

Welcome to St David's on Sunday 10 December 2017

The Second Sunday of Advent

President & Preacher Christopher Durant
Readers Ann Watts, Hilary Francis
Prayers Charlotte Townsend
6pm Evening Prayer, Robert Mitchell



Hymns: 75, 46, 30, 39

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever

Isaiah 40.1-11: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord

shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

2 Peter 3.8-15a: Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

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

Mark 1.1-8: The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Post Communion Prayer: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord

NOTICES:

Next Sunday 17 December FAMILY SERVICE

Christmas at St David's:

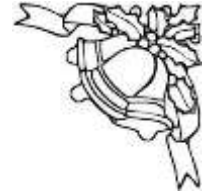
Carol Service 17 December 6pm

Christingle 24 December 4pm

Midnight Mass 24 December

11:30pm (with carols from 11am)

Christmas Day 25 December Holy Communion 9:30am



Our Community Christmas Concert this last Friday was a fabulous success. A BIG thank you to all who organised, contributed and came to watch and support

We are preparing 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

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

Silent prayer in the Lady Chapel THIS TUESDAY 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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