

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 12th December - Advent III

- Those who no longer attend church
- ◊ The Anglican Church of Canada
- ✦ *Eric Turner*

Monday 13th December - Lucy; Samuel Johnson

- St Paul, Little Eaton
- ◊ Ijumu - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Margaret Barnes*

Tuesday 14th December - John of the Cross

- St Anne, Ambergate; St Luke, Heage
- ◊ Ikara - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *William Godfrey; Annie Weire; Gerald Dawson*

Wednesday 15th December

- Ashgate Hospice, Chesterfield; Treetops Hospice, Risley; Bylthe House Hospice, Buxton; Nightingale Macmillan Unit, Royal Derby Hospital
- ◊ Ikeduru - The Church of Nigeria

Thursday 16th December

- Peace in the Middle East; Church Mission Partners serving in distant and dangerous places
- ◊ Ikka - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *William Mitchell*

Friday 17th December - O Sapientia

- St Helen, Etwell; St Wilfred, Egginton
- ◊ Ikwerre - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Dorothy Lord; Jack Johnson; Eric Ford; Liz Bagshaw; Peter Bates; Malcolm Phipps*

Saturday 18th December—O Adonai

- All Saints, Hatton
- ◊ Ikwo - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Sandra McKeown*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◊ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

John Robinson; Sheila Laverick; Teddy; June Frankland; Michael Catton; Patricia Mitchell; Sue Hastings; Jean Madin; Jane Jackson; Robin Glasson; Kenneth Hughes; Jane Stretton; Paul Taylor; Margaret; Ray Hearn; Tom Pierce; members of the Wolf-Kidd family; Valerie Alice Seoney; Daisy Wallis; Christopher Browne; Sandra Jones; Tony Ragan; Richard Harrison; Baby Thea; Liz Parker; Julie Weeks; Becky Laird; Barry Fletcher; Pamela Fletcher; Van; Colin Hutson; Rosalia Hazel; Andrea Sutcliffe; Alice Martin; Richard Andrews; John Grubb

Lunchtime Recital

The next recital is on Thursday 16th December, at 1pm, with the Sheffield University Chamber Choir. Free entry, with a retiring collection.

Christmas Flower Arrangement Pedestals

Christmas pedestals are again available for sponsorship of £35. Contact Dorothy Turner on 07974 829350

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. (Please sanitise your hands before touching any of the cards.)

Saint Leonard's

Access to the building is temporarily suspended pending safety work to the ceiling.


Advent & Christmas

A leaflet giving full details of the programme of services and events scheduled for December is available at the back of church.

Next Sunday - 19th December - Advent IV

- 08.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- [09.30 Mass (St Leonard's, Spital) TBC]
- 10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Hebrews 10.5-10
Luke 1.39-55
- 18.30 Sung Compline
Special Order of Service

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

What Should we Do?

Surveys continue to offer a bleak picture on individual faith and religious practice among Christians in this country.

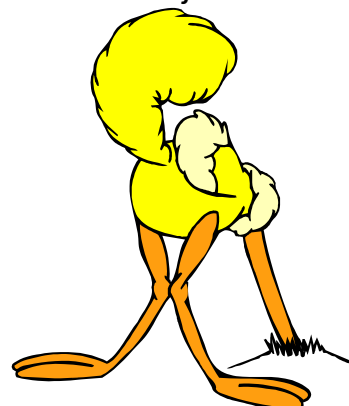
Responses range from: 'Our church isn't losing people'; to: 'Well, the figures don't tell the whole story'.

There are obviously just as many 'religious' people with their heads in the sand today in this nation as there were people with their heads in the sand of the Jordan valley when John the Baptist appeared.

When he preached, they asked him what they should do, and his answer was basically to face up to the realities of life and to get their own lives straight.

It is our lives—and the life of our church communities—that we must get straight. What should we do? Start with daily prayer; learn to know Christ through the Gospels; put our relationships right.

There are nine days left in Advent when we might try to do that in preparation for the Christmas festivities.



**ADVENT III
(12th December 2021)**

- 08.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Sung Compline

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 13th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 14th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15th December

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

Thursday 16th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 13.00 Lunchtime Recital
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass

Friday 17th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.00 Chesterfield Studios
Carol Service

Saturday 18th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.00 Festive Brass Ireland Colliery
Band*

**Ticketed event - contact organisers*

ADVENT III - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 3

Setting: Rawsthorne

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 Paul to the Philippians

Phil 4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Gradual Hymn: 14

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: AM 55 (*see separate sheet*)

Communion Motet: The truth from above
(*arr Vaughan Williams*)

Post-Communion Hymn: 500

Voluntary: Cromorne en taille (*François Couperin*)

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Special Service Sheet