

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

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 16th 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. _

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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: 11 O come, O come, Emmanuel!

The Opening Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-end *A Song of Joy*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 146

The Lord, unlike kings on earth, is eternal.

R/ Come, Lord, and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R/**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: **170** Lo, in the wilderness a voice

The Anthem: Teach me, O Lord, *Thomas Attwood*
Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.

The Final Hymn: **9** Lo! he comes with clouds descending

The Organ Voluntary: Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel', *Andrew Carter*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Michael Christmas and Dorothy Marshall
Lessons	Richard Fletcher
Intercessions	David Dew
Servers	Sheila Croton and Norman Topsom
Acolytes	Peter Fernandez and Sue Hockley
Chalice	Jim Hurst and Stuart Crippen
Coffee	Pam Cole and Lavinia Southern

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

Today

4.00pm Candlelit Carol Service (SN) 6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service (SM)

This Week

Mon 17 O Sapienta	Bach to Baby 10.30am (SM)
Tues 18 O Adonai	
Wed 19 O Radix Jesse	Gillotts School rehearsal 9.15am (SM) <i>St Mary's shut from 3pm</i>
	Gillotts School Carol Service 7.00pm
Thurs 20 O Clavis David	Eucharist (CW Trd) 10.00am (SM) Choir Practice 7.15pm (SM)
Fri 21 O Oriens	Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Advent Bible Study 10.15am (CH) Eucharist 12noon (SM) Funeral of Andrew Dickson 1.30pm (SN)
Sat 22 O Rex Gentium	

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

Sunday December 23 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ O Emmanuel

8.00am Eucharist (SM) 9.30am Sung Eucharist (SM) 11.15am Said Matins (SN)

Please pray for

The Church: Kivu - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana

The sick:

Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, John Ogden, Jennifer, Kathryn, Henry, Margaret

The departed: Andrew Dickson

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

David Walden (17), Simon Pettitt, Priest (18),

Patricia Lewis, Annie Crossley (20), Richard Wilson (21), Christopher Davidge (22)

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