

St Chad's Ladybarn



3rd Sunday of Advent 16 December 2018

“Jesus the lawyer”



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

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

Bach: Short Prelude and Fugue Number 3

This morning's readings and prayers

Zephaniah 3.14-20 (reader: Diane Wynn); **Isaiah 12.2-6**; **Philippians 4.4-7** (reader: Lewis Oliver);
Luke 3.7-18 (Gospeller: Opal Walsh);
Intercessor: Judy 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 3rd 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: 3rd 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 C readings now)*

Micah 5.2-5a (reader: Craig Ward); **Psalm 80**; **Hebrews 10.5-10** (reader: Pam Race);
Luke 1.39-55 (Gospeller: Helen Reid); Intercessor: Opal Walsh

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

Today

Take a **#Follow the Star** Christmas card this morning to give to a friend or neighbour.

12.15 for 12.30 in the Hall: Sunday Table

♪ ♪ 3.00pm at St Nick's: Community carol service with not one but two 'trendy' vicars on drums & guitar as well as Greater Manchester Voices, wine & mince pies too! ♪ ♪

This week and further ahead

Monday 17 December

7.30pm in the Vestry: Advent study group on Rowan Williams' book *Being Human*

Tuesday 18 December

♪ ♪ Carols around the Courts 7.15pm Royle Court 8.15pm Rowan Court ♪ ♪

Thursday 20 December

10.00am Holy Communion in the Vestry

Sunday 23 December

♪ ♪ 6.30pm St Chad's Carol Service. Mince pies and other seasonal refreshments afterwards.

Christmas services

Christmas Eve: 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas

Christmas Day: 10.00am Holy Communion with carols and sermon

Sunday 6 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.

Roger Nichols ...

... is raising money walking 20K across Thames bridges for Headway – the brain injury association because a family member has suffered brain injuries. Read more of the background and donate at <https://tinyurl.com/Rogers-walk>

Would you like the notice sheet emailed to you each week?

If so then speak to Leslie Fletcher or complete the form on the website

Reverse Advent calendar for the Food Bank Bring to church by next Sunday

The Night Shelter needs men's socks and underwear

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