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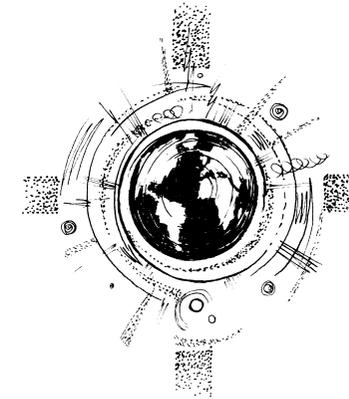
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Advent Sunday 30 November 2014

SERVICES TODAY

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist.

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00

1 Mon	09.30	Said Eucharist
	10.00	Monday Munchkins in Church Hall
	19.30	Bell-ringing Practice
2 Tues	10.00	Healing Eucharist
	19.30	PCC meets in Church
3 Wed	19.30	Advent Study Group meets in Church
4 Thurs	09.30	Eucharist
	19.30	Choir Practice
5 Fri	09.30	Reconciliation Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY 7 December The Second Sunday of Advent

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist The Vicar

Welcome to All Saints today

Throughout this booklet, where indications for posture are given, please treat them as being for guidance only. Should it suit you better to adopt an alternative posture, please feel free to do so.
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Introduction to the Season

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church waits for the coming (adventus) of Christ, both in his incarnation and as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies therefore look forward not only to Christ's birth, but also to his final Coming, and challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement: 'Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty.'
(Charles Wesley)

The characteristic note of Advent is expectation rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under relentless commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness. Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century and is now a common practice.

The Advent Wreath has four candles (three purple and one rose pink) in a ring around a white candle. The first purple candle is lit on Advent Sunday, with the others being lit on successive weeks; the pink candle is lit on the Third Sunday ('Gaudete') which signifies the rejoicing that we are at the midpoint of the season and the focus shifts from the ancient message of the prophets to the forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist. The white candle is lit on Christmas Day itself. The new candle each week is lit during the Prayers of Penitence. There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle. The scheme that accords best with the Common Worship Lectionary as used in the Church of England is:

Advent 1	The Patriarchs,	Advent 2	The Prophets
Advent 3	John the Baptist	Advent 4	The Virgin Mary

Each of the four Sundays thus reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. 'The Patriarchs' can naturally focus on Abraham, our father in faith, and David, Jesus's ancestor, in whose city he was born. 'The Prophets' gives an opportunity to reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was 'foretold'. John, who proclaimed the Saviour, and Mary, who bore him in her womb, complete the picture.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

I strongly suspect that, like me, many of you have been written to in the past by *Reader's Digest*. (Who was Tom Champagne is something I always wondered!) Through the letterbox came offers of what they considered to be irresistible prizes, but only if you reply by a specified date. If you ever used to throw them away unopened, I hoped you read just one to get the full flavour. There is an urgency, an evangelical fervour about the writing that seeks to persuade you that this organisation really has your best interests at heart and wants you to respond. Of course they did; but it's not entirely disinterested!

Writing to the Christians in Corinth, Paul begins by giving thanks for the wealth of gifts God has showered on them, and reminds them that God will continue to work with them. He echoes the words with which our Gospel concludes; the master expects his servants to continue their work during his absence, just as if he were personally supervising them.

The beginning of Advent is no bad time to reflect on our stewardship. The gifts that God longs to give us are far greater than anything *Readers' Digest* could ever offer; are we as eager to receive them? How well are we employing our gifts? Or are they lying, hidden, in the back of a cupboard, where we hope no one will notice them? Do our lives reflect the attitude of thankfulness to God that was so evident in the church at Corinth? What are we advertising, day by day?

NOTICES

Advent Prayer Group The Advent Prayer Group will be starting this Wednesday evening at 19.30 we will be using +Stephen Cotterell's latest book 'Walking Backwards to Christmas' There will also be time for reflection and refreshments, This will be followed by a short service of Compline. All Welcome

Mothers Union Meeting The Mothers' Union will meet on Thursday 4th December at 2.30 pm at 17 Westwood Road, St Ives. Our Speaker will be Gary Evans who will tell us of his visits to the Holy Land. There will be a warm welcome to all Church Friends. It would be a help to have numbers, please tel. 464653.

Food Bank Collection Point We will be holding a food collection at Waitrose on Saturday 6 December for The St Ives Food bank. If you could spare an hour or two between 9 o'clock and 5 o'clock please advise Carol Dennis.

Festive Tray Bakes There will be Festive tray bakes on sale next Sunday 7 December during coffee.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ST IVES and the preparations for Christmas, especially this week we pray for The Bridge Church and their Minister Andy Richards.

THE SICK: Joan Harris, David Yeandle, Jean Read, Mick Bacon, William Carlson, Cheryl Cook, Ethel Cooper, Leonard Evans, Michael Dunlop, Sophie Phillips, Cyril Whitfield, Chris Stephens, Janice Fernandez, Bryan Cooksey, Simon Allard, Audrey, Philip, Jane, Goretti, Muriel, Fr Jeff Vaughan; all who care for those in need.

THE DEPARTED: Dick Fairbrother, Margaret Thomson

YEARS MIND: Terry Fisher (30th), William (Bill) Polhill (4th), Ray Lapham (4th)

¶ *The Gathering*

¶ Please stand when the bell is rung to sing **The Processional Hymn**

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
Come to make all things new,
Bear his people's burden,
Freely love and pardon:

***Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
Who will make him welcome?***

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid:
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected.

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines like a star,
Stable door stands ajar,
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903—2000).
Tune *Personent Hodie*: from Piae Cantiones (1582),
arranged by Gustav Holst (1874—1934)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Invocation and Greeting**

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Prayers of Penitence
at the Advent Wreath**

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.

Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.

Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

Amen

The first advent candle is lit.

Heavenly Father, who created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.



Cantor: Lord___ have mer - cy,

All: Lord___ have mer - cy.

Lord Jesus, the Light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.



Cantor: Christ___ have mer - cy,

All: Christ___ have mer - cy.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Final Hymn**

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

***Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.***

I have seen him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him! be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free;
While God is marching on.

Words: Julia Ward Howe (1819—1910)

Tune *Battle Hymn*: attributed to William Steffe (1830—1890)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Dismissal**

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV599

J. S. Bach (1685—1750)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Acclamation**

With love and compassion
Come, Lord Jesus!

With judgement and mercy
Come, Lord Jesus!

In power and glory
Come, Lord Jesus!
In wisdom and truth
Come, Lord Jesus!

Notices

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.
Amen.

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.
Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Holy Spirit, give light in our hearts
and renew us in faith and love.



Cantor: Lord___ have mer - cy,
All: Lord___ have mer - cy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Collect**

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

¶ ***The Liturgy of the Word***

¶ *Please sit for* **The First Reading** (Isaiah 64: 1—9)

At the end the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

¶ *Remain seated for* **The Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 80)
and join in singing the Response

Response and chant: Martin Everett



O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
God of hosts, bring us back,
let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved. *(Response)*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. *(Response)*

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. *(Response)*

¶ *Remain seated for* **The Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 1: 3—9)

At the end the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

The Gospel Acclamation

¶ *Please stand and turn towards the Gospel reader*



Cantor: Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.
All: Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707—1788)

Tune *Cross of Jesus*: Sir John Stainer (1840—1901)

¶ *Please stand for* **The Prayer after Communion**

The priest introduce a period of silent prayer with the words
Let us pray

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

¶ The Dismissal

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Dismissal Gospel**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Watch at all times, praying for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man. *(Luke 21: 36)*

At the end the reader says
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,



Cantor: Have__ mer - cy, have mer - cy on us:____

All: Have__ mer - cy, have mer - cy on us:____

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,



Cantor: Have__ mer - cy, have mer - cy on us:____

All: Have__ mer - cy, have mer - cy on us:____

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the word,



Cantor: Grant us peace,

All: Grant us peace, grant__ us peace.____

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Anyone who has been baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and wishes to receive the love of the Lord Jesus in their life, is welcome to come forward to receive Communion at this service.

Please come forward when directed by a steward. Please note it does not matter which side you receive from: please alternate with the person in front of you. Having received please return to you seats by means of the side aisles, and cross aisle if necessary.

Alternatively you may wish to come for a blessing: if this is your preference please keep your hands down and your head bowed to indicate this.

¶ Please join in singing **The Communion Hymn**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

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

All: Alleluia (*as above*)

¶ Remain standing for **The Gospel Reading** (Mark 13: 24—37)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ Please sit for **The Sermon**

The Revd Mark Amey, Vicar

¶ Please stand for **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

¶ Please sit or kneel for **The Intercessory Prayers**

The priest introduces the Prayers by saying
Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

*The Intercessor leads the people in prayer
and at the end of each petition says*

Let us pray to the Lord

The people respond by singing:



*At the end of the prayers silence is kept
after which the priest leads the concluding prayer*

Almighty God,
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ
first came to seek and to save the lost;

¶ Remain standing for **The Lord's Prayer**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
and so we have the courage to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

¶ Remain standing for **The Breaking of the Bread**

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

¶ Remain standing for **The Invitation to Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

¶ Please sit or kneel for the **Lamb of God**

*While the Altar Party receives the Sacrament, the choir leads the
singing of the 'Agnus Dei' (Lamb of God). Please sing the response after
the Cantor:*

Therefore, heavenly Father,
 we remember his offering of himself
 made once for all upon the cross;
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,
 and with this bread and this cup
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ri - sing you re - stored our life:
 Lord _____ Je - sus, _____ come in glo - ry.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
 this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
 and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
 in the presence of your divine majesty,
 renew us by your Spirit,
 inspire us with your love
 and unite us in the body of your Son,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, Father almighty,
 in songs of everlasting praise:

Bles - sing and ho - nour and glo - ry and power be yours for e - ver and
 e - ver. A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

so may he come again to find in us
 the completion of his redeeming work;
 for he is now alive
 and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 God for ever and ever.

Amen.

*¶ Please stand for **The Peace***

In the tender mercy of our God,
 the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
 to give light to those who dwell in darkness
 and in the shadow of death,
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*¶ Remain standing to sing **The Offertory Hymn***

O come, O come, Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here,
 Until the Son of God appear.

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.***

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
 Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
 From depths of hell thy people save,
 And give them victory o'er the grave.

*(Women &
 Children only)*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 Our spirits by thine advent here;
 Dispel the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.

(All)

Rejoice! Rejoice!

(Men only) O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

(All) **Rejoice! Rejoice!**

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Words: Anon. 13th Century, based on the Great Advent Antiphons,
translated by John Mason Neale (1818—1866)
Tune *Veni Emmanuel*: from a 15th-century French Franciscan Processional,
arranged by Martin Everett; final verse harmonised by Andrew Carter

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.
Amen.

¶ *Remain standing throughout* **The Eucharistic Prayer (A)**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

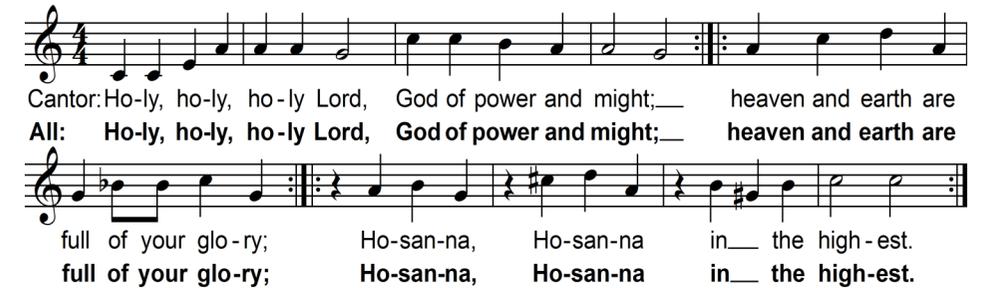
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day

when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

(Please repeat each phrase after the Cantor)



Cantor: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might;— heaven and earth are
All: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might;— heaven and earth are
full of your glo-ry; Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in__ the high-est.
full of your glo-ry; Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in__ the high-est.

Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
All: Hosanna (as above)

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

To you be glory and praise for ever.