

Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints



Dangerous Talents

So many of us are richly talented, and of course we would like to think we are making good use of our talents. But for what?

Vainglory; self-advancement; a weapon against others; destructive competition—these are just some of the unfortunate ways talents can be used.

And if we think we can buy favour with the Lord by using our talents we really do need to think again. To use them in the Lord's service they need to be used genuinely and fully for the benefit of others.

II Ante Advent (15th November 2020)

Monday

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday

09.00 Morning Prayer
09.30 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday

09.00 Morning Prayer
09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday

09.00 Morning Prayer
17.00 Evening Prayer
17.30 Mass

Friday

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday

09.00 Morning Prayer
09.30 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

CONGREGATIONS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY SERVICE.

All Masses are broadcast live on the parish Facebook page, and also uploaded to the Crooked Spire YouTube channel.

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Collect Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said, 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 15th November - II Ante Advent

- ◆ Emmanuel Church, Swadlincote
- ◆ The Church of Ceylon

**Monday 16th November - Margaret of Scotland;
Edmund Rich of Abingdon**

- St Peter, Hartshorne
- ◆ Sabongidda-Ora (Nigeria);
Dublin & Glendalough (Ireland)

Tuesday 17th November - Hugh of Lincoln

- St Wystan, Bretby
- ◆ Saldanha Bay (Sn Africa); Duk (S Sudan)
- ✦ Sarah Annie Edwards

Wednesday 18th November - Elizabeth of Hungary

- St John, Newhall
- ◆ Salisbury (England); Dunedin (ANZ & Polynesia)
- ✦ Nellie Fowler

Thursday 19th November - Hilda; Mechtild

- All Saints, Ashton-on-Trent
- St Bartholomew, Elvaston
- ◆ Sambalpur (N India); Durgapur (N India);
Dunkwa-on-Offin (W Africa) ;
- ✦ Maurice Webb; Henry Margereson; Prue Hicks

**Friday 20th November - King Edmund;
Priscilla Lydia Sellon**

- St Wilfred, Barrow-on-Trent
- ◆ San Diego (TEC); Durham (England)
- ✦ Paul William Henry Curtis

Saturday 21st November

- St Andrew, Twyford; St James, Swarkestone
- ◆ San Joaquin (TEC); Dutse (Nigeria);
Kyoto (Japan)
- ✦ Marjorie Bradley; George Peppitt
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◆ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Jane Hoskin; 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;
Laura; Robin Glasson; Kenneth Hughes; Jane
Stretton; Paul Taylor; Margaret; Colin Parnell;
Ray Hearn; Tom Pierce; members of the Wolf-
Kidd family

✦ Kenneth Parker, RIP

✦ Ambrose Walsh, priest, RIP

**Thank you to the volunteers who have
helped make it possible to keep the church
building open for personal prayer each day
during the week.**

**We will continue opening for this purpose
from 10.30 am to 2.00pm Monday-Saturday
throughout the lockdown.**

**Services with a congregation will
re-commence as soon as they are permitted.
Details will be published on social media
and elsewhere**

**PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR OWN CONDITION
OF HEALTH AND POSSIBLE VULNERABILITY
BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISIONS TO
ATTEND CHURCH IN PERSON.**

**You can find Morning and Evening Prayer on
the Church of England website: [https://
www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-
worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer)**

**If you need support in prayer or any other
way please contact the team
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Next Sunday - 22nd November - Christ the King

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