

From the All Saints Team

Today is Advent Sunday and we are delighted to welcome the Bishop of Lewes, Will Hazlewood, to lead our service this morning. Advent is a season of expectation as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation, and also as judge and saviour at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us to Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement. The Four Last Things—death, judgement, heaven and hell—have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence. Advent focuses on the key people who were prepared and chosen by God to make possible the incarnation of his Son. Our eyes are drawn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, Elizabeth and Zechariah; and our Old Testament readings focus upon the prophets who look towards the coming of the Kingdom of God. Advent, then, is the season of promise and hope. 'O Rising Sun, you are the Splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.' (from the Great Advent Antiphons).

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Today's Mass

Collect

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.

Hymns

26 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding
492 Jesus, where'er thy people meet
37 The Lord will come and not be slow

Mass Setting

Latona / Stanford in B flat

Gospel Verse

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation.

Anthem

Listen sweet dove

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light
of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine;
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin:
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Parish Notices

Farewell to Fr Lee + family

Fr Lee, Helen and their family's last Sunday at All Saints is next week, Sunday 10th December. Please join us after our 10am service for cake and coffee to say farewell and thank them for everything they've contributed during their time here at All Saints. If you'd like to contribute to a leaving gift, please speak to a Churchwarden or contact the Parish Office.

Advent Carols, 7pm this evening

All are welcome to join us for a special Advent carol service this evening. We gather to hear stories from Scripture and poetry about God's coming among us and sing carols of hope in the darkness. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

Messy Christingle - this afternoon!

Children and families are warmly welcome to join us for Messy Christingle this afternoon, 3pm - 4.30pm. Come and make a Christingle and other Christmas crafts, followed by a short Christingle service.

Christmas by Candlelight - Sunday

10th December, 7pm

Tickets are almost sold out for our Christmas by Candlelight concert on Sunday 10th December. Join the choirs of All Saints, Brighton Voices and the Vaughan Williams Sinfonia for an evening of favourite Christmas music and sing-along carols and songs, in the beautiful candlelit surroundings of All Saints Church. You can book tickets via Eventbrite: <https://christmasbycandlelight.eventbrite.co.uk/>.

10th December

The church will look a little bit different on Sunday 10th December. We will have staging in place ready for our Christmas by Candlelight concert that evening. Therefore, the layout of our mass will be a little different, and we'll be using a Nave altar like we did in August. We'll return to our usual layout the following week.

Come and sample our new coffee at One Bread!

Thanks to everyone who has donated so far towards the installation of our new coffee machine. We're pleased to say the new machine is now in situ and we are now proudly serving Skylark coffee. Do pop in 9.00am - 2.30pm Mon - Fri to give it a try. It's not too late to contribute to help us cover the costs of the new equipment. Please speak to the Churchwardens, Patrick or the Parish Office if you would like to do so.

For our Prayers

For those who are sick: Mary Ridd; Sylvia; Fleur Boxell; Robert Pendlebury; David James; Trish Abela; Simon Hicks; Sue TB; Martyn Redman; Mike Miller; Deborah Newman; Sue Bonner, Nigel McMillan; Francesca Miller; Thelma Leslie-Smith; Tara Robins; Jill Childs; Anna-Little Fishes Mum; Audrey Ebison; Tim Digby-Roberts; Abie Hancox; and for church members receiving home Communion. For those who have recently died; Joseph Campbell; John Fletcher and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time; Angela Anderson; Guy Gargiulo; Hilda Brown; Doris Hayes; David Anderson; Jean Clarke.

Today's Readings

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 64, vv. 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered^[c] us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Isaiah 64, vv. 1-9

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep:
shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.
Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses:
stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.
Turn us again, O God:
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
O Lord God of hosts:
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
Thou feedest them with the bread of tears:
and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Turn us again, thou God of hosts:
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand:
and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.
And so will not we go back from thee:
O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts:
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Psalms 80, vv. 1-7, 17-19

A Reading from the First Epistle to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1, vv. 3-9

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Mark 13, vv. 24-end

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isiah 40, v. 1-11

Psalms 85, vv. 1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3, vv. 8-15a

Mark 1, vv. 1-8

This Week:

The Daily Office (not on Bank Holidays)

Morning prayer: Sun-Thu. 9:00am

Weekly Eucharists

Tuesday 12:00 noon

Wednesday 9:30am

Sunday

8:00am BCP Said Mass, 10:00am Choral Mass

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