

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham
THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
Registered Charity

The First Sunday of Advent (Cycle C) December 2nd 2018

Welcome to this ancient Parish Church. If you are a visitor or a new member of the congregation, you will find the order of service in the booklets. The hymns are not announced - they can be found on this sheet. The crèche is available throughout the service for toddlers and parents; Junior Church also takes place in the Chantry House. Tea & coffee are served in the Chantry House after the service: please join us and make yourself known.

Entrance Hymn: 501 The Advent Prose

The Opening Prayer

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The 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.'

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The Second Reading: 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.

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The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 25

R/	To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, I lift up my soul.	
	Lord, make me know your ways.	
	Lord, teach me your paths.	
	Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:	
	for you are God my saviour.	R/
	The Lord is good and upright.	
	He shows the path to those who stray,	
	he guides the humble in the right path;	
	he teaches his way to the poor.	R/
	His ways are faithfulness and love	
	for those who keep his covenant and will.	
	The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;	
	to them he reveals his covenant.	R/

The Gospel Acclamation:

	Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
V/	Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
	Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading: 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.'

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: **16** Wake, O wake!

The Anthem: Adam lay y bounden *Words anon. 15th century Music Boris Ord*

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkës finden
Written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never Our Lady
A-been heavene queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gratias!

The Final Hymn: **7** Hills of the North, rejoice

The Organ Voluntary: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	George Constantinidi and Alison Shelley
Lessons	George Constantinidi and Joe Croton
Intercessions	Carol Brook-Partridge
Servers	Sheila Croton and Norman Topsom
Acolytes	Clare Croton and Peter Fernandez
Chalice	Sue Hockley and Geoffrey Taylor
Coffee	Cleone Augur and Lavinia Southern

Please replace the kneelers on your pew before leaving. Thank you!

This Afternoon

6.30pm Advent Candlelit Carol Service (SM)

This Week

Mon 3 Feria
Tues 4 S John Damascus Julian Prayer Meeting 7.45pm for 8pm
(Forge Cottage Hart St)
Wed 5 Feria
Thur 6 S Nicholas Eucharist (CW Trd) 10.00am (SM)
Henley Choral Society staging set up - afternoon (SM)
Choir Practice 7.15pm (SM)
Fri 7 S Ambrose Rupert House School Carol Service rehearsal 9.20am (SM)
Praying Together 9.30am (CH)
Advent Bible Study 10.15am (CH) Eucharist 12noon (SM)
Rupert House School Carol Service 2.00pm (SM)
Henley Choral Society set up and rehearsal from 5.30pm (SM)
Sat 8 The Conception of the Henley Choral Society rehearsal 11.00am (SM)
Blessed Virgin Mary Wedding 1.00pm (SN)
Henley Choral Society concerts 2.30pm and 7.30pm (SM)

Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays

Sunday December 9 ~ The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist (SM) 9.30am Sung Eucharist (SM)
11.15am Patronal Festival Holy Communion with Hymns (BCP) (SN)

Please pray for

The Church: *The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain - The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano*

Our Bishops: *Bishop Colin confirming at Wykeham*

Those to be married this week: *Mathew Byrne & Hannah Baker*

The sick: *Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, John Ogden, Jennifer*

The departed: *Noel Armstead*

Notices for the week beginning 2 December

This years' Advent Bible Study continues on Fridays 7, 14 and 21 December at 10.15am in the Chantry House. These sessions will give us an opportunity to get to know Luke's gospel in more depth, with a particular focus on the gospels for the Sundays of Advent. All are welcome.

Advent and Christmas are a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family who do not usually come to church to share in celebrating the season. Our Advent candlelit carol service is today at 6.30pm, our Christmas candlelit carol service is on Sunday 16 December at 6.30pm and our Christingle service is on Christmas Eve at 3.00pm.

The Henley Food Bank Box can be found by the crèche. Please bring donations on Sunday mornings - toiletry items, tinned veg, tinned fruit, savoury biscuits, tinned meat, long lasting milk, cereal, crisps, biscuits, squash, pasta sauce. A Christmas list is on the noticeboard at the back of church.

'Carols with a Heart for Henley' at the Town Hall, on Wednesday December 5 at 7pm. Traditional carols led by Henley School of Music Jazz Band and Choirs from Trinity, Badgemore, Sacred Heart and Valley Road Schools. Krish Kandiah of 'Home for Good' will be speaking on 'Can Hospitality Change the World?' All welcome. Come early for free mulled wine and mince pies. Before the carol service the Living Advent Calendar performers will be at Shaun Dickens Restaurant nr Hobbs from 6.15pm. Please contact the parish office if you could support 'Home For Good' Fostering & Adoption & MCT Charity by shaking a bucket or offering raffle prizes. The audience will then be encouraged to make their way to the Town Hall for a hearty carol sing. Do invite your friends to these wonderful family friendly events.

Amnesty International Reading are delighted to host an evening of 'Music, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies', Friday 14 December at 7.30pm in The Chantry House. This year's programme will include Walton's 'Facade' Suite and works from Mozart to Debussy. Presented by Syrinx (flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, bassoon and piano). Tickets include refreshments during the interval, £14 (£8 unwaged) available from amnesty.reading@gmail.com tel. 077 40423894 or online at <https://billetto.co.uk/en/e/music-mulled-wine-mince-pies-tickets-310934>

Parish Office ~ Mon, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm : Wed, Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm tel: 577340 email: office.hwr@lineone.net rector.hwr@btinternet.com Fr Jeremy is always happy to talk to parishioners about any subject, please call the parish office to make an appointment. Saturday is his day off and Friday is his study day. Fr Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.

