

The Parish Eucharist

The Second Sunday in Advent



9th December 2018

In Advent, we begin a time of waiting and watching: waiting for Christ's birth and return and watching for the signs of the Kingdom.

We light four Advent candles as a reminder of those who prepared the way for the coming of the Christ. The second candle focuses on the Prophets: those Biblical figures who foretold the birth of the Messiah.

Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

We prepare for worship by being still and quiet, recalling God's presence with us. We have a foyer where greetings may be exchanged before entering the liturgical space, and we ask you to use the time in church before the service begins in prayerful preparation.

Gluten-free altar bread is available for those who need it and alcohol free wine. Please ask the priest at the distribution.

Mass setting: *Schubert in E^b*

The service is led by The Revd James Pacey.

We say together the words in bold print.

A prayer before the service begins:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We stand when the sacristy bell rings

First Hymn

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| <p>1. Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new;
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.
<i>Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!</i>
<i>Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!</i>
<i>When he comes,</i>
<i>when he comes,</i>
<i>who will make him welcome?</i></p> | <p>2. God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.
<i>Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!</i>
<i>Sing choirs, sing, sing, sing!</i>
<i>When he comes,</i>
<i>when he comes,</i>
<i>who will make him welcome?</i></p> |
| <p>3. Mary hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected.
<i>Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!</i>
<i>Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!</i>
<i>When he comes,</i>
<i>when he comes,</i>
<i>who will make him welcome?</i></p> | <p>4. Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlehem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
<i>Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!</i>
<i>Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!</i>
<i>Jesus comes,</i>
<i>Jesus comes,</i>
<i>We will make him welcome!</i></p> |

✕ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
And also with you.

Words of welcome and an invitation to place toys for local children at the altar.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

A prayer is said:

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.
Amen.**

We sing:

**O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Our children leave for Kid's church.

Prayers of Penitence

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

cf. John 1.23

Lord, you came to gather the nations to yourself,
Come to bring us peace Lord,
the peace of your Kingdom.

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,**

(tr. Lord, have mercy)

Lord, you came among us to suffer for our sins.
Give us your forgiveness
and grant to us life.

**Christe eleison, Christe eleison,
Christe eleison, Christe eleison,**

(tr. Christ, have mercy)

You will come in glory to call us back to life.
Judge us with your mercy,
compassion and love.

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please remain standing as the priest introduces a period of silent prayer.

The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old:
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

We stand to face the Gospel:

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father,
calling us to life;**

Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the one whom prophets hoped and longed for;
you are the one who speaks to us today;
you are the one who leads us to our future:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father,
calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ, for this your holy Gospel.

After a prayer we sit for the sermon

The Sermon

After the sermon we stand to affirm our faith

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

We kneel or sit for the prayers:

Intercessions

Let us pray for the world and the Church, and thank God for his goodness.

The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

After the names of the departed have been read out:
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The prayers may conclude with:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We stand to receive the Peace.

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We greet one another with the Peace of Christ. (We offer each other a hand in greeting saying "peace be with you" we reply "and also with you".)

A collection is taken and the gifts are brought to the altar

The Offertory Hymn

- Hills of the north, rejoice;
river and mountain spring,
Hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing;
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
he judgment brings and victory.**

2. **Isles of the southern seas,
deep in your coral caves
Pent be each warring breeze,
lulled be your restless waves:
He comes to reign with boundless sway,
and makes your wastes his great highway.**
3. **Lands of the East, awake,
soon shall your sons be free;
The sleep of ages break,
and rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and gray,
has dawned the everlasting day.**
4. **Shores of the utmost West,
ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblessed,
break forth to swelling song;
High raise the note, that Jesus died,
yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.**
5. **Shout, while ye journey home;
songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North we come,
from East, and West, and South.
City of God, the bond are free,
we come to live and reign in thee.**

The gifts are received at the altar.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest;
hosanna in the highest;
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
hosanna in the highest;
hosanna in the highest.**

We sit or kneel.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.
Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We eat this bread and drink this cup,
**we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus
until you come in glory,
until you come in glory**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Miserere nobis, miserere nobis,
O Lamb of God, O Lamb of God,
Donna nobis pacem.**

Invitation to Holy Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

*You are invited to come forward and stand around the altar either to receive
Holy Communion or bow your head for a blessing instead.*

We remain in the circle until all have received.

During communion we sing the following:

Communion Hymns

**Wait for the Lord, his day is near,
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.**

Prepare the way for the Lord,
Make a straight path for him.

**Wait for the Lord, his day is near,
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.**

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

**Wait for the Lord, his day is near,
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.**

**1. The advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.**

**2. The everlasting Son
scorns not the Virgin's womb:
That we from bondage may be won
He bears a bondsman's doom.**

**3. Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet thy lowly King;
Let not let thy stubborn heart despise
the peace he comes to bring. t**

**4. On clouds of dazzling light,
as judge he comes again,
His scattered people to unite
with him in heaven to reign.**

**5. Let evil flee away,
Ere that great hour shall dawn.
Let this old Adam day by day
The new man all put on.**

**6. Praise to the incarnate Son,
who comes to set us free,
with Father and with Spirit One,
to all eternity.**

After all have received:

Post Communion Prayer

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.
Amen.

Almighty God,
**we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

We sit for the announcements and then stand for the conclusion of the service.

Final Hymn

- 1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
my dear Redeemer's praise.
The glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
the triumphs of his grace!
the triumphs of his grace!**

- 2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
that bids our sorrows cease.
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace,
'tis life, and health, and peace,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

- 3. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
new life the dead receive.
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe,
the humble poor believe,
the humble poor believe.**

- 5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
assist me to proclaim,
And spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name,
the honours of thy name,
the honours of thy name.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
Scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Voluntaries: Preludes on the tune "Personent Hodie"

Please join us after the service for fellowship and refreshments.

Notices

- Morning Prayer

From Advent Sunday we are making a few changes to Morning Prayer. We are introducing Morning Prayer on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in church at **9am**. This is a short act of worship and is a beautiful start to the day. Morning prayer on Saturdays will now begin at **9am** also, rather than 10am.

- Prayer diaries

In addition, we have produced a prayer diary for the Parish – each day in the month we will be praying for specific streets in the parish – praying for God's blessing upon the residents and for their protection, safe keeping and for our the chance to build relationships with them. We will also be having a daily prayer focus. Do take one away with you and join us in prayer.

Posada

The Posada family have started on their Advent journey. If you are hosting them this week, please check that you know how they are going to get to you and how you are going to pass them on to the next person. If you have any problems with this please contact Mandy – her phone number is on the rota. Do publicise it on social media with #carringtonposada

Beer and Carols 18th December, 7.30pm

As part of our Christmas festivities, we will be having a Beer and Carols evening in the Gladstone. This will be a fun evening with singing, mince pies and beer (non-alcoholic drinks available!) Do come along!

Advent Fair

Thank you so much to everyone for making the Fair such a great occasion. It was a great seeing so much of the community having fun together and it was a wonderful opportunity to make relationships. We raised a much needed £704 for church funds.

CCTV

We now have CCTV operating in the foyer of church. This is a security deterrent and information will be deleted after 30 days. A big thank you to Peter Artis for all his work in sorting this. Do speak to him or James with any questions.

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Safeguarding

As you will be aware, we have been praying for a new Safeguarding officer following Dorothy's ministry in that role. We are delighted to say that, following her expression of interest, Jenelle Clarke has been appointed by the PCC to be the church's new Safeguarding officer. Jenelle will bring a wide range of highly relevant experience to the role. This is a hugely important ministry and we are grateful that she has taken it on.

New Year's Lunch

Stan and Jacquie are hosting a New Year's Lunch on 6th December after the Sunday mass. There is a sign up sheet at the back. Guests are very welcome and veggie options are available.

Toddlers Group

As many of you will know St John's hosts a toddler group on a Thursday morning. This has run for nearly 40 years. It is a great opportunity to reach out and to show love and care for families in our community.

For the last year Susi has been running this singlehanded and this is not sustainable. If we are to continue this valuable work, we need folk to volunteer to help. This could be making tea and coffee, preparing fruit for the children's snacks, setting up the toys and tidying away or washing up. It need not be every week – it could be once a month. Please consider prayerfully whether god is calling you to serve him in this way. If we want to grow as a church we have to reach out into our community and show the love of Jesus. Thank you to those who have already come forward – more are needed and welcome!

Chairs

There was a positive response in church last week to the approval by the PCC to ask Standing Committee to begin the process of sourcing new chairs for the church. This has been in the pipeline for some time. The current chairs are starting to be a health and safety issue with breakages. They are also very heavy to move and as such are limiting additional things we can do both as a church and as a community space. There is a lot of history in our current seating and many have sat on them to pray over the years: we are not disregarding that legacy, rather building on it as we continue to grow as God's people and Church in Carrington. The Standing Committee will investigate some high quality options as well as avenues for funding and any new chairs will be aesthetically pleasing!

Children in Gambia

We sponsor four children in Gambia: the headmaster phoned Chris to thank the church for their donations which pay school fees for the next year as well as supply the four of them with a new school uniform. Any remaining money will be used for books etc. A total of £300 was raised. Thank you all! Chris and Robert.

Mothers Union

The Mothers Union meet on Wednesday 12th December in Room 2 at 2.30 pm when our speaker will be Rachael Pacey on "Childrens Drama Teaching" Please note we have changed our time to 2.30 pm for all future meetings. Thanks - look forward to seeing you. Ann

Services this week

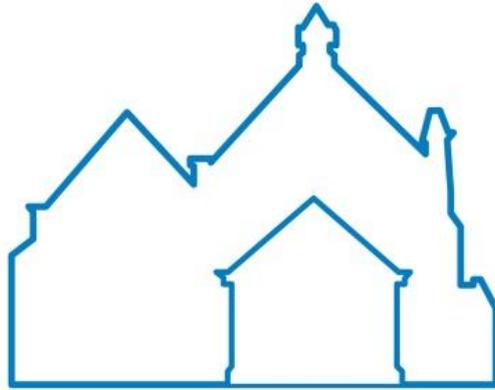
Tuesday 11th December 9am 10am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Wednesday 12th December 9am 10am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion followed by coffee and tea
Saturday 15th December 9am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th December 10am	Parish Eucharist followed by coffee and tea

Services between now and Christmas Day

Sundays at 10am	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 23rd December 10am 6pm	Parish Eucharist Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve 4pm 11.30pm	Christingle and Crib Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 10am	Eucharist for Christmas Day

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