

Today 3rd Sunday of Advent



10.00am Parish Holy Communion

Welcoming: John and Jill Norman
Leading: Rev'd Dr Adrian Hough
Reading: Lynne Phoenix
Praying: Nick Cox
Playing: Matthew Williams

4.00pm Christingle



A 'sparkly' service in aid of The Children's Society. Hot chocolate and jaffa cakes afterwards!

The Week Ahead at All Saints'

Friday 21 December

7pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday

23 December, 4th Sunday of Advent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
 led by Rev'd Richard Jeffery
 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
 (Refreshments afterwards)

The Collect (Special Prayer) for today

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. Amen.

Old Testament reading for today

Zephaniah 3.14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud,
 O daughter Zion;
 shout, O Israel!
 Rejoice and exult
 with all your heart,
 O daughter
 Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has
 taken away the
 judgments against
 you, he has turned
 away your
 enemies. The king
 of Israel, the LORD,
 is in your midst;
 you shall fear
 disaster no more.

¹⁶On that day it
 shall be said to
 Jerusalem: Do not
 fear, O Zion; do
 not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.



Gospel reading for today

Luke 3.7-18

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the

wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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. ⁹Even 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." ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.



News, Events & Notices

CANDLES AT CHRISTMAS

Would you like to remember someone - especially at Christmas?



If so, you may like to dedicate a candle to be displayed on a windowsill at All Saints and lit at services over the Christmas period. If this appeals to you, please put your name on the list at the back of the church (**by this coming Monday, 17 December**) and fill in a dedication card with the name of the person you would like remembered in this way. Your personal dedication card will be displayed with a candle and a collective prayer will also be said in remembrance of those named. A *minimum donation of £3 per candle applies payable to Liz Hicks (Tel: 01626 890154) or to one of the Churchwardens.*

MINCE PIES NEEDED

We're offering folks mulled wine and mince pies after the Carols by Candlelight service on Sunday 23rd December at 6.30pm. If you can donate a few mince pies towards this occasion please add your name to the list at the back of church or let Rita Sculpher know.



Carols by
Candlelight

Sunday 23rd at 6.30pm

Sunday 16 December

10.00am PARISH HOLY COMMUNION
4.00pm CHRISTINGLE (*Refreshments afterwards*)

Sunday 23 December

8.30am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
6.30pm VILLAGE CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
(*Refreshments afterwards*)

Christmas Eve, Monday 24 December

4.00pm CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE
11.30pm O COME LET US ADORE HIM
A non-eucharistic worship service especially for this special night of the year

Christmas Day, Tuesday 25 December

10.00am CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION

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Weekly News



Sunday, 16 December 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent



10am: Parish Holy Communion

4pm: Christingle

Welcome to All Saints' today, especially if you are visiting for the first time this morning. We hope you will all feel at home with us, and experience the presence of God as we worship together.

Please stay for refreshments and a chat in the Fellowship Rooms (*the glass rooms at the back of the church*) after the service, and do take this sheet home with you to refer to during the week.