



"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Matthew 24.36

**This morning's music**

535 O come, O come, Emmanuel

286 Hark! a herald voice is calling

677 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

722 The Lord will come and not be slow

449 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

**This morning's readings and prayers**

**Isaiah 2.1-5** (reader: Diane Wynn); Psalm 122

**Romans 13.11-14** (reader: Trena Radcliffe)

**Matthew 24.36-44** (Gospeller: Helen Reid)

Intercessor: Opal Walsh

**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 A readings now)

Readings at 8.30am service: Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 78, Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

Readings and readers at 10.30am service arranged by St Nick's

6.30pm today  
Evensong

### Hymns & Psalm

140 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Psalm 9

774 Thy kingdom come, O God

535 O come, O come, Emmanuel

### Readings

Isaiah 52.1-12; Matthew 24.15-28

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**This week's big thanks to ...**

- More lovely student volunteers who worked hard on our Community Orchard and Wildlife Garden on Tuesday, and church people who welcomed them, made tea and coffee, ...
- Every one who has used Talent Money to support the mission and ministry of St Chad's

### A message from St Nick's churchwardens:

"We are looking forward to welcoming St Chad's congregation to St Nick's for our **10.30am Christingle and Birthday Sunday** service. It is a Service of the Word (not a Eucharist) and all-age. Envelopes will be available for those who would like to contribute to the work of the Children's Society. There will be refreshments to follow."

### This week and further ahead

Tuesday 3 December 7.00pm Holy Communion followed at 7.30pm by PCC meeting

Wednesday 4 December 7.30pm in St Nick's Rectory: 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Advent study group based on the film *The Way*. According to its director, the film is "pro-people, pro-life, not anti-anything."

Thursday 5 December 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8 December **8.30am:** Short said Eucharist at St Chad's. **10.30am** at St Nick's

*Tell the churchwardens if you need a lift to St Nick's. If you can give lifts to St Nick's please also tell the churchwardens.*

6.30pm in the Rectory: Showing of the film *The Way*

Sunday 15 December  3.00pm St Nick's Carol Service 

Monday 16 December  Carols around the Courts: provisional, details next week 

Tuesday 17 December  Carols around the Courts: provisional, details next week 

Thursday 19 December  7.00pm at St Nick's: Carols by Candlelight with Greater Manchester Voices 

Sunday 22 December  6.30pm St Chad's Carol Service 

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### The Foodbank

Why not 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.