



8th December 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent

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Notices

Mince Pies

Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you are able to contribute a dozen mince pies to be served after the carol service next Sunday, 15th December.

Church Decorating for Christmas

Please see Liz Holland, Pat Snell or one of the churchwardens to make a donation towards the cost of flowers for Christmas.

Fairtrade Thanks

Many thanks for supporting the stall last week. Over £260 worth of items were sold. If you missed out, see Charlotte or Mike Payne: It's not too late to order more!



Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn	51	Awake, Awake: Fling Off the Night
Offertory hymn	513	On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
Recessional hymn	400	Long Ago, Prophets Knew

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am
Online: Mon, Wed
In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 9th December Luke 5: 17 – 26
7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 10th December Matthew 18: 12 – 14

Wed 11th December Matthew 11: 28 – 30
12.00 noon Eucharist
12.15 pm Friends Who Lunch

Thu 12th December Matthew 11: 11 – 15

Fri 13th December Matthew 11: 16 – 19

Sat 14th December Matthew 17: 10 – 13
10.00 am St Mary's Jacobite Syrian
Orthodox Church Mass

Next Sunday: 15th December

3rd Sunday of Advent Luke 3: 7 – 18
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
11.15 am Nativity in the hall
3.30 pm Choir practice
4.00 pm Nativity at Exeter Cathedral
6.00 pm Carol service

TODAY

11.45 am Pastoral care team meets
4.00 pm Christingle service

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Advent Wreath Prayer

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

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'"

Post-Communion Prayer

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

