



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 1st December 2024
Advent Sunday



9:30am Said Mass with Childrens' Service

11.00am Sung Mass

Hymns: 5: Responsorial Psalm 25: 9: 15: 3

2.30pm Christingle Services

CHORUS

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine though the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

AT THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST PURPLE ADVENT CANDLE

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors,
to you be praise and glory for ever!

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.

May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

**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 this Christmas-tide,
be king of our lives today. Amen.**

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Introit Unto thee, O Lord, lift I up my soul; O my God, in thee have I trusted,
let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all
they that look for thee shall not be ashamed. **Psalm** Shew me thy ways, O
Lord: and teach me thy paths. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual For all they that look for thee: shall not be ashamed, O Lord. Make
known to me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths. **Alleluia** Alleluia.
Alleluia. Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.

Offertory Unto thee, O Lord, lift I up my soul; O my God, in thee have I
trusted, let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me;
for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed.

Communion The Lord shall shew loving kindness: and our land shall give her
increase.

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

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

Old Testament Reading - Jeremiah Ch33 v14 - 16

¹⁴ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ “In those days and at that time
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.
This is the name by which it^a will be called:
The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.”

Responsorial Psalm 25: ‘To you O Lord, I lift up my soul’

New Testament Reading - 1 Thessalonians Ch3 v9 - 13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Gospel - Luke Ch21 v25 - 36

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ He told them this parable: 'Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² 'Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ 'Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

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.

Please remember in your prayers

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Jill Stephenson,
Paulo De Augustino, Michael Beacham, John Greany, Storm King,
Pamela Parkes, Maddie Sarre and Margaret Morris.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Steph and the Dragun family
at this very sad time'

NOTICES

Monday - Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

(Tuesday 3rd December Mass Cancelled due to Carol Service Rehearsal)

Tuesday 3rd December 7.00pm - Les Varendes High School Carol Service

Thursday 5th December 2.00pm - Funeral for Anthony De La Mare

Friday 6th December 8.30-11.30 - Family Tree Nativity

Saturday 7th December 10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 8th December

Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Said Mass with Children's Service

11.00am Sung Mass



FRIENDSHIP LUNCH WITH A FESTIVE FLAIR!

**Tuesday 3rd December at 12 midday
at the Community Centre**

Menu:

Roast beef and gravy with Yorkshire puddings,
roast potatoes and mixed vegetables.

Christmas Pudding with custard
and festive brandy sauce. Ice cream.

(Diabetic and low fat requirements attended to and gluten-free
and vegetarian alternatives provided.)

£10 per person

Please contact Jean Le Huray by midday on
Monday 2nd of December (for catering purposes)
if you are able to join us. Tel: 01481 255 207

PLEASE NOTE

The Bean Jar Auction that was due to be held on
Saturday 30th November has been postponed until

Saturday 14th December 7pm-10pm

Please join us for refreshments

In the Vestry after the 11am Mass

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

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

To Fliss or email fml397026@aol.com

From a Church Bulletin:-

*The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement
on Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend the tragedy.*