

Welcome to St David's on Sunday 2 December 2018

Parish Communion: Advent Sunday

Celebrant, Preacher Christopher Durrant, Bill Pattinson
Readers Sarah Rimmington, Cathy Knowles
Prayers Alison Whiting
6pm Evening Prayer, Christopher Durant



HYMNS TODAY: are in the order of service

After the service today there will be a Christmas themed edibles stall

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.'

1 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.

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.'

Please keep in your prayers: Ben Grimsey; Arthur Osmundsen; James Meeke; Janine; Kathy & Simon Farrant; Tim Morgan; Richard; Barbara James-Gough; James and Katy Tyler; Elizabeth Hewitt; Gary Morrish; the Angel Tree

We Commend to the Peace of God: Milli, Susan Mitchell's mother who died this week, and pray for all her family

THIS TUESDAY 4 December 6:15- 7pm the St David's Advent Reflection led by Alison Whiting. An opportunity to draw breath before the Christmas preparations overtake us. Open to all. Maybe bring a non-church friend?

Some dates for you:

Tuesday 4 December	6:15-7pm Advent Reflection at St David's
Sunday 9 December	Advent Carol Service at St Michael's, Traidcraft Stall at St David's
Sunday 16 December	9:30am Family Communion, 6pm Carol service at St David's
Monday 24 December	Christmas Eve, 4pm Christingle, 11:30pm Midnight Mass
Tuesday 25 December	Christmas Day, 9:30am Service of Holy Communion (NB No 8am service)

Notices:

Our sincere congratulations to Ben Grimsey who was awarded the Red Triangle by the YMCA this week for lifelong commitment to helping homeless young people in Exeter. The award was presented by Simon Jones, joint CEO of Exeter YMCA, in the presence of the Bishop of Exeter. We plan to publish a fuller report and picture in the February Magazine

A big thank you for your generous gifts to The Angel Tree last Sunday which raised an amazing £700. Last year 95 Christmas presents were chosen by men in Exeter prison to send to their children. This year it could many more

Your gifts of mince pies for the Carol Service will be very welcome. Speak to Sam Wellbelove

We are looking to form a social and events committee. Might this be for you? There is a list at the back to sign. We will arrange a get-together to discuss this when we have a few names

Informal evening looking at the issue of death, run by Exeter University students in the Lady Chapel, St David's on TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 7-8:30pm (NB CHANGE OF DATE). A series of short films followed by discussion, and songs by Exeter Rock Choir. Speak to Glynis Harflett 01392 214787 or in church

Nigel Walsh's Requiem CDs will be available after the service. They are free of charge for donations. All proceeds will be split between Hospiscare and St David's Transformation Project

Fundraising: our treasurer, Jonathan Johns, often says that it is the small bits of fundraising that gradually go to making a decent total. With this in mind, perhaps you might make some purchases at the edibles stall after the service? Thank you if you have already made a contribution of edibles this week. Also we have a box of books at the back. Might you be able to contribute some books that you have finished with? Just leave them in the box. Why not browse the books after the service and see if there is something there that you'd like to take home? You can put your donations in the slot next to the west door

PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE-SHEET AWAY WITH YOU

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