

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

Beloved, Do Not Grumble

The prophet Isaiah gives us a wonderful and encouraging glimpse into a future where—using our strengthened feeble hands, and our weak knees made firm—God will save the universe from everything that causes fear, sorrow and sighing.

Yet the way to such a future still can seem dark and long. The distractions from that way include the temptation to grumble and grouse.

It is so tempting to keep our eye on others instead of fixing our eyes on the goals we have set ourselves.

The Church will only continue to grow if we focus on the particular gifts and callings God has given to us in our own communities. Looking over our shoulder is a sinful waste of time and energy.

This week's practical suggestion:

**WHEN YOU
ARE
TEMPTED TO
GRUMBLE
AGAINST
OTHERS,
SHUT UP
AND GET ON
WITH WHAT
YOU HAVE
BEEN GIVEN
TO DO.**



ADVENT III

(11th December 2022)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Sung Compline

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 12th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 13th December

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

Carol Service*

Wednesday 14th December

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

Thursday 15th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 St Peter & St Paul School
- Carol Service*
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass
- 18.00 Volunteers' Reception
- Saints Parish Centre

Friday 16th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.30 Chesterfield Studios

Carol Service†

Saturday 17th December

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

* Public access may be limited

† 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 Book of the Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 35.1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Gradual Hymn:

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint 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:

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Communion Motet:

The Truth from Above

(arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Post-Communion Hymn: 500

Voluntary:

Fuga (Sonata no.2) *(Felix Mendelssohn)*

SUNG COMPLINE

Special Service Sheet

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 11th December - Advent III

- Benefice of Idridgehay
- ◇ The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ Grace Webber

Monday 12th December

- The staff at Church House, Derby
- ◇ Ogori-Magongo - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ Eric Turner

Tuesday 13th December - Lucy; Samuel Johnson

- Benefice of Holy Trinity and St John the Evangelist, Ilkeston
- ◇ Ohaji/Egbema - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ Margaret Barnes

Wednesday 14th December - John of the Cross

- Benefice of St Mary the Virgin Ilkeston
- ◇ Ohio - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ William Godfrey; Annie Weire; Gerald Dawson

Thursday 15th December

- Benefice of Horsley Woodhouse
- ◇ Southern Ohio - The Episcopal Church

Friday 16th December

- Benefice of Ironville and Riddings
- ◇ Oji River - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ William Mitchell

Saturday 17th December - Eglantyne Jebb

- Our ordinands engaging in theological education and ministerial formation
- ◇ Okene - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ Dorothy Lord; Jack Johnson; Eric Ford; Liz Bagshaw; Peter Bates; Malcolm Phipps
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

June Frankland; Andrea Sutcliffe; John Robinson; Michael Catton; Jean Madin; Kenneth Hughes; Valerie Alice Seeney; Colin Hutson; Tessa Mackenzie; Susan Barber; Judith Dixon; Christopher Cain; Greg McGhie

✦ Digby Dixon, RIP

Volunteers' Reception

So that he can thank you personally, Fr Patrick invites anyone who has volunteered at the church in any capacity during 2022 to attend a Reception in the Saints Parish Centre on Thursday 15th December at 6.00pm. 'Significant others' welcome.

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 in place at the back of church.

Events

A programme of events scheduled between Advent and Christmas is available at the back of church.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop has reverted to its normal opening hours:
10am - 4pm, Monday - Saturday.

Next Sunday - 18th December - Advent IV

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16
Matthew 1.18-end
- 15.00 Derbyshire Freemasons' Carol Service
- 18.30 Sung Compline

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