

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11.1–10

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Matthew 3. 1-12



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SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2022

ADVENT 2



Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER

READINGS

Isaiah 11.1-10; Matthew 3.1-13

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist
with the baptism of Poppy Duke

HYMNS: 513, 60, 410, 324, 510

Green / World Prayer

We pray for the Church:
that she may be a beacon of hope
throughout the world, reminding us all
of our responsibility to care for and protect
God's precious gift of creation.

Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the world, our common home:
that through God's grace we may hear its cry
of the damage done and be moved to protect it
for future generations to enjoy.

Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for those people who are already facing
droughts, floods and storms:
that God may grant them strength and hope for the future
as they work to adapt to the changing climate.

Lord, in your mercy... **Amen.**

3pm Nativity Play Rehearsal

4pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER

6.30pm Sung Evening Prayer

READINGS

1 Kings 18.17-39; John 1.19.28

HYMNS: 23, 210 247

Psalm 11

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Father David Pennells, Wendy Rafferty, George Greenshields,

Those who have died: Charles Morrison

Those whose anniversary falls at this time:

Caroline Christie (2006); Richard Allen (2005)

Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Zimbabwe.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 7th December

9.15am-11.15am Toddler Group in hall

—*final session until 11th January 2023*

7pm Frederick Paine Christmas Memorial Service

which all are warmly welcome to attend.

THURSDAY 8th December

9.30am Hollymount School concert rehearsal

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER — ADVENT 3

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

with the Nativity Play

11am Decoration of the Christmas Tree

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

TOYS—thank you so much to everyone who donated toys for children which will be passed on to the Women's Refuge. It is not too later to bring further donations to church this Sunday 4 December.

CHRISTMAS TEA ON THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER

Together on Thursdays will be holding a Christmas tea party in the Hall on 15 December. We will start a little earlier than usual at around 2.30pm to allow time for carol singing. All are welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church if you plan to come—and particularly if you need a lift.

THE QUIZ was a great success! Thank you very much to Tish and all the Social Committee who worked very hard to organise a wonderful evening—and particularly to Mark Adams, our inimitable Quiz Master. We made a profit of £1,166—to which can be added an anonymous donation of £500. The total of **£1,666** will go towards the urgent replacement of the Hall front flat roof.

THE ADVENT FAIR last Sunday was a great occasion! Thank you so much to Tish and the Social Committee and all those who helped and donated items to sell. The total profit was around **£1,070** which will go towards the urgent replacement of the Hall front flat roof. Thank you.

MINCE PIES will be welcome for the 'after the service refreshments' at the **Carol Service on SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER at 6.30pm.**

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY for the Church has now been reviewed and updated. Please note that there will be a fire drill at some point in the future. When told to evacuate the church, you should exit via the nearest door and gather in the car park.

LEGACIES are a very important source of income for any church. Please do read carefully the two published leaflets which will be circulated and perhaps think about remembering the church in your will? Thank you.

FAREWELL TO MIKE—We are having a farewell party on **SATURDAY 7 JANUARY** for our wonderful Vicar Mike Burns. It will start at 6.30pm and ALL are welcome! More details to come. From the Churchwardens.

SUNDAY EVENING STEWARDS: From January, we would like to ensure that there is always one steward on duty during the 6.30pm Evening Services to greet people and to assist the worship leader in locking up at the end of the service. If you could help please let Michael know. **If we had one more name offered then it would be a monthly duty.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICE LEAFLETS covering all local churches are available for you to take. There is not going to be a door-to-door delivery this year.

COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD

An ECO IDEA. Our giant card is now at the back of church. Thank you to Olivia for the brilliant design. You can write your Christmas message to everyone in the church. If you like, the money saved on cards can be donated to a charity you're supporting this Christmas. Obviously you can still decide to send individual cards if you wish but this is just one simple idea to be kind to the planet and still be friendly to your friends in the congregation!

CARBON OFFSET FOR CHRIST CHURCH

We have donated £264.76 to Climate Stewards to offset 13.24 tonnes of carbon created by the gas and electricity we used in the church & hall in 2021. Climate Stewards are a Christian offsetting charity who support community projects such as tree growing, fireless cookers in Uganda, smokeless stoves in Nepal and school environment clubs in Ghana. Our donation is used to support these projects that reduce carbon production equivalent to the amount of CO2 we produced.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME— We would like to thank those who have joined the **Parish Giving Scheme**. At the end of October nearly half the existing donors had changed to the scheme. We now need more people to change. We ask those who have not yet joined PGS to sign up, and we have prepared a reminder letter which is available in the cross-aisle. PGS very importantly helps our cash flow and reduces the work load on Lynda Coleman. Please be aware that within 10 working days of joining you will receive a letter confirming the date of your first gift. Please do not cancel any existing donations until your first payment has been collected. If you have any queries please speak to Lynda Coleman or Tish Mousell.

