



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
**First Sunday of Advent**

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- **Service Details Sunday 28th November**

**10.00am Parish Communion**

*Psalm 25: 1-9; Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end; Luke 21: 25-36*

*Preacher & President: Reverend Rebecca Tuck*

*Collect for the First Sunday of Advent*

*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.*

*Amen*

*Psalm 25: 1-9*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies triumph over me.*
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame,  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.*
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.*
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you have I hoped all the day long.*
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.*
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth  
or my transgressions,  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.*
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.*
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right  
and teach his way to the lowly.*

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

*The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'*

Epistle: I Thessalonians 3: 9-end

*How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.*

*Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36

*'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'*

*Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'*

*'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'*

Prayers of Intercession

Please pray for George Francis, Anne and Peter Bond and Jill Jones.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Steve Hayles

- **News and Notices**



Please support our 'Christmas in the Churchyard' in whatever way you can as this is our main fundraiser.

In respect of the above, we need the following please:

- Food produce ie jam, chutney, etc. plus someone to run this stall please.
- Another couple of strong people to put the marquee up in the morning, and take it down again on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. (Thank you to those who have already volunteered.)
- Tombola – bottles from shampoo to wine + general food/gifts (contact Michelle Baker 07966 524395). A collection box will be at the back of the church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November; otherwise please contact Michelle direct.
- Hamper Raffle – items suitable for a Xmas Indulgence Hamper; Pamper Hamper and a Xmas-inspired Hamper (contact Sarah Foote 07976 245352) A collection box will be at the back of the church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November.
- Mince pies and small sausage rolls (contact Ros Parker 07799 645198)

For general queries, please contact Elaine 07740 030574

### **Toy Service**

During our 10am service this Sunday we shall be collecting toys and gifts for children at Christmas to go to Crawley Open House.

### **Advent Course**

Rebecca will be leading a 4 week Advent course on Thursdays, beginning on 2nd December, with a choice of morning or evening sessions: 11:00-12:30, or 19:30-21:00. Both sessions will be held in the Parish Room. Please contact Rebecca to book your place.

### **Horsham Churches Together Carol Service**

This will be held in the Carfax in the centre of Horsham on 18<sup>th</sup> December 3.30-4pm.

## **Carols and Cakes**

Hooray! Carols and Cakes are back - on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm - 4pm. Everybody is welcome to come and sing all your favourite Carols with the choir. You can come for all or just part of the afternoon.

Due to Covid restrictions we encourage you to wear a mask; tea and cake will be brought to you in your seats. We will also have a raffle.

This is a very happy afternoon when all ages get together for a sing to celebrate the start of Christmas. It is not a concert, and you sing all the Carols that are chosen by yourselves. Do come and join us. This event helps our choir funds. Look forward to seeing you there.

Yvonne Allmond

## **Private Prayer**

The church is open for private prayer every day from 10am – 4pm. There will be occasional changes to these days if weddings or funerals are taking place in church.

## **Changes to COVID protection**

Just a reminder of these:

1. There is no longer a requirement to book-in for services.
2. We will continue to maintain some distance in seating.
3. We request that face-coverings be worn at all services.
4. The Peace will continue to be 'COVID style' i.e. no physical contact.
5. The priest will sanitise as usual and will distribute the bread only and may say softly 'The body of Christ'.
6. You are invited to join in with singing with a face covering if you would like to.

We shall continue to review these measures regularly.

**Congratulations** to Sally Hawrych who celebrates her birthday on Thursday!

## **Diary for the week ahead**

Morning Prayer in church – Monday to Friday at 9.00am. If the main door is not open, please use the side door.

Morning Prayer on zoom continues. If you'd like to join us, please let Ros Parker know.  
[ros.mccall@parsonsbrook.co.uk](mailto:ros.mccall@parsonsbrook.co.uk)

### Readings for Morning Prayer

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November

*Ps. 50; Isa. 25: 1-9; Matt. 12: 1-21*

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – **Andrew the Apostle**

Ps. 47; Ezek. 47: 1-12; John 12: 20-32  
14:00-16:00 Seniors Club in the Parish Room

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Ps. 7; Isa. 28: 1-13; Matt. 12: 38-end  
9.00-11.00 Bambies in the Parish Room  
10:30 Interment of ashes in the churchyard

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Ps. 42; Isa. 28: 14-end; Matt. 13: 1-23  
**10:30 Holy Communion (BCP)**  
Ps. 118: 18-27a; Isa. 26: 1-6; Matt: 7:21, 24-27  
11:00-12:30 Advent Course in the Parish Room  
19:30-21:00 Advent Course in the Parish Room  
19:30 Bell-ringing practice

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Ps. 25; Isa. 29: 1-14; Matt. 13: 24-43  
18.30 Choir Practice in Church

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Ps. 9; Isa. 29: 15-end; Matt. 13: 44-end

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Second Sunday of Advent**

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 Parish Communion  
Mal. 3: 1-4; Phil. 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6  
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