



28th November 2021
1st Sunday of Advent

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Collect

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; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

TODAY

2.30 pm Southernhay URC: Service of thanksgiving for the life of the Rev Amanda Harper

10.00 am Music

Offertory hymn 247

Recessional hymn 399

Organ Voluntary

Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (by J S Bach)

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 29th November Matthew 8 vv. 5 – 11

Day of intercession and thanksgiving for the missionary work of the Church

6.45 pm Singers' rehearsal

8.00 pm PCC meets

Tue 30th November Matthew 4 vv. 18 – 22

Andrew, apostle

Wed 1st December Matthew 15 vv. 29 – 37

Charles de Foucauld, hermit, 1916

12.00 noon Holy Communion

Thu 2nd December Matthew 7

vv. 21 & 24 – 27

4.00 pm Church closed for cleaning

Fri 3rd December Matthew 9 vv. 27 – 31

Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552

Sat 4th December Matthew 9 v. 35 –

10 vv. 1 & 6 – 8

John of Damascus, monk, teacher of the faith, 749; Nicholas Ferrar, deacon founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637

2.00 pm Holy Baptism

2.00 pm Christmas bazaar cancelled

Next Sunday: 5th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Luke 3 vv. 1 – 6

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am Fr Steve's birthday celebration in the hall: all welcome

6.00 pm Evening Prayer with Benediction

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Advent Wreath Prayer

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a King: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33 vv. 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3 vv. 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21 vv. 25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

Decorating for Christmas

This year's colour theme will be red and gold. Come along on Christmas Eve in the morning to help with decorating the church. Flowers (especially red or gold), greenery and cash donations are welcome. To find out more, speak to Pat Snell or Liz Holland.

Advent Extra

This Bible study aid is available at the back of the church. A donation of £3.00 is suggested; please place money in the wall safe.

Mince Pies for the Carol Service

To contribute, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.