



**Be alert at all times...
Advent**

Sunday 1st December Teaching Eucharist All-Age **9.30 am**

Please don't take photos or videos during the service unless you have consent.
Please be aware that this service may be live-streamed

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Post Communion Collect

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

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.'

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.'

We pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and by name:

Keith and Dorothy
Josie and Pat
Gina
Jason and his Family
Graham
Arthur and Pauline
Colin and Judy
Joshua Manning



Penny and Mike
Derek and Jo
Sheila Vince
Alan
Carole
Helen and her Family



A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.
Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human
life.

Replace hatred with Your love.
Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.

Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.
Pray for the most vulnerable.
Pray for those suffering.
Pray for the fearful.
Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.

Jesus, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear our prayers.
Jesus, we trust in You!
Amen.

Important collections

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers and sisters you did it to me.”

1. Babystuff Braintree

0 - 5 clothing and toiletries. See
Susan Pedder for more details.
Toothbrushes and tooth paste go
very quickly



2. The Wethersfield collection Clothing for men and boys



Please find boxes in the porch for donations

Holy Communion

Wafers will be offered and the common cup. If you feel uncomfortable about sharing the chalice, receiving the bread alone is not a lesser action.

If you would like a Blessing only, please bring your service booklet to the Altar rail. During this time the choir will be singing. Please do wear a mask if that would make you feel more comfortable.

Protocol concerning the dipping of wafers in the wine: The recommendation from the Church is that we should not dip the wafer as a matter of hygiene. If this at all worries you, please do not hesitate to discuss it with a member of the Clergy.

The Coming Week

[Morning Prayer](#) There will be Morning Prayer this week at **9.00am**

Zoom Meeting ID 884 8189 2518 Passcode cJ7500 **New**

Morning Prayer [in Church](#) Please refer to the [Newsletter](#)



Other sites for personal prayer are available at:

- <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>
- [Pray-as-You-Go App](#) (free)
- [Northumbria Community Prayers](#)
- [Everyday Faith](#) is the new daily devotional app (free) from the Church of England

Sunday December 8th Sung Eucharist **11.00 am**

Readings: Benedictus; Philippians 1: 3 - 11; Luke 3: 1 - 6

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God of Mission, Who alone brings
growth to your Church, Send your Holy
Spirit to give Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our
worship, And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers, In
spiritual commitment to you, And in
service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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