

FIRST OF ADVENT



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A warm welcome to our worship this week

CALENDAR

Sunday 28th	First of Advent
0900	Morning Prayer
1000	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday 30th	St Andrew Apostle
1800	Standing Committee on Zoom
Wednesday 1st	December
0930	Eucharist
1700	Evening Prayer
Sunday 5th	Second of Advent
0900	Morning Prayer
1000	Parish Eucharist
1830	Advent Carol Service

HYMNS

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- 358** – O come, O come Emmanuel
- 196** – Hark! A herald voice is calling
- 470** – The Advent of our King
- 307** – Lo, he comes with clouds descending

SETTINGS AND PSALM

Director of Music: Mr Matthew Lazenby

Today we sing the Mass to the setting by John Merbecke (see separate sheet). The schola will sing the anthem 'Creator of the Stars of Night' (Mode IV melody, arr. John Scott).

Responsorial Psalm: 25

R: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

1. Show me your ways, O Lord,
And teach me your paths.
Lead me forth in your truth,
For you are God my saviour. **R.**
2. Good and righteous is the Lord,
He brings back those who stray,
He guides the meek in his ways,
And shows his paths to the lowly. **R.**
3. All his ways are mercy and truth,
For those who are faithful to his word.
To those who love him, he reveals his
mind,
and shows them all his will. **R.**

NOTICES

- Our **Community Kitchen** is still shut due to a localised but serious Covid outbreak that is forcing BHI to reorganise the Community Kitchen operations.
- The **Sunday Club** is up and running again – all children are very welcome!
- Our **In Memoriam** book is on permanent display in church; consider sponsoring one of the Stations of the Cross in memory of a dear one. Donations will be gratefully received in exchange for a permanent entry in the book.
- A 2022 **Floral Calendar** with floral displays by our Flower Team is available at the back of church. The calendar costs £4.00 and has been put together as a fund raising exercise.
- Please **take this Sheet** with you after the service but leave books and other sheets on the pews.

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*

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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*

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

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And 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 Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 21:25-36*

Jesus said, ²⁵"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. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"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, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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, adapted)

AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen**