



1st December 2024
1st Sunday of Advent

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Mince Pies

Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you are able to contribute a dozen mince pies to be served after the carol service on Sunday 15th December.

TODAY

11.30 am Fairtrade stall in the hall
11.30 am Book launch in the hall
6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am
Online: Mon, Wed
In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 2nd December Matthew 8: 5 – 11
7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 3rd December Luke 10: 21 – 24

Wed 4th December Matthew 15: 29 – 37
12.00 noon Eucharist
3.30 pm Messy Church

Thu 5th December Matthew 7: 21 & 24 – 27
7.30 pm Fr Brian's house group

Fri 6th December Matthew 9: 27 – 31
2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 7th December Matthew 9: 25 –
10: 1 & 6 – 8

Next Sunday: 8th December

2nd Sunday of Advent Luke 3: 1 – 6
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
11.45 am Pastoral care team meets
4.00 pm Christingle service



10.00 am Music

Processional hymn	247	Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling
Offertory hymn	270	Hills of the North, Rejoice
Communion anthem		Zion hört die Wächter singen
Recessional hymn	399	Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

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: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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.

