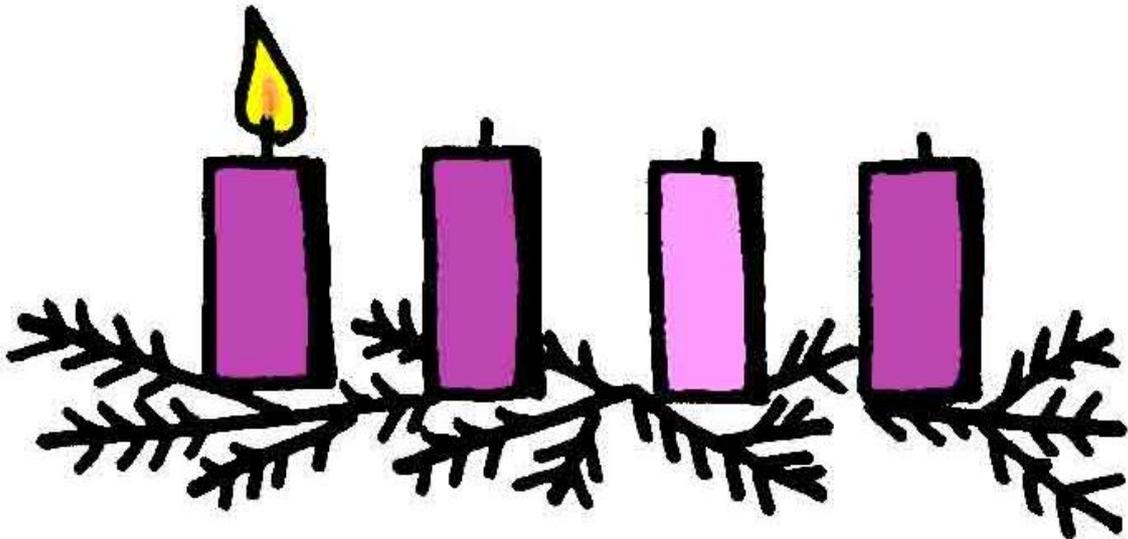




# The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

## Weekly News with Service Sheet 29 November 2020      ADVENT SUNDAY



### Watching and waiting in Advent

They say that 'a watched pot never boils'. Having done this recently it is not quite true but certainly it does seem to take longer! The readings for the first Sunday continue the themes of judgement and the second coming of the kingdom. The prophecy of Isaiah longs for a day when the Messiah will tear open the heavens and come down. Our Gospel reading, as we begin Year B in the cycle of readings, mainly with Mark, asks us to be vigilant and to keep watch for that day. As the reading ends, Jesus asks us to, 'Keep awake!' The Covid-19 pandemic probably causes us to be tired, and 8 months in we are almost certainly feeling that this is the last thing we want to be told to do. 'Can't we just curl up in front of the TV with a nice cup of tea and a cake made from our lockdown recipe book?' (Available (we hope) next Sunday when we return to church). And yet as people across our community are putting up lights to join in our community initiative, as they order their Christmas presents online and put the mince pies in the oven, there is a sense of hope. Perhaps it is dawning on people that the coming of kingdom of Jesus Christ is what they are yearning for and that it is worth that extra cup of coffee to help us stay awake! As we watch and wait for the coming of the Saviour – it might just be worth keeping awake!      God bless you all,

*Fr James*

# THE EUCHARIST FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

Introductory Voluntary Trio in A major, J G Vierling

**Welcome** *Words of welcome to the congregation and those watching online.*

**Hymn**

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By Thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

**The Greeting**

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

**The Blessing of the Advent Wreath**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of your kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory  
with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The 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 you 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.**

## **Reading Isaiah 64:1-9**

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 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 forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

## **Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-37**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "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."

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

## **Sermon**

### **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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*The response to the bidding* Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

### **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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Hymn**

**Hills of the North, rejoice,  
Echoing songs arise  
Hail with united voice  
Him who made earth and skies,  
He comes in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas,  
sing to the listening earth,  
carry on every breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
his word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
praise shall his path adorn:  
your seers have longed to know their Lord;  
to you he comes, the final word.**

**Shores of the utmost West,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey home,  
Songs be in every mouth,  
Lo, from the North they come,  
From East and West and South:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the universe be blest.**

### **The Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one, so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom. **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house; she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which

is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The minister breaks the consecrated bread.*

As the bread we break was made from grain once scattered in the fields then brought together and made one, **so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

### **Agnus Dei**

*The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

### **The Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**Communion** *The sacrament is received. Organ music is played.*

Prelude in A flat, Walter Alcock

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

**Notices** *The notices and announcements are given.*

### **Hymn**

**Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluya!  
God appears, on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at nought and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing  
Shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion  
Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory:  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly!  
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!**

## **The Blessing**

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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Closing Voluntary** Prelude and Fugue in G minor, J C Bach

# **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

## **THE CHURCH**

**Our Ministry Team** James Stewart, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Nicole King

**Our Bishops** Graham, Alan and Jonathan. The ministry of retired clergy and readers. The County Ecumenical Officer, Catherine Howe and Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, Karlene Kerr. **Anglican Communion** The Lusitanian Church, Jorge Pina Cabral – Primate.

## **THE WORLD**

**All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic** all key workers in NHS and all fields of frontline, particularly our local doctors' surgeries and healthcare provision, including all partners, staff and patients of: Thorpe Health Centre (St William's Way); Thorpewood Surgery (Woodside and Dussindale); Lionwood Surgery.

## **THE COMMUNITY**

**Streets of the Parish** Eastern Crescent, Eastern Road, Edgehill

**Our community** For all those participating in Light up Thorpe – with lights on their houses.

**THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER** including Brian Riseborough, Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter & Gaynor Garrod, Rita Ward, Joy & Andy McCall, Jean High, Jean Mayhew, Brother Gabriel, Craig Fransham, Anthony Travis, Paul Rayner, Mark King, Fr Patrick Kerley, Brian Goodswen, Chloe Smith MP, Sara Andrews

## **THE DEPARTED**

**The recently departed** Elsie Wade (1<sup>st</sup> December)

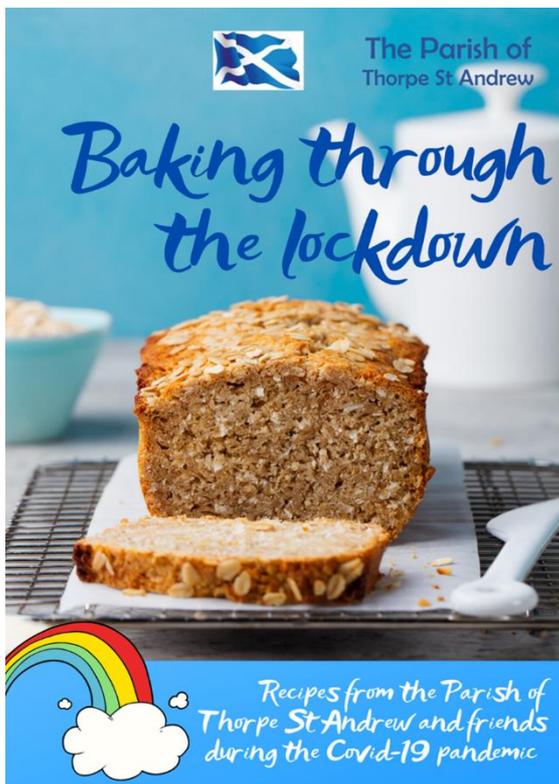
**Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time**

including Charles Holmes, Daphne Shaw, Millicent Holmes

# OTHER NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SERVICES AS WE ENTER TIER 2** The Government guidelines have indicated that there should be no public worship in church during the period of second lockdown, apart from funerals and services which are broadcast live from the church. We will continue to hold a live-streamed service from the church **this Sunday at 9.30am** and also **Morning Prayer at 8.45am on Thursdays**. Services are permitted in church from **2 December** so we will be back in church next **Sunday 6 December for Eucharist at 9.30am** and our **Christingle service at 4.00pm**. Details of our Advent and Christmas services are published at the back of this news sheet. Socially distanced Christingle making will take place on Saturday 5 December from 10.00am.

**PRIVATE PRAYER** The Parish Church is open for private individual prayer. **Monday CLOSED Tuesday - Saturday 10am to 4pm Sunday 11am to 5pm**



## **BAKING THROUGH THE LOCKDOWN: Recipes from the Parish of Thorpe St Andrew and friends during the Covid-19 pandemic**

I am delighted to announce that this collection of recipes gathered in the lockdown will be, printers permitting, with us when we return to church next Sunday (**6 December**). It is over 100 pages and not only contains a lovely selection of recipes, including a number from our twin town in Canada, but also chronicles some of our corporate life together during the lockdown. It is priced very reasonably at £5 per book and is wire bound and is in full colour. I have had great fun designing it and I am

tremendously grateful to Christine Cutting, Janet Fancy and team for their hard work in assisting me. Copies can be purchased at church from next Sunday onwards. They can be ordered by email from Christine Cutting ([cutting248@btinternet.com](mailto:cutting248@btinternet.com)) or by phoning the Rectory or leaving a message on the answerphone **01603 439160**. Books can be collected from church from 6 December. We will deliver free in Thorpe St Andrew. Beyond that postage and packing starts at £2.00. We can give a quote for P&P for bulk orders on request. We are very thankful that our sponsors have paid for the printing costs, so that all monies will go to parish funds.

## **POTTED BULBS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Alistair Stewart thanks all who have provided pots for bulbs which he potted up in early Autumn. These will be on sale at church (reasonably priced) on Sundays 6 and 13 December after the service. Please bring your money to buy them ready for Christmas. A lovely affordable gift for Christmas!



**JAMS AND CHUTNEYS** Sue Short will have her jams and chutneys and knitted novelties on sale after the service on 6 December. Lots of gift ideas for Christmas.

**100 CLUB RESULTS** The November draw Winners are:

**First Prize:** Ann Cox (No 5) £25 **Second Prize:** Alan George (No 52) £15

**PRAYER RESOURCES: A CALL TO PRAYER** The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called us all to pray for the nation in this month of lockdown. Further copies of the resources can be made available on request. Fr Taylor and I are broadcasting a short prayer at 6pm each day on Facebook.

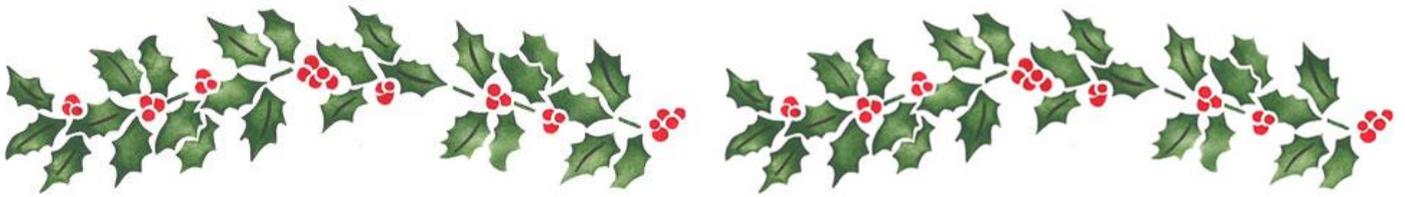
**ZOOM COFFEE IS BACK** We will hold another Zoom Coffee morning on **Friday** morning at 11.00am (4 December). The Zoom code will be sent out earlier in the week. **Bring your own coffee!! Other drinks are available!!**

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** *From Linda Olney* The Children's Society has asked that I should now collect and empty their charity boxes. This has been delayed but they would be very grateful for these much needed donations. Please contact me on 01603 434986.

**THANK YOU TO YOU ALL** Thank to you all for the way in which you have responded to giving during this pandemic. Please continue to give as generously as you can. If you have a question in relation to giving please contact our Treasurer on her email: [treasurersa@gmail.com](mailto:treasurersa@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERS** The Churchwardens are preparing rotas for people to welcome us on a Sunday morning, cleaning and anything else you would like to volunteer with. Please do speak to Alison or Tim. They would love to hear from you. If you haven't volunteered before now is the time!! **THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS IS** [tsachurchwardens@gmail.com](mailto:tsachurchwardens@gmail.com)

**PASTORAL CARE THROUGH THE PANDEMIC.** If you need anything (and I mean anything: shopping, telephone calls, medication, whatever it is) please do say. Our details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.



# ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2020

<b>Sunday 29 November</b>		<b>Advent Sunday</b> <i>Purple</i>
9.30am	Eucharist with Blessing of Advent Wreath	Parish Church
11.15am	Eucharist with Blessing of Advent Wreath	Good Shepherd
6.30pm	Service of Readings and Music for Advent	Parish Church
<b>Sunday 6 December</b>		<b>Advent 2</b> <i>Purple</i>
9.30am	Eucharist	Parish Church
4.00pm	Christingle Service	Parish Church
<b>Sunday 13 December</b>		<b>Advent 3 (Gaudete Sunday)</b> <i>Rose</i>
8.00am	Eucharist	Good Shepherd
9.30am	Eucharist	Parish Church
2.30pm	Good Shepherd Carol Service	Good Shepherd
<b>Thursday 17 December</b>		<i>Gold</i>
6.30pm	Community Carols	Parish Church
<b>20 December</b>		<b>Advent 4</b> <i>Purple</i>
9.30am	Eucharist	Parish Church
11.15am	Eucharist	Good Shepherd
6.30pm	Town Carol Service	Parish Church
<b>24 December</b>	<b>TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO SLIGHT CHANGE</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <i>Gold</i>
2.30/4.00pm	Crib Services	Parish Church
8.00pm	Christmas Communion	Good Shepherd
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Parish Church
<b>25 December</b>		<b>Christmas Day</b> <i>Gold</i>
10.30am	Family Eucharist with Carols	Parish Church
<b>27 December</b>		<b>Christmas I</b> <i>Gold</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	Parish Church

We published a possible schedule of services for Advent/Christmas back in October. This now returns, although it is subject to changing restrictions and clarification of details (not yet received from Church of England).

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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