



All Together Advent Service

12th December 2021

The God who moves hearts

Preparing for Worship *(from Ephesians 5 and Revelation 1)*

Wake up sleepers, rise from death.

the light of Christ will shine upon us.

Look, he is coming with the clouds:

every eye will see him! Amen.

Season of Waiting

The grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

**It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions,
and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,
while we wait for the blessed hope –**

the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ,

who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness

and to purify for himself a people that are his very own,

eager to do what is good. *(Titus 2:11-13)*

Song: Creation Sings the Father's Song

Advent Calendar

Asking for Mercy

Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,

and let your anger cease from us:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Show us your compassion, O Lord,

and grant us your salvation:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,

that glory may dwell in our land:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Confession

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

What thrills your heart? What do you delight in?

Bible Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Who would you invite to a Christmas Party?

Mr Jolly

Master Caring

Mr Grumpy

Miss Share

Mrs Gossip

Master Mean

Mrs Funny

Mr Happy

Mr Generous

Miss Take-Take

Mr Fighter

Miss Sporty

Master Worship

Sermon: The God who moves hearts

Song: Joy to the World

Advent Creed *(from Revelation 1)*

We believe in Jesus Christ:

he is the faithful witness,

he is the firstborn from the dead,

he is the ruler of the powers of the world.

He loves us -

he has loosed us from our sins by his blood.

He has made us a kingdom of priests

to serve our God.

He is coming on the clouds,

every eye will see him -

even those who pierced him,

All the peoples on earth will mourn

because of him.

So shall it be. Amen

The Collect for Advent

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 so that on the last day, when he will come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for the 3rd Sunday in Advent

Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger John the Baptist to prepare the way for you, grant that the ministers and stewards of your truth may so make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Intercessions

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come

Your will be done

On earth as is in heaven

Give us today our daily bread

Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For the Kingdom, the power

And the glory are yours

Now and forever. Amen.

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ਤੇਰਾ ਨਾਂ ਪਵਿੱਤਰ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਤੇਰਾ ਰਾਜ ਆਵੇ, ਤੇਰੀ ਮਰਜ਼ੀ,

ਜਿਹੜੀ ਸਵਰਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੂਰਨ ਹੈ, ਧਰਤੀ ਤੇ
ਵੀ ਪੂਰਨ ਹੋਵੇ।

ਅੱਜ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਭੋਜਣ ਦਿਓ ਜੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਹਰ-ਰੋਜ਼
ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਅਤੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਪਾਪ ਮਾਫ਼

ਕਰ ਦਿਓ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਅਸੀਂ ਵੀ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਫ਼ ਕਰ
ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਾਡਾ ਬੁਰਾ ਕੀਤਾ।

ਅਤੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਪਰਤਾਵੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਾ ਪਾਵੇ,

ਸਗੋਂ ਦੁਸ਼ਟ ਤੋਂ ਬਚਾਵੇ।’

Song: God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen

Notices

Pronouncing God's Blessing

May God himself, the God of peace,
make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

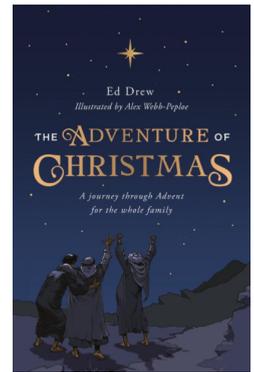
**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Notices

Vicarage Advent Open House - Join the church family at the Vicarage this afternoon for festive refreshments from 3-6pm.

After-school Advent Adventure of Christmas Wednesday 15th December. We'll be inviting families to come to the hall on their way home from school for refreshments, a craft, a short Bible time, a song or two and a take home activity. Please talk to Helen if you are able to help.



Youth Advent Evening: By popular demand, we are hosting a youth event this **Wednesday 15th December** from 7.30-9pm. All young people of secondary school and uni age are welcome to join us for pizza and pasta bake, games, a Christmas talk and a chance to Grill the Vicar. Do confirm with Amanda or Neil if you would like to attend.

Carol singing at Caldene Rest Home **Saturday 18th 2:00pm**. Do join us to bless the rest home residents next Saturday. Leaving the Vicarage at 1.45pm. Contact Neil or Amanda if you want to join in.

Carol Singing and Christmas Refreshments - Come along to the churchyard next **Sunday 19th December at 4pm**, to sing outside and around some streets in the parish, before coming back to the church hall for Christmas refreshments at 5pm.

Generous Hope. Bishop Michael's Advent Appeal. Supporting the Diocese of Matlesane. Visit <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/our-faith/generous-hope/> and follow the link to JustGiving.

Christmas Day Service, Saturday 25th December. Our all age communion service will take place at 11:00am. There will be a Boxing Day, Sunday 26th December, said communion service at 9:00am (quiet, reflective, no hymns).

SOUL Course. Meeting Jesus in the pages of Mark's Gospel. We all have friends and family who do not know Jesus. Why not pray through Advent for that person, or people, and ask God to give you the opportunity to share the true message of Jesus and to invite them to the SOUL course, starting in January.

All new **Sunday Club Juniors** will be starting on Sunday 9th January as part of our 11am church service. Please be praying for leaders and helpers, for invitations and publicity as they start to go out, for children and parents to want to come and that the Lord would be pleased to direct and bless this opportunity. Contact Helen if you want to help!