

# St Chad's Ladybarn



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 15 December 2019

Sermon text here



**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. **Response: Alleluia!**

### **This morning's music** Still last year's hymns

589 On Jordon's bank the Baptists cry

734 The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

223 Glorious things of thee are spoken

463 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

66 Be thou my vision

### **This morning's readings and prayers**

**Isaiah 35.1-10** (reader: Barbara Purvis); Psalm 146;

**James 5.7-10** (reader: Pam Race);

**Matthew 11.2-11** (Gospeller: Opal Walsh)

Intercessor: Leslie Fletcher

### **At the lighting of the Third Advent candle**

Lord Jesus, light of the world, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now.

### **Collect for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and 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 are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Post-Communion: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of 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; 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.

### **Next Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Advent** (Year A readings now)

**Isaiah 7.10-16** (reader: TBA); Psalm 80; **Romans 1.1-7** (reader: TBA); **Matthew 1.18-25** (Gospeller: TBA); Intercessor: TBA

## This week and further ahead

### Today

Traidcraft stall after the Parish Communion

♪ ♪ 3.00pm St Nick's Carol Service



Monday 16 December

♪ ♪ Carols around the Courts: 7.00pm Mayes Court, 8.15pm Oak Court



Tuesday 17 December

♪ ♪ Carols around the Courts: 7.00pm Royle Court, 8.15pm Rowan Court



Wednesday 18 December

7.00pm in St Nick's Rectory: 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Advent study group based on *The Way*.

According to its director, the film is "pro-people, pro-life, not anti-anything."

Thursday 19 December

10.00am Holy Communion

♪ ♪ 7.00pm at St Nick's: Carols by Candlelight with Greater Manchester Voices



Sunday 22 December

♪ ♪ 6.30pm St Chad's Carol Service



♪ ♪ Mince pies and other seasonal refreshments afterwards.



---

Christmas Eve: 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas

### Christmas services

Christmas Day: 10.00am Holy Communion with carols and sermon

Sunday 5 January: 10.00am Parish Eucharist for The Epiphany

### Christmas Greetings Board

Please contribute a picture, Christmas card, poem or other form of Christmas greeting to the greetings board, rather than sending multiple cards to people in the congregation. Donate money saved to the Children's Society.

### The Foodbank

Why not create a Reverse Advent calendar for the Foodbank? Find a box and put a food item or a Christmas treat in it for every day in Advent.

### Please put ...

... your used stamps into the official box for the Royal Institute for the Blind

### Congregational appeal - a baby change unit for the Community Hall

There are sometimes babies at our regular services, at baptisms (of course!) and in the week as more community groups use the Hall. A well-engineered fold-away baby change unit costs about £300. Limited space means that it has to fold away. Installation will cost further £100 or so because an internal wall has to be strengthened.

Thinking about the Infant Jesus in a manger, could you contribute to the cost of this?

This appeal will be open until Epiphany – Sunday 5 January

