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All Saints, the Parish Church of  
St Ives

# The Second Sunday of Advent

7 December 2014

## SERVICES TODAY

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist.  
12.30 Baptism Service Oliver James Seymour

## Services and events for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00

8 Mon	08.30	Church in the Market Place
	09.30	Said Eucharist
	10.00	Monday Munchkins in Church Hall
	12.30	CTSI Prayer Lunch
	19.30	Bell-ringing Practice
9 Tues	10.00	Healing Eucharist
	14.30	'Be Still' Meditation Group in Church
11 Thur	09.30	Said Eucharist
	19.30	Choir Practice
12 Fri	09.30	Reconciliation Eucharist
	13:00	Funeral of Iris Sewell in church

**NEXT SUNDAY 14 December is the Third Sunday of Advent**

10.15 Parish Eucharist The Vicar

Please take this booklet with you when you leave

## Welcome to All Saints today

*if you are new or just visiting, please do stay in Church after the service for coffee and fellowship.*

*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.*

*Large Print Copies available as are Gluten Free Wafers. Please speak to a steward.*

### 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.*

## Invitation from Bishop Stephen

I have been hugely encouraged by your response to the diocesan vision – 'we pray to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ' – and by the example of many churches working to fulfil our diocesan imperatives to *engage* with our communities and our world, *deepen* our faith, and *grow* new disciples.

I am now writing to invite you to join in a consultation process over the draft diocesan strategy, starting in the New Year. It is vitally important that we move forward together, so your voice really matters.

How can we make the very best use of all the gifts and opportunities God has poured out upon our diocese for the sake of his Kingdom? I encourage you to think and pray about this, and to make space on your parish and deanery agendas for a full and open discussion.

A draft strategy booklet to help you engage with this consultation has been prepared and can be found on the home page of the diocesan website: [www.ely.anglican.org](http://www.ely.anglican.org)

The fruit of these discussions will be gathered up around Easter, allowing time for the strategy to be further refined before it is approved by our Diocesan Synod next summer and put to work in the autumn.

As you prepare to enter this process, I call upon all your gifts of creativity and imagination, your prayerfulness and common sense, and your commitment to serve God in his Church and in his world. Thank you in advance for your share in shaping our diocese, and please be assured of my support and prayers.



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

You may be familiar with the saying, 'If all else fails, read the instructions.' Unfortunately, as anyone who has ever bought an item of self-assembly furniture will know, the instructions aren't always clear! How many of us depend on our children or grandchildren to programme the DVD recorder, or show us how to use the new digital camera?

Anyone who reads the Bible as a simple set of instructions faces the same problem. It's not just that dietary and social customs from 3,000 years ago don't necessarily fit with our contemporary society. It's that the underlying principles clash. 'Preparing the way for the Lord' presupposes that we know what kind of lord we are anticipating; both President Obama and the Taliban could, presumably, claim to be engaged in their own version of this task, but by very different processes, and with very different outcomes.

We need to read the Bible not as book of answers, but as a book of questions. 'Am I my bother's keeper?' 'If God is for us, who can be against us?' 'What is truth?' 'What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?' 'Where can I go from your Spirit?'

Our approach to Christian stewardship is one part of our answer to those questions. It is part of how we work out the implications of the Gospel in our own lifestyle; in the way we use all that God has given us

## ¶ *The Gathering*

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

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see;

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in your Church gathered today.***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us;  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry,  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.

Words and music: Bernadette O'Farrell (b.1957)

¶ Remain standing for **The Invocation**

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

**Amen.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Let us worship God together.

¶ *Remain standing* **The Prayers of Penitence**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The second Advent candle is lit.*

Heavenly Father,  
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.



Cantor: Lord\_\_\_ have mer - cy,  
**All: Lord\_\_\_ have mer - cy.**

Lord Jesus,  
teach us to forgive one another.



Cantor: Christ\_\_\_ have mer - cy,  
**All: Christ\_\_\_ have mer - cy.**

Holy Spirit,  
direct us in your way of righteousness.



Cantor: Lord\_\_\_ have mer - cy,  
**All: Lord\_\_\_ have mer - cy.**

**Christmas Present Wrapping Service** Caroline Armes has offered to wrap Christmas Presents in return for donations to Church /Christmas Flowers. This will take place either during coffee or on Sunday afternoons. All you need to do is provide the present and the wrapping and Caroline will do the rest! If this is of interest to you please speak to Caroline

**Coffee after the service** At the PCC meeting this week it was decided that due to the Churches financial situation we cannot afford to heat the Church hall for 3 hours beforehand on a Sunday in order to serve coffee after the service. Therefore, until further notice coffee will be served after the service in Church.

**The Churchwardens' Social** Owing to work commitments this has been deferred until the New Year.

**Church Cleaning** A big thank you to all who turned up to help in the pre Christmas clean last Saturday it's much appreciated. Also thanks to everyone who has kept the church looking clean and tidy throughout the past year.

**Foodbank Collection** Thank you to all those who volunteered with the Foodbank collection at Waitrose last weekend.

**Silver Wedding Anniversary** Fr Mark and Kathy would like to thank members of the Parish for their kind wishes this week on the occasion of their Silver Wedding.

**Save the Date!**

**Choral Concert - Saturday 10 January, 19.30**

On Saturday 10 January, Lydian Voices will perform a choral concert in church. Entrance will be free of charge, with all donations going towards the work of the church. The concert is entitled *O Nata Lux – Reflections for the End of the Christmas Season* and will include works by Tallis, Kodály and Stanford, as well as a selection of favourite hymns and carols. Light refreshments will be available at the interval. The concert promises to be the perfect way to end the Christmas season, and we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

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

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

### Organ Voluntary

Fugue in D minor Johann Pachelbel (1653—1706)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ST IVES** and the preparations for Christmas, especially this week we pray for Crossways and their Minister, Rev Vic Hudson

**THE SICK:** 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:** Margaret Thomson, Iris Sewell

**YEARS MIND:** Nigel Kember (13th)

### NOTICES

**Advent Group** The Advent Prayer Group will be meeting on 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.

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

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

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again  
as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God  
**Amen.**

### *¶* The Liturgy of the Word

*¶* Please sit for **The First Reading** (Isaiah 40: 1—11)

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

*¶* Remain seated for **The Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 85)  
*and join in singing the response*

Response and Chant: Dom Gregory Murray (adapted)



Let us see, O Lord, your mer-cy, and give us your sa-ving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. (*Response*)

¶ *Remain standing for The Final Hymn*

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. (*Response*)

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march be-fore him  
and peace shall follow his steps. (*Response*)

¶ *Remain seated for The Second Reading* (2 Peter 3: 8—15a)

*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.

Cantor: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

All: **Alleluia** (as above)

¶ *Remain standing for The Gospel Reading* (Mark 1: 1—8)

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**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.**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come then and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,  
And furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without thy grace our souls must fade,  
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,  
And make us rise, to fall no more;  
Once more upon thy people shine,  
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore,  
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676—1749), translated by John Chandler (1808—1876)

Tune *Winchester New*: adapted from *Musicalisches Handbuch* (Hamburg 1690)

¶ *Remain standing for The Blessing*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

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

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

Father in heaven,  
who sent your son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he come again,  
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## ¶ *The Dismissal*

¶ Remain standing for **The Acclamation**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
the prophets said you would bring peace  
and save your people in trouble.  
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas  
and show all the world God's love.**

¶ Remain standing for **The Dismissal Gospel**  
*read by a member of the congregation standing by the Advent Wreath*

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

John quoted the Prophet Isaiah when he told the people of Jesus's  
coming, saying 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'

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

**Notices**

¶ 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.**

*(It is customary to bow one's head for the next three lines)*

**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.****



¶ *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:*

**Cantor:** Lamb of God, you take away the sin 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 sin 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 sin of the word,



Cantor: Grant us peace,

**All: Grant us peace, grant\_\_ us peace.\_\_\_\_\_**

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

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at nought and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing,  
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To his ransomed worshipers:  
With what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory:  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly!  
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707—1788)

Tune *Helmsley*: probably by Thomas Olivers (1725—1799), from John Wesley's  
*Select Hymns with Tunes Annexed* (1765)

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

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)**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
 that broken bread and wine outpoured  
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
 and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
 do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
 Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
 in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.  
 Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
 we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life

Martin Everett



When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord



Je - sus, un - til you\_\_ come in glo - ry.\_\_\_\_\_

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
 when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
 and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

*¶ 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.**