

Welcome to St David's on Sunday 3 December 2017

The First Sunday of Advent

President & Preacher David James

Readers Helen Hopwood, Avril Pattinson

Prayers Robert Mitchell

6pm Evening Prayer, Bill Pattinson



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.

1 Corinthians 1.3-9: 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.

Mark 13.24-end: '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.'

Keep in your prayers: Pat Coward; George Tout; Janet Horner; Jim Dyer; Ben Grimsey; Nikki; Christopher Heaven

We commend to the Peace of God: John Coates

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 for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

NOTICES:

Christmas at St David's:

Community Concert 8 December 6:30pm

Carol Service 17 December 6pm

Christingle 24 December 4pm

Midnight Mass 24 December 11:30pm (with carols from 11am)

Christmas Day 25 December 9:30am

THIS TUESDAY 6-6:45pm Women's Group Advent Reflection in the Lady Chapel. A time of calm before the Christmas preparations begin in earnest

Our Community Christmas Concert THIS FRIDAY at 6:30pm 8 December. Tickets £5, children free, and there will be refreshments and a raffle on the night

The collection for the Angel Tree last week raised £500. Thank you all for your support for this valuable charity which helps prisoners send presents to their children at Christmas

A Larder Welcome for Nigel Guthrie and family when they move into the vicarage in January. If you would like to contribute food or drink (by 6 January please) speak to Emma. Thank you for your help with giving them all a warm welcome

Mosque open day NEXT SATURDAY 9 December 2-5pm. Everyone is welcome. A great opportunity to visit this place of worship and to find out more about the Islamic faith

Bible Study Group @ St David's: The Psalms. Each evening will address a theme - Praise, Shalom, Dissonance, Penitence, Hope, Spirituality, & Theology. THURSDAY evenings, 20:00 - 21:15, December 7, 14 at Iris' home. All welcome (speak to Iris for address and directions)

At a recent meeting for those who lead us in prayer Sunday by Sunday it was decided to draw up a list of all the organisations, groups and businesses in our parish. From this it will be possible to compile a prayer calendar naming a different group each week for prayer throughout the year. Our own organisations and groups will be included also. Please give this some thought and talk to Helen Friend, Sarah Black or Mollie Curry to offer your suggestions

Silent prayer in the Lady Chapel Tuesday evening 12 Dec 7:30pm. "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him." Psalm 62.5

Notices: if you have notices to share, please send them to notices@stdavidschurchexeter.org.uk or give them to Helena in church

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