



“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life...” Luke 21:34

This morning's music

535 O come, O come Emmanuel

286 Hark! a herald voice is calling

307 Hills of the north, rejoice

140 Come thou long expected Jesus

706 The God of Abraham praise

This morning's readings and prayers

Jeremiah 33.14-16 (reader: Judy Fletcher); Psalm 25;

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 (reader: Laverne Condappa); **Luke 21.25-36** (Gospeller: Colin Powell);

Intercessor: Helen Reid

At the lighting of the first Advent candle

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.

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after the morning service

Collect for Advent Sunday

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.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Response: Alleluia!**

Post Communion: Sunday before Advent

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.

Next Sunday, Second Sunday of Advent (Year C readings now)

Baruch 5.1-9 (reader: Jenny Black); Benedictus, **Philippians 1.3-11** (reader: Trena Radcliffe); **Luke 3.1-6** (Gospeller: Mark Hewerdine); Intercessor: Mark Hewerdine

6.30pm today
Evensong

Hymns & Psalm

19 All my hope on God is founded Psalm 9
722 The Lord will come and not be slow 449 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
Readings Joel 3. 9 to end; Revelation 14.13-15.4

This week and further ahead

Monday 3 December 7.30pm in the Vestry: Advent study group on Rowan Williams' book *Being Human*
Tuesday 4 December 7.30pm Holy Communion followed at 8.00pm by PCC meeting
Thursday 6 December 10.00am Holy Communion for the Feast of St Nicholas
Sunday 9 December **9.30am:** Short said Eucharist at St Chad's. 10.30am Christingle and 90th Birthday Celebration at St Nicholas, with Bishop Mark. Lunch will follow the service. *Please tell one of the churchwardens **today** if you would like to stay for the lunch.*
3.00pm Organ recital: *Songs from the Shows* with Robert Nicholls
Wednesday 12 December ♪ ♪ Carols around the Courts 7.15pm Mayes Court 8.15pm Oak Court ♪ ♪
Tuesday 18 December ♪ ♪ Carols around the Courts 7.15pm Royle Court 8.15pm Rowan Court ♪ ♪
Sunday 23 December ♪ ♪ 6.30pm St Chads Carol Service. Interested in joining our Extended Choir to a couple of easy special carols? Please speak to Robert at an early date. Rehearsal nearer the time

Create a Reverse Advent calendar for the Food Bank! Find a box and put a food item or a Christmas treat in it for every day in Advent – bring to church by 23 December for taking to the Food Bank.

From Bishop David on the receiving of Holy Communion

We are becoming increasingly aware of the severe reaction some people have to gluten. As a result, churches are now used to providing gluten-free bread in services of Holy Communion. However, what is often overlooked is that dipping wafers in the wine can introduce gluten which others then drink.

It is already advised nationally that, for reasons of hygiene, the intinction [dipping] of wafers should be avoided. When a wafer is given into the hands of a communicant, it may become contaminated by germs lying on the skin. Intincting the wafer then introduces those germs directly into the wine; there is also the possibility of finger tips inadvertently dipping into the liquid.