



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 9th December 2018

The Second Sunday of Advent



9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 3 (2nd Tune) : MP48

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 18: 10: 8: 14

AT THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND PURPLE ADVENT CANDLE

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true,
to you be praise and glory for ever!

Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets
but in our days you speak through your Son
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us your people to walk in his light
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble:
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas-tide
and show all the world God's love. Amen**

658 Populus Sion

Introit O people of Sion, behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations: and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard.

Psalm Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Out of Sion hath God appeared: in perfect beauty. Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

Offertory Wilt not thou turn again, O God, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee: shew us thy mercy, O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

Communion Jerusalem, haste thee, and stand on high: and behold the joy and gladness that cometh unto thee from God thy Saviour.

*A reminder that during Advent we do not sing the Gloria,
so please remain kneeling after the Kyries for the Collect.*

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.

Old Testament Reading - Malachi Ch3 v1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

New Testament Reading - Philippians Ch1 v3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel - Luke Ch3 v1-6

¹In 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, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as 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.

⁵Every 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;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

Post Communion

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.

Please remember in your prayers

Judy Bobbitt, Tony Renouf, David Le Lievre,
Hazel Greany, a young man recovering from a problem with drugs,
Brenda Penfold, Rose, Daphne Swann, Lyn Trieschmann and
Samantha Brehaut.

Pray for Michele, Jaike and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall;
for Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel.

Pray also for the soul of John Penfold:
May he rest in peace and rise in glory

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Services This Week

- Monday 10th December 10.00am** 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 11th December 9.00-11.30am Grammar School Carol Service Rehearsal
11.00am Said Mass
7.30pm Grammar School Carol Service
Wednesday 12th December 2.00pm-6.00pm Melrose Carol Service Rehearsal
7.00pm Said Mass
Thursday 13th December 9.00am Beechwood Carol Service Rehearsal
11.00am Funeral (John Penfold)
2.30pm Beechwood Carol Service
Friday 14th December 11.00am-12.00pm Melrose Carol Service Rehearsal
2.00pm Melrose Carol Service
7.00pm Said Mass - John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher
- Sunday 16th December**
The Third Sunday of Advent
9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon



St Stephen's Christmas Stocking

In the Church at 2.30pm on Sunday 16th December

An Afternoon of carols and Christmas entertainment by various groups in our church community, including the Guides, Scouts, Brownies, Choir and Church Members. Refreshments afterwards.

Dates for the Diary

We will be cleaning the silver on Wednesday the **19th December** and the church on **Thursday 20th** December, both starting at **9.30am**. Please come along and help make the church sparkle for Christmas.

Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vicarage after the 9.30am Mass*
- *in the Vestry after the 11.00am Mass*

After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**
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