

Sunday 28th November 2021
The First Sunday of Advent
Andrew the Apostle

Collect for the Week

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.

10.00 am Matins (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: Tim Cripps

10.00 am Family Service with Eucharist at the Church Centre

President: The Vicar, Link: Susan Powley

Hymns: Longing for light
My Jesus, my Saviour
Great is thy faithfulness
All my hope on God is founded

Reading: Luke 21.25-36 (NIV page 1056)

6.30 pm Service of Readings and Music for Advent

Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps

Please see separate booklet



THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 29th November *Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Work of the Church*

10 am - 12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 30th Andrew the Apostle

Parish Office closed

9.00 am Morning prayer via zoom

Meeting ID 857 0125 6027; Passcode 654428

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85701256027?pwd=ZzZkZTRrKzdTT2JabGtLSC9teGxIQT09>

WEDNESDAY 1st December *Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916*

10 am - 12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 2nd

10 am-11.45 am Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre

12 for 12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 3rd Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552

10 am - 12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 – 2.00 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice

7.30 pm Senior Choir Practice

SATURDAY 4th John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c. 749

2.00 pm Wedding at the Parish Church with the Choir

NEXT SUNDAY 5th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Christingle Service at the Church Centre

Lead: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Chris Bassett

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Tim Cripps

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Warm greetings to you all and welcome to the start of the Church's year (on this Advent Sunday). I hope that none of you have been caught up directly or affected by the spike in Covid -19 cases in our area and you have not been affected by the adverse weather conditions. As we start this season of Advent I pray that we will all be given renewed hope in the benevolence of God and in the goodness of humanity. I also hope that most of you will be able to join us this evening as we worship and rejoice in God's continual faithfulness and unending mercy.

Ronnie

Advent Readings and Music

Please do come and join us this evening for our special Advent Service of Music and Readings. We invite you to stay for refreshments which will be served afterwards.

Poppy Appeal

This year our collections raised over £500 for the Royal British Legion. This is a terrific amount, thank you for your generosity.

First Aider

We now only have one registered first aider at the Parish Church. Ideally we should have at least two to cover the majority of services. If you would be interested to help in this way please speak to May or Ginette who can explain what it involves.

Christingle 2021

Next Sunday, the 5th December, there will be a Christingle Service at the Church Centre at 10.00 am when the children will be making their own Christingle. Do come along and join in the fun.



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The Altar flowers are given today
by Deborah Bruce
in loving memory of her husband Greg Bruce
and her parents Jo and Peter Gibby

Teddy Mayor's Toy Appeal 2021

The Mayor's Toy Appeal helps to bring joy to children and teenagers in the Borough whose families find Christmas an especially difficult time of the year. Appropriate gifts for children age from 1 to 18 are being collected. **New** toys only can be bought locally and left at either Church. You can also go to the appeal's Amazon Wishlist – www.twmta.co.uk.

Please show your support for this most worthwhile appeal. If you are not able to access the internet for information and would like some help, please contact Ginette in the office. Thank you.

Jams and Preserves

Jane and Ian Goldsworthy will be running a small preserves and chutney stall in the Lodge at the Parish Church today and next Sunday 5th December (if there's any left!!) after the morning service.

Please remember to bring some small change along with you as the proceeds will be for Church funds.

Community Larder

A reminder that the Community Larder is available to all on a Friday between 12:30 and 2:00 pm at the Church Centre. Bring a bag and for a £2 donation, you can select from a great choice of fresh and tinned/packet foods plus other items. Queuing from 12.15 pm only please.

Nourish

The drop in boxes are situated at the Church Centre and in the porch at the Parish Church and are once again waiting to receive whatever items of food and drink you are able to donate. Please do not leave frozen/chilled foods or out of date items. Thank you.

A Special Date for your Diary

The Oriana Singers will be holding a Christmas Concert here at St Paul's on Saturday 11th December. The concert will begin at 7 pm and will also feature St Paul's Junior Choir members. There will be interval refreshments - tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children, tickets on the door. The event will be in aid of Blood Cancer UK and the British Heart Foundation and held in memory of three former Oriana members. Please do come and join us.

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