 27

7.30 pm Fr Brian's house group

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> December** Matthew 9: 27 – 31

2.00 pm Craft group

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

2.00 pm Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 1 & 6 – 8  
Christmas Bazaar

**Next Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Matthew 3: 1 – 12

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

12.00 noon Bring-and-share lunch,  
farewell to Fr Steve and the  
Turner family

6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

6.00 pm Advent Procession,  
St Michael's, Mount Dinham

**TODAY**

6.00 pm Advent Procession,  
Exeter Cathedral

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## Advent Wreath Prayer

**Lord Jesus, Light of the World, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a King: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today.**

### Collect

**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.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

### Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 36-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

### Post-Communion Prayer

**O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

