

**Chesterfield Parish Church  
Saint Mary & All Saints**



**B**e Patient

Saint James tells his hearers to be patient as they await the coming of the Lord.

Many early Christians

expected that the world would end in their lifetime and that they would therefore with their own eyes see Jesus coming on the clouds of heaven.

We know that this did not happen (at least in the sense of the end of time) but we also know that Jesus comes among us in many and various forms, and especially in the sacraments. It only takes the eyes of faith to notice this.

Meanwhile we can follow James's instruction that we should be patient also with ourselves and with each other, not grumbling or moaning that things aren't just the way we would like them.

***This week of Advent, practise a bit of patience - because your patience will surely be tested over the days to come!!!***

**Advent III  
(15th December 2019)**

- 08.30 Said Mass
- 09.30 Matins (St Leonard's, Spital)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong

**ALSO THIS WEEK:**

***Monday 16th December***

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

***Tuesday 17th December***

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.00 St Mary's High School  
Carol Service

***Wednesday 18th December***

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.00 Police & Fire Service  
Carol Service

***Thursday 19th December***

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 14.00 Hady Primary School  
Carol Concert
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass

***Friday 20th December***

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

***Saturday 21st December***

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

**Please remember to respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary**

All are invited to share refreshments after Mass in the Saints Parish Centre across the churchyard.

## ADVENT III - CHORAL MASS

**Processional Hymn**      **AM 43** (*see separate sheet*)

**Setting**                      **Missa Brevis** (*Nash*)

### **Collect 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. **Amen**

### **A reading from the Letter of James**                      **James 5.7-10**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn**                      **57**

### **Hear the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew**

**Glory to you, O Lord**                      **Matthew 11.2-11**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace**

**Offertory Hymn** 498 (*t.474*)

**Communion Motet** **How beautiful upon the mountains**  
*(John Stainer)*

**Postcommunion** 500

**Voluntary** **Introduction & Fugue** (*William Selby*)

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**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**Introit** **Rorate Caeli (Advent Prose)**

**Responses** **Ferial (4 part)**

**Hymn** 12

**Psalm** 12

**First Lesson** **Isaiah 5.8-end**

**Office Hymn** 2

**Canticles** **Andreas (Fauxbourdons)**

**Second Lesson** **Acts 13.13-41**

**Anthem** **A tender shoot** (*Otto Goldschmidt*)

**Offertory Hymn** 244

**Voluntary** **Meditation on 'Conditor Alme Siderum'**  
*(Colin Mawby)*

## Prayer Intentions This Week:

### Today 15th December - Advent III

- Those who no longer attend church
- ♦ Sokoto (Nigeria); El Salvador (Central America)

### Monday 16th December

- Bishop Libby, Bishop Jan, Clergy & support staff
- ♦ S Ankole (Uganda); Eldoret (Kenya)
- ✦ William Mitchell

### Tuesday 17th December - Eglantyne Jebb

- Parishes where there is a clergy vacancy
- ♦ S Dakota (TEC); El-Obeid (Sudan)
- ✦ Dorothy Lord
- ✦ Jack Johnson
- ✦ Eric Ford
- ✦ Liz Bagshaw
- ✦ Peter Sidney Bates
- ✦ Malcolm Phipps

### Wednesday 18th December

- Those with whom we will be sharing Christmas
- ♦ S Kerala (S India); Ely (England); Embu (Kenya)
- ✦ Sandra McKeown

### Thursday 19th December

- Church Mission Partners in dangerous places
- ♦ S Rwenzori (Uganda); Enugu and Enugu N (Nigeria)

### Friday 20th December

- Etwall, St Helen; Egginton, St Wilfred
- ♦ S W Tanganyika (Tanzania); Esan (Nigeria)

### Saturday 21st December

- Hatton, All Saints
- ♦ Etche (Nigeria); Etsako (Nigeria)

### • Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- ♦ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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## Our prayers have been asked for:

Jane Hoskin; Charlese Cain; Carol Miles; John Robinson; Sheila Laverick; Carol Kingham; Joan Lidgate; Teddy; June Frankland; John Herring; Michael Catton; Patricia Mitchell; Sue Hastings; Jean Madin; Jane Jackson; David Staves; Ian Mackenzie; Cynthia; Heather Lacey; Mark Drew; Arthur Croft

## Christmas Flower Arrangement Pedestals

Christmas pedestals are again available for sponsorship of £35. Contact Audrey Fretwell (01246 270492)

## Church 'Post Box'

The annual A-Z post box system for your cards to other members of the congregation is now in place at the back of church.

## Freewill Offering Envelope Scheme

Envelopes for 2020 are now ready. Please contact Andrew Peppitt or Sheila Barrett.

## Events and Services during December

A leaflet giving full details is available at the back of church.

## Learning in Faith Programme 2020

Details of these free courses/workshops are in a booklet available at the back of church, or via the Diocesan website.

## Next Sunday - 22nd December - Advent IV

08.30 Said Mass

09.30 Matins (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Romans 1.1-7  
Matthew 1.18-end

18.30 Choral Evensong

Readings: Psalm 113  
1 Samuel 1.1-20  
Revelation 22.6-end

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