

Lighting the Advent Candle

Leader The people who walked in darkness

All have seen a great light.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness

All on them has light shone.

The second Advent Candle is lit:

Let us make the second candle, a candle of Peace

We sing: (tune - 'As with Gladness')

Light a candle bright and tall

For the Peace we wish to know.

Peace on Earth for great and small

God's Good News to us bestows.

Shine within our hearts today

Come, O Peace, to us, we pray

Jesus, Prince of Peace, give us courage to speak and act according to your way, so that this Christmas the world may hear the angels singing 'glory to you and peace on earth.' **Amen.**

Christian Stewardship: *Our Giving on Sundays is always about our response to God's love for us – not just about paying the bills - 'Count your blessings,' as they say!* Last Sunday's collection was 349€ and 73.96€ from recent Social/Fund-Raising events. We also receive on average €776 through monthly UK/Spanish standing order Offerings. *It costs around €5302 each month to maintain our chaplaincy ministry...*

(Unlike other Diocese in the C/E, the Diocese of Europe does not provide Chaplaincies with any financial support for their ministry)

Coming up...

Advent Course – 'Making Room'

A four week course using various Bible Stories to help us consider making room for what really matters. Wednesdays @7.30pm in Church.

Carol Service - Sunday 17th Dec. 6pm

A Christmas Compendium of Games Evening -

Mon 18th Dec. 7.30pm 5€ incl. 1st drink/nibbles

Advent 4 & Christmas Eve –

10am Sung Eucharist with Carols for Sun (Advent 4)
6pm An Early Midnight Mass with Crib Building for all the family

Christmas Day – 10.30am Sung Eucharist

Many thanks indeed to everyone who supported last month's Charity (Amiticia) we raised 75€

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Saint Andrew's

Sunday 10 December 2017

***Welcome to our Sung Eucharist today
on the 2nd Sunday of Advent***

A special welcome if you are visiting.
If you require Gluten-free Altar bread – please have a word with one of the Welcomers.

Hymns: 265; 4; 406; (949); 438

*Do join us for refreshments after the Service,
which are served at the back of church*

If you pay tax in the UK and are visiting – please make use of the Gift Aid envelopes – it helps us a great deal. Please complete all the details required - Thank you.

Prayer Ministry is offered during Holy Communion:
Just make your way to the Quiet Room at the front of Church after receiving Holy Communion & someone will be there to pray with you or for you.

During the week:

Wed 13th 11am-2pm **TGIW** open for drinks, homemade cakes, & more – *come & support us!*
7.30pm Advent Course – in Church.

Thurs 14th 12.30pm Eucharist

Next Sunday: 17 December – Advent 3
10.00am Sung Eucharist

To help you prepare for worship next Sunday why not look up the readings we will use at:

Is 61: 1-14; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

6pm Carol Service – *why not invite a friend to join us?*

During the week please pray for:

Those in need: see list over

Recently Departed:

December Anniversaries: Audrey Marcola, Alice Augustus, Minnie Grimwood, Leslie Mayne, Jack Pacey, Leslie Stimpson, Ivan Highley

We need to replace our folding tables – any offers of help towards this will be much appreciated.
Buy one, or part of one – details at back of church.

Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray [that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy]. God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom, and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

THE READING

(2 Peter 3:8-14)

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord; make his paths straight, and all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Mk 1: 1-8)

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

'A voice cries in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judea and all the people of

Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON & THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – Look towards the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you, from God.

(Baruch 4:36)

Charity of the Month – Bishop's Advent Appeal

This year's Advent Appeal aims to support homeless refugees and asylum seekers in Rome with humanitarian assistance (a daily, cooked breakfast and essential items for personal dignity and warmth) for 6 months. We are doing this through a well-established and well-run project established by our Episcopal sister church of St. Paul's Within the Walls.

Further details at the back of Church.

Please be generous....

Praying for one another during the week:

For the worship, work & witness of this Chaplaincy.

For the project in Rome seeking to help homeless refugees & asylum seekers.

David, Gordon, Eli, Mike Beardmore, Anna, Rosie Dobson, James, Chris, Brian, Mary, John Blott, Blaket family, Joyce, Annie, Ken, Rayden family, Jonathan Navarro & family, Mario Robert, Georgeann Tisdale, Jesus Robert, David, Annie Forbes, Evelyn & Donald MacLeod, Melvyn Rowland, Thomas & Angela Ingham, Tony, Dale, Dennis, Burns family, Joana Noguera, Sebastian, Rita & George, Dedre de Hammell, Vera Drinscoll, Helen & family, Malcolm, Danny & Grace, Tim & Verity, Dermot, Theo, Dene, Kenny McColligan, Marcus, Joseph, Sam, Ken, Sarah, Luke & Ellie, Stuart, Taylor & Haydon, Eddie, Norman, Sharon, Mary Robinson, Alison & David, Penny, Lucie, Ivan Cambell, Margaret Lefevre, Tony, Mike Schofield, Gareth, Damian Walker, Emma, Sue, Tom, Liz, Derrick, Pat Lockett, Jessica, Barry Veinotte, Gerardo, Victoria, Bill & family, Peter Williams., Lynn, Sophie, Josh & baby Dylan, Jo Fluff & family, Farin Marvich.

Those recently bereaved.

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