

# Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

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## Calendar:

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>The First Sunday of Advent</b> ( <i>purple</i> )	
	10.00 am	Said Communion
	10.00 am	Joint Advent service at St Matthew's, Chapel Allerton
	2.30 pm	Caribbean Songs of Praise at St Martin's
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00 pm	PCC in Institute kitchen
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Home Communions
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	12 noon	Community Kitchen in the Institute until 2 pm
	2.00 pm	Table top sale in the Institute until 4.00pm
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Second Sunday of Advent</b> ( <i>purple</i> )	
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist with Christingles
	12 noon	Holy Baptism

## Advent /Christmas calendar:

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December: 10 am - **CHRISTINGLE** Eucharist Service. Bring in your Children's Society boxes for Carrie to empty and count.

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: 10.30 am - **TOTS CHRISTMAS SERVICE**, for all pre-school children

- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00 am - **SUNDAY CLUB CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL**.

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: 7.00pm - **COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE**, with readers from our local community, including Cllr Jane Dowson.

- **CHRISTMAS EVE: CRIB SERVICE** at 4.00pm and **MIDNIGHT MASS** at 11.30 pm.

- **CHRISTMAS DAY: CHRISTMAS MASS** at 10.00 am

- **NEW YEAR'S EVE: WATCH NIGHT EUCHARIST** at 11.30 pm

## Notices:

- Today (**ADVENT SUNDAY**) our congregation have joined the congregation up **AT ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH** for an Advent Sunday Service. Here at St Martin's Church Revd Jane will hold a Said Eucharist for those unable to make it to St Matthew's.
- This afternoon St Martin's will be hosting another **CARIBBEAN SONGS OF PRAISE** at 2.30pm, following the success of the first one in October. Do come along and sing your favourite Caribbean hymns!
- Next week (Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December) we will host our **CHRISTINGLE** service during our 10am Eucharist. Do please bring along your Children's Society boxes for Carrie to empty and count.
- There will be a **TABLE-TOP SALE** in the Institute on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December between 2-4pm. See May or Carrie if you would like to be involved.
- We would very much appreciate **DONATIONS OF MINCE PIES OR YULE LOGS** over the next few weeks, to provide as refreshments following the many services we will offer over the course of the Christmas period. Do please pick up an extra packet when you are at the supermarket and bring it in to church. Many thanks.
- Please continue to place a £1 donation in the bottle at the back of church to ensure the continuation of the important work of the Community Kitchen. We are looking for **NEW VOLUNTEERS** for our Community Kitchen to help once a month or every two months – no cooking skills are required! Please see Emily Forbes if you would be willing to help in this important community resource. Also if you have any empty plastic tubs/plastic shopping carrier bags please bring them and place them in the trolley at the back of church. Thank you!
- We are **COLLECTING NEW SOCKS, GLOVES, SCARFS AND HATS** for Christmas for our clients of the Community Kitchen. Please bring donations and place in the trolley at the back of church. The Community Kitchen Christmas lunch will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Thank you.
- Do please bring back your **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS** and money so they can be entered into the draw on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. You've got to be in it to win it!
- We would be grateful for any **MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THE CHURCH FLOWERS** over the festive period. Please give your donation to Jennie, Sue or Carrie. Many thanks.
- Attention! If anyone would like to **JOIN US IN THE CHOIR** for the Carol Service on 19<sup>th</sup> December then rehearsals will be held this Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and the following Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Do come along and join us – the more the better!

## **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.

**Amen**

## **First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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-end**

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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: Luke 21:25-36**

<sup>25</sup> '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.

<sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

<sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> '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, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> 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.'

*(NRSV oremus)*